Constituent Power: A History
by Lucia Rubinelli, Cambridge University Press 2020

Book symposium
University of Hamburg (Zoom), 17 November 2020, 18:15–20:15

Lucia Rubinelli’s new book traces the history of constituent power across five key moments – the French Revolution, nineteenth-century French politics, the Weimar Republic, post-WWII constitutionalism, and political philosophy in the 1960s. Rubinelli reconstructs and examines constituent power’s various iterations of meaning, drawing out their implications for contemporary political thought.

This symposium will discuss the book’s contributions to the state of the art and probe the ways in which Rubinelli challenges established views on constituent power – ranging from its relation to sovereignty to its role in supranational contexts such as the European Union.

Speakers

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Markus Patberg, University of Hamburg
Carlos Pérez Crespo, University of Hamburg

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