



# THE TRANSFORMATION OF EUROPE: TWENTY-FIVE YEARS ON

## Book launch and a critical assessment

*iCourts*, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen

7 May 2018, 15:00-18:00

Flexi Room, Faculty of Law, University of Copenhagen

Joseph Weiler's *The Transformation of Europe* is one of the most influential works in the history of European studies. Twenty-five years after its original publication, this new collection of essays pays tribute to Weiler's legacy by discussing some of the most pressing issues in contemporary European Union law, policy and constitutionalism. The book does not intend to be a simple expression of intellectual esteem for Weiler's seminal work; instead, the collection honours it by critically engaging with some of its assumptions and theses. Overall, it shows how a study of 1991 can still be fundamental to the present and future of the EU, including the challenges of Brexit and Eurozone crises.

At this event, **Joseph Weiler** will present a short “intellectual autobiography” of his seminal article, putting it into the context of the scholarship on European integration and also his own intellectual development at the time of writing. Two contributors from the book, Kalypso Nikolaïdis and Alexander Somek (TBC) will present their (in many way opposing) evaluations of the *Transformation's* enduring legacy, followed by some critical remarks by Dorte Sindbjerg Martinsen and Jan Komárek.

### PROGRAMME:

15:00 Welcome by Mikael Rask Madsen

Chair: Mikael Rask Madsen

15:10 Joseph Weiler, *The transformation of Europe: An intellectual biography*

15:30 Kalipso Nicolaïdis, *Perils of Unity, Promise of Union*

15:50 Alexander Somek, Unity and Community: A Tale of Two Monsters and One Unanswered Question (TBC)

16:30 COFFEE

Chair: Marlene Wind

17:00 Dorte Sindbjerg Martinsen, Political Responses to the Legal Transformation of Europe

17:20 Jan Komárek, The constitutional imagination of the Transformation of Europe

18:00 DRINKS

## **CHAIRS AND SPEAKERS:**

*Mikael Rask Madsen* is Professor of European Law and Integration and Director of *iCourts*, Centre for excellence for the study of international courts

*Alexander Somek* is Professor of Legal Philosophy, University of Vienna Faculty of Law

*Jan Komárek* is Professor of EU law at *iCourts* currently pursuing a project on intellectual history of EU constitutionalism

*Dorte Sindbjerg Martinsen* is Professor of Political Science, University of Copenhagen

*Kalypso Nicolaïdis* is Professor of International Relations, University of Oxford

*Joseph Weiler* is University Professor at the NYU and the author of *The Transformation of Europe*

*Marlene Wind* is Professor of Political science and Professor at *iCourts*, University of Copenhagen and one of the book's co-editors.