

## Workshop Working Group 1 “Constitution-making and deliberative democracy: Theories and practices”

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### Programme

**Monday 20 May, 2019**

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#### *Keynote lecture*

15.00-15.10 Introductory remarks (Paul Blokker)

15.10-17.00 Keynote lecture **Alan Renwick, Constitution Unit, University College London**

“Rerunning the UK’s Brexit Decision: How Could the Process Have Been Better?”

The UK’s reputation for political stability and moderation has been torn apart by the process of Brexit. The referendum in 2016 asked a vague question and was preceded by a miserably poor campaign. For almost three years, parliament and government have wrestled with how to interpret and act upon the instruction that voters gave them. No final resolution is in sight.

In this lecture, Dr Alan Renwick from the Constitution Unit at University College London will consider how the process could have been better. Drawing on experience from the UK and around the world, he will argue that a more deliberative and multi-stage approach to engaging citizens in discussion and decision-making would have yielded an outcome with far greater legitimacy and coherence. He will propose a new model for making decisions on similar issues in the future.

17.00 Refreshments