LEVERHULME Leverhulme Major Fellowship Workshop, 29 November 2024 (PCL 057) TRUST Demoicracy: Constitutional Structures for a "Government of Peoples"

The composite word "democracy" combines *demos* (people) with *kratos* (rule) to refer to the "rule" or "government" of the "people". With this definition in mind, what could the neologism *demoicracy* mean? If democracy is the "rule" of the "people", can there be a *government* of *peoples*? Are international organisations, like the United Nations, or supranational organisations, like the European Union, demoicracies? Within the last decade, the idea of demoicracy has developed considerable traction, especially within the political science literature on the European Union. Yet what exactly is it supposed to mean; and what constitutional models of demoicracy have developed in the past to explain the "realities" of a plurality of peoples ruling together? This Leverhulme workshop brings together a small number of constitutional lawyers, political scientists and legal philosophers to reflect some of these questions.

- 2.20 2.30 Welcome to the Workshop
- **2.30 3.20** Session 1: "Demoicracy in America (and Europe)" by Professor Robert Schütze (Durham University) with comments by Professor Louise Tillin (KCL)
- **3.25 4.15** Session 2: "Unions of Peoples: Some Reflections" by Professor Pavlos Eleftheriadis (NYU) with comments by Professor Sergio Dellavalle (Turin)
- **4.15 4.40** Coffee Break
- **4.40 5.30** Session 3: "Democracy as an Unwritten Constitutional Norm in Global Constitutionalism" by Dr Ruth Houghton (Newcastle) with comments by Dr Päivi Neuvonen (Durham)
- **5.30 6.00** General Discussion

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