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Please register before March 19th, 2018.
Panel 3: The Functional Design of Federal Second Chambers
14.00 – 15.30
Chair: Francesco Palermo (University of Verona, EURAC Bozen/Bolzano)
Legislative Functions of Second Chambers
Anna Gamper (University of Innsbruck)
Extra-Legislative Functions of Second Chambers
Esther Happacher (University of Innsbruck)
Perfect and Imperfect Bicameralism: Conflict and Cooperation
Giacomo Delledonne (Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Pisa)
Discussion
15.30 – 16.00: Coffee break

Panel 4: The Role of Second Chambers in the European Union
16.00 – 17.30
Chair: Esther Happacher (University of Innsbruck)
The Committee of Regions – a Third Chamber?
Giuseppe Martinico (Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Pisa)
The Functions of National Second Chambers after the Lisbon Treaty
Jens Woelk (University of Trento, EURAC Bozen/Bolzano)
Discussion
23 March 2018
Panel 5: Case Studies, Part I: Symmetry, Bicameralism and Mature Federal Systems
8.30 – 10.00
Chair: Matteo Nicolini (University of Verona)
The German Bundesrat and Executive Federalism
Matthias Niedobitek (Technical University of Chemnitz)

The Swiss Ständerat: a Model of Perfect Bicameralism
Eva Maria Belser (University of Fribourg/Freiburg)
The Austrian Bundesrat – Imperfect and Unreformed
Peter Bullinger (University of Innsbruck, IFO)
Discussion
10.00 – 10.30: Coffee break

Panel 6: Case Studies, Part II: Asymmetry, Bicameralism and Constitutional Engineering
10.30 – 13.00
Chair: Jens Woelk (University of Trento, EURAC Bozen/Bolzano)
Belgian Bicameralism between Linguistic and Territorial Representation
Patricia Popelier (University of Antwerp)
Transforming the House of Lords: a Chamber of Regions for the United Kingdom?
Meg Russell (Constitution Unit, UCL)
The Italian Senate after the Referendum: another Road to Reform?
Carlo Fusaro (University of Florence)
The Spanish State of Autonomies and the Secession Issue: Bicameralism Revisited
Alberto López Basaguren (University of the Basque Country)
Discussion
Conclusions: Representing Regions, Challenging Bicameralism
Roberto Toniatti (University of Trento)
13.00: Buffet lunch