



The Centre for European Studies and the Institute of European, Russian and Eurasian Studies
at Carleton University are pleased to invite you to a talk by

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PARLIAMENTS IN EU MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE: A DEMOCRATIC DILEMMA?

European integration is said to have strengthened member-state executives at the expense of national parliaments, while the European Parliament fails to meet democratic standards. In line with this reasoning, the German Constitutional Court in its decision on the Lisbon Treaty demanded more powers for the German Bundestag in European affairs. This talk discusses recent attempts to find a new balance between executive and legislative powers in multilevel governance. It analyzes institutional reforms in various European states and shows that ultimately, the strategic use of parliamentary power matters more than formal veto rights. Arthur Benz is Professor of Political Science at the University of Hagen (Germany). A former Vice-President of the German Political Science Association, he has published widely on federalism, parliamentarianism, and multilevel governance. In 2003/04, he served as a member of a high-profile expert commission on the reform of the German federal system. As winner of the John G. Diefenbaker Award, he spent the academic year 2007/08 at the Centre for European Studies, Carleton University.

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