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European Legal Dialogues at Cambridge

The first “Wolfson College-Cambridge, Professor Sir David Williams, European Legal Dialogues” has been concluded with great success

The first “*Wolfson College-Cambridge, Professor Sir David Williams, European Legal Dialogue*” took place on Tuesday 27 June, 2017 at Roger Needham Room of Wolfson College, under the title “***The contribution of Judges to the development of Public Law***”. The event was presided by **The Right Honorable Lord Justice John Laws** and proved to be a great success attracting more than forty distinguished guests who participated in an active and vibrant scientific discussion.

The idea of the events in memory of **Professor Sir David Williams** -former President of the College, Vice Chancellor of the University and former President of the European Scientific Council of the EPLO- was to contribute in the homogenization of the understanding of Law in a pan-European and globalized world and to promote the idea that despite differences in local legal systems tainted mainly by history and procedural differences, *the Law derives from the same principles, concepts and ideas*.

The essential questions that were tackled in this first event ranged from whether and how the courts contribute to the development of public law to if they are entitled to do so and to their effectiveness of doing so. The event was organized as a three hour discussion of Socratic-platonic character led and animated by the Right Honorable Lord Justice John Laws, between two distinguished personalities, in this case **Professors Sabino Cassese and Paul Craig**, with the participation of invited discussants in this case the **Professors: Jean Bernard Auby, Luis Maria Diez Picazo, Ana Maria Guerra Martins and Martin Nettesheim**. The event started at 3pm and was concluded by 6pm. A formal dinner for registered participants followed as part of the College's formal dinner of the day.

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