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CCCS Brown Bag Seminar Tuesday 9 September 2025 Level 10 Boardroom

Dear colleagues,

Please join the CCCS Brown Bag community for a Brown Bag Seminar on **Tuesday 9 September** from **1-2pm** in the Level 10 Boardroom (enter via Level 9 stairs).

Professor David Renders will present on the topic, 'Belgian Federalism and Administrative Justice'.

An RSVP is essential. Click the button below to register your attendance.

We look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday 9 September**.

Adrienne and Will

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Title: Belgian Federalism and Administrative Justice

Abstract: The Belgian justice system has not always had administrative justice. It came about because of a failure of the ordinary courts, which were the only ones established when Belgium gained independence. Furthermore, Belgium has not always been a federal state. For 140 years, Belgium was a unitary state. It is only in the last 55 years that Belgian federalism has emerged and evolved. Although justice, including administrative justice, is still an area of federal jurisdiction in Belgium, a special mechanism has enabled the creation of federated administrative courts. The Belgian Constitutional Court has accepted the use of this mechanism, under certain conditions. The question that has emerged, and which is the focus of this Brown Bag presentation, is the following. To what extent is it possible to de-federalise administrative justice in Belgium? Why would there be a push to do so?

Bio: David Renders is professor of administrative law at UCLouvain, Belgium, and a lawyer at the Brussels bar. He is the current director of the *Centre Montesquieu d'études de l'action publique* and the author or co-author of multiple books and contributions in the field of administrative law and litigation.



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