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Alec Stone Sweet
**Yale University and Oxford
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***The European Legal System
and Market Integration***

Tuesday, 30 November
12:30-2:00pm
Peterson Room (4th Floor)
Allen Library

The talk will draw from his new book **The Judicial Construction of Europe** (Oxford University Press, 2004). The law and politics of European integration have been inseparable from one another since the 1960s, when the European Court of Justice announced a wave of foundational decisions that would gradually serve to “constitutionalise” the Treaty of Rome. In his latest book, Alec Stone Sweet, one of the world’s foremost social scientists and legal scholars, blends deductive theory, quantitative analysis of aggregate data, and qualitative case studies to explain the dynamics of European integration and institutional change in the EU since 1958. He shows that the activities of market actors, lobbyists, legislators, litigators and judges became linked to one another in various ways, giving the EU its fundamentally expansionary character. He then assesses the impact of Europe’s unique legal system on the evolution of supranational governance, tracing outcomes in three policy domains: free movement of goods, sex equality, and environmental protection.

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