



**Invites you to an address:**

**Dr Robert Thomson**  
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**on**

**Decision-making in the European Union:  
The Roles of the European Parliament  
& the European Commission**

**Bio:** Robert Thomson is a Senior Lecturer in the Department of Political Science, Trinity College Dublin, Ireland. His current research examines the recent historic enlargement of the European Union to include Central and East European countries. This research focuses on the impact of enlargement on the political system of the EU. For instance, how are the new member states positioning themselves on controversial issues, and what impact are they having on important decision outcomes in the EU? Robert Thomson is co-editor of the book *The European Union Decides* (Cambridge University Press). His publications include articles in the *British Journal of Political Science*, *Comparative Political Studies*, *European Union Politics*, *European Journal of Political Research*, and the *Journal of European Public Policy*.

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