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THE NORMATIVE POWER OF THE EUROPEAN UNION AS AN INTERNATIONAL SUBJECT: THE PROMOTION OF DEMOCRACY AND FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS	
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<p>Emerging on the international stage as a subject of law, "as a global player", the European Union has a unique normative power which is characteristic of a sui generis evolution on the international stage. The legislative acts that emerge are endowed with a supranational voice and a nature which are discussed in the doctrine over the years, but unquestionably effective, along with other documents in the silence of the typicality of the treaties, but guiding the most disparate speeches in a context of "soft law". This normative power is developed in the internal and external policy context of the European Union's (EU) legal personality in the way it has been enshrined with the Treaty of Lisbon since 2009. This subject has already been discussed in legal doctrine, and is set out in Article 47 of the Treaty on European Union (TEU). The conferral of legal personality on the EU recognises its capacity to conclude and negotiate international agreements; to become a member of international organisations; and to accede to international conventions such as the European Convention on Human Rights in accordance with Article 6(2) of the TEU, a subject still open. Each of these strands with the appropriate limitations under European Union law itself. The panel is open to the different views on the European Union's external action as a promoter of democracy and fundamental rights. It also receives proposals consisting of descriptive studies on theoretical, methodological or social research issues in general.</p> <p>The organisation of this symposium is part of the activities of the Jean Monnet Module The European Union as a global player for Democracy and Fundamental Rights (http://jeanmonnetmodule.upt.pt/) co-financed by the European Union.</p>	
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