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## An Ever More Social Union? - Constitutionalisation of the European Union Through Human Rights and Citizenship Law

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Debates about protecting human rights have been going on in the European Union (EU) for almost four decades. The EU still has no binding written human rights catalogue, but human rights recently have gained momentum by the drafting of the Charter of Fundamental Rights, a more assertive application of human rights and the coupling of human rights with the unexpectedly powerful concept of Union citizenship by the European Court of Justice. This paper argues that irrespective of a formal intensification of integration, the very fact of including non-economic values into the law of the EU leads to new hierarchies in the law and to a constitutionalisation "through" the back door.

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