

*Jean-Monnet-Symposium: "How much Differentiation and Flexibility can European Integration Bear?" at European Academy of Otzenhausen, Germany, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of April 2016*

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## Programme

### Friday, 8 April 2016

#### A. Introductory comments

09.00 – 09.10	<b>Prof. Dr. Thomas Giegerich, LL.M.</b> (Europa-Institut, Saarland University): The Objective of "an Ever Closer Union" and the Motto "United in Diversity"
09.10 – 09.25	<b>Dr. Funda Tekin</b> (Institute for European Politics (IEP), Berlin): Defining "Flexibility" and "Differentiation"
09.25 – 09.40	<b>Prof. Dr. Dirk Leuffen</b> ( <i>tbc</i> ) (University of Konstanz): Theoretical Approaches to Flexibility in the EU
09.40 – 09.55	<b>Robert Böttner, LL.M.</b> (University of Erfurt): The Development of Flexible Integration in EC/EU Practice
09.55 – 10.10	<b>Dr. Richard McMahon</b> (University College, Cork): How Historically Emerging Transnational Spatial Patterns shape the Geography of Differentiated Integration
10.10 – 11.00	Discussion
11.00 – 11.15	Coffee Break

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### **B.1. Selected Types of Differentiation in the EU I: Schengen and Prüm, Common Foreign and Security Policy, Independence Movements**

11.15 – 11.35	<b>Pascale Joannin</b> (Robert Schuman Foundation Paris): Schengen and Prüm
11.35 – 11.55	<b>Prof. Dr. Sebastian Graf von Kielmansegg</b> (Kiel University): CFSP, a Pool of Flexibility Models
11.55 – 12.15	<b>Katharina Crepaz, PhD</b> (TUM and Max Planck Institute for Social law and Social policy): How Independence Movements trigger Flexibility in the EU
12.15 – 13.00	Discussion
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch

### **B.2. Selected Types of Differentiation in the EU II: Opt-outs and EMU**

14.30 – 14.50	<b>Dr. Nicolai von Ondarza</b> (German Institute for International and Security Affairs – SWP): The special Cases of the UK, Ireland and Denmark: Opt-outs from selected Policy Areas
14.50 – 15.10	<b>Dr. Christian Deubner</b> (FEPS Scientific Council): Differentiated Integration in the Economic and Monetary Union
15.10 – 15.30	<b>Gianni Lo Schiavo</b> (King's College, London; European Central Bank): Fiscal Compact and ESM Treaty
15.30 – 15.50	<b>Clelia Lacchi, LL.M.</b> (Luxembourg University): Economic and Monetary Union: How the Eurozone creates new Challenges for the EU Legal Order
15.50 – 16.40	Discussion
16.40 – 17.00	Coffee Break

### **B.3. Selected Types of Differentiation in the EU III: Enhanced Cooperation**

17.00 – 17.15	<b>Dipl.-Jur. Sebastian Zeitzmann, LL.M.</b> (European Academy of Otzenhausen): Hardly known, hardly clarified, hardly applied? Enhanced Cooperation in the EU
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17.15 – 17.30	<b>Bérénice Lemoine</b> (University of Dundee): Rome-III-Regulation: Getting divorced in Europe
17.30 – 17.45	<b>Prof. Dr. Thomas Jaeger, LL.M.</b> (University of Vienna): The End to a Never-Ending Story? The Unitary Patent Regime
17.45 – 18.00	<b>Marius Vascega</b> (European Commission, Representation in Lithuania): The Beginning of a Never-Ending Story? The Financial Transaction Tax
18.00 – 18.50	Discussion
19.30	Dinner

#### **Saturday, 9 April 2016**

from 07.30	Breakfast
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#### **C. Regional Patterns of Flexibility inside the EU**

09.00 – 09.15	<b>Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters</b> (KU Leuven): Benelux: More than just a Synonym for three EU Member States
09.15 – 09.30	<b>Prof. Dr. Ellen Bos</b> (Andrássy University Budapest): The EU and its Regions: Macroregional Strategies
09.30 – 10.00	Discussion
10.00 – 10.15	Coffee Break

#### **D. EU Neighbours: Source of new Flexibility Models?**

10.15 – 10.30	<b>Dr. Philipp Speitler</b> (Legal Secretary and Head of the President's Cabinet at the EFTA Court): The European Economic Area: Law Takers rather than Law Makers?
10.30 – 10.45	<b>Prof. Dr. Astrid Epiney</b> (University of Fribourg): The Swiss Way: 120 Agreements but no Perspective?



10.45 – 11.00	<b>Prof. Dr. Meltem Müftüler Baç</b> (Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey): Turkey and Others: Do we need to rethink EU Accession and Membership?
11.00 – 11.15	<b>Dr. Christoph Schnellbach</b> (LMU Munich): Differentiation and EU Neighbourhood Policy: A Need for Change?
11.15 – 12.15	Discussion
12.15 – 13.30	Lunch

#### **E. A View on EU Flexibility from the Outside**

13.30 – 13.45	<b>Prof. Dr. Hermann-Josef Blanke</b> (University of Erfurt): What does the German Basic Law Say on Flexible Integration?
13.45 – 14.00	<b>William T. Daniel, PhD</b> (Francis Marion University, Florence, SC): An American Perspective on EU Flexibility
14.00 – 14.15	<b>Dr. Adem Kassie Abebe</b> (Max Planck Foundation for International Peace and the Rule of Law, Heidelberg): A View to the North: EU Flexibility and its Perception in Africa
14.15 – 14.30	<b>Dr. Clara Portela</b> (Singapore Management University): How Asia perceives Flexible Integration in the EU
14.30 – 14.45	<b>Prof. Dr. Jörg Polakiewicz</b> (Council of Europe): Outside, but not that far: Strasbourg's Perspective
14.45 – 15.45	Discussion
15.45 – 16.00	Coffee Break

#### **F. Flexibility in Global Systems of International Cooperation**

16.00 – 16.15	<b>Dr. Manuela Scheuermann</b> (University of Würzburg): How Flexible is the World Order? What we can learn from the United Nations
16.15 – 16.30	<b>Prof. Dr. Thomas Cottier</b> (University of Bern): Better Something than Nothing: How the WTO facilitates Flexibility amongst its Members
16.30 – 17.00	Discussion



17.00 – 17.15      Coffee Break

**G. Concluding Panel: Flexibility – Rethinking the „Ever Closer Union“?**

17.15 – 19.00      Participants:

**Stephen Booth** (Co-Director, Open Europe, London)

**Prof. Dr. Pedro Cruz Villalón** (Former Advocate General at the Court of Justice of the European Union, Universidad Autónoma, Madrid)

**Jo Leinen** (Member of the European Parliament)

**Dr. Giorgio Maganza** (Former Director, Legal Service, Council of the European Union)

**Dr. Martin Selmayr** (Head of Cabinet for Jean-Claude Juncker, elected President of the European Commission)

Moderation:

**Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Werner Weidenfeld** (Director of CAP, LMU Munich)

19.00 – 19.10      **Prof. Dr. Thomas Giegerich, LL.M.:** Concluding remarks

20.00              Dinner



**Further participants:**

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