Jean-Monnet-Symposium: “How much Differentiation and Flexibility can European Integration Bear?” at European Academy of Otzenhausen, Germany, 8th and 9th of April 2016

Programme

Friday, 8 April 2016

A. Introductory comments

09.00 – 09.10 Prof. Dr. Thomas Giegerich, LL.M. (Europa-Institut, Saarland University): The Objective of "an Ever Closer Union" and the Motto “United in Diversity“

09.10 – 09.25 Dr. Funda Tekin (Institute for European Politics (IEP), Berlin): Defining “Flexibility” and “Differentiation”

09.25 – 09.40 Prof. Dr. Dirk Leuffen (tbc) (University of Konstanz): Theoretical Approaches to Flexibility in the EU

09.40 – 09.55 Robert Böttner, LL.M. (University of Erfurt): The Development of Flexible Integration in EC/EU Practice

09.55 – 10.10 Dr. Richard McMahon (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  Pascale Joannin (Robert Schuman Foundation Paris): Schengen and Prüm

11.35 – 11.55  Prof. Dr. Sebastian Graf von Kielmansegg (Kiel University): CFSP, a Pool of Flexibility Models

11.55 – 12.15  Katharina Crepaz, PhD (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  Dr. Nicolai von Ondarza (German Institute for International and Security Affairs – SWP): The special Cases of the UK, Ireland and Denmark: Opt-outs from selected Policy Areas


15.10 – 15.30  Gianni Lo Schiavo (King’s College, London; European Central Bank): Fiscal Compact and ESM Treaty

15.30 – 15.50  Clelia Lacchi, LL.M. (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  Dipl.-Jur. Sebastian Zeitzmann, LL.M. (European Academy of Otzenhausen): Hardly known, hardly clarified, hardly applied? Enhanced Cooperation in the EU
17.15 – 17.30  Bérénice Lemoine (University of Dundee): Rome-III-Regulation: Getting divorced in Europe

17.30 – 17.45  Prof. Dr. Thomas Jaeger, LL.M. (University of Vienna): The End to a Never-Ending Story? The Unitary Patent Regime

17.45 – 18.00 Marius Vascega (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

C. Regional Patterns of Flexibility inside the EU

09.00 – 09.15  Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters (KU Leuven): Benelux: More than just a Synonym for three EU Member States

09.15 – 09.30  Prof. Dr. Ellen Bos (Andrássy University Budapest): The EU and its Regions: Macreogonial Strategies

09.30 – 10.00 Discussion

10.00 – 10.15 Coffee Break

D. EU Neighbours: Source of new Flexibility Models?

10.15 – 10.30 Dr. Philipp Speitler (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 Prof. Dr. Astrid Epiney (University of Fribourg): The Swiss Way: 120 Agreements but no Perspective?
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**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 Advocat 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)

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

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**20.00**  
Dinner
Further participants:

Peter Beck, ASKO Europa-Stiftung, Saarbrücken
Hans Beitz, European Academy of Otzenhausen
Antje Brandt, European Academy of Otzenhausen
Pieter Gryffroy, Saarland University
Helen Küchler, Saarland University
Prof. Dr. Jan Henrik Klement, Saarland University
Stefan Mörsdorf, European Academy of Otzenhausen
Eleftherios Petropoulos, Saarland University
Prof. Dr. Dagmar Richter, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw
Karoline Schmidt, Saarland University
Desirée Schmitt, Saarland University
Prof. Dr. Torsten Stein, former director, Europa-Institut of Saarland University
Laura Katharina Woll, Saarland University
Fabio Schlee, bridging IT
Marguerite O’Connell, European Central Bank