



# THE EUROPEAN UNION BETWEEN INTEGRATION AND DISINTEGRATION

**-REFLECTIONS ON THE LAST DECADE AND BEYOND-**

**17-18 March 2016  
Fritz Thyssen Foundation  
Apostelnkloster 13-15, 50672 Cologne**



**Thursday, 17 March 2016**

**13:00 – 13:30 Registration and Coffee**

**13:30 – 14:00 Welcome and Introduction**

**Frank Suder**, Fritz Thyssen Foundation, Cologne

**Jaap de Zwaan**, Erasmus University Rotterdam / Trans European Policy  
Studies Association, Brussels

**Mirja Schröder**, University of Cologne

**Wolfgang Wessels**, University of Cologne

**14:00 – 15:30 The varieties of EU crises – perceptions and reflections**

*In academia the critical juncture plays a crucial role for explaining change. Crises are often the pivotal point of critical junctures. Therefore, the question arises what consequences do different types of crises have for European (dis-)integration and how can crises be conceptualised?*

**Chair: Beate Kohler**, University of Mannheim

**Hartmut Kaelble**, Humboldt-University Berlin

**Wilfried Loth**, University of Duisburg-Essen

**Johannes Pollak**, Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna

**Gaby Umbach**, European University Institute, Florence

**Rapporteur: Giulia Bonacquisti**, Trans European Policy Studies Association,  
Brussels

**15:30 – 16:00 Coffee Break**

**16:00 – 17:30    Governing the EU – the nature of inter-institutional dynamics**

*The power distribution architecture is based on three principles: balancing, counter-balancing and fine-tuning responding to supranationalism vs. intergovernmentalism, decision-making vs. national sovereignty and small vs. bigger member states. Which institution is in lead, what power struggle takes place behind the scenes and what does this imply for the European Union project?*

**Chair:** **Lenka Rovna**, Charles University Prague

**Jörg Monar**, College of Europe, Bruges

**Christine Neuhold**, Maastricht University

**Olivier Rozenberg**, Sciences Po Paris

**Philippe de Schoutheete**, Egmont Royal Institute for International Relations, Brussels

**Rapporteur:** **Niklas Helwig**, Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Helsinki

**17:30 – 18:00    Coffee Break**

**18:00 – 18:45    Keynote Speech**

**Rita Süßmuth**, Former President of the German Bundestag

**18:45 – 19:30    THESEUS Award Ceremony**

**Promising Award:**

**Leonhard den Hertog**, Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels

Awarded by: **Jaap de Zwaan**, Erasmus University Rotterdam / Trans European Policy Studies Association, Brussels

**Martin Mendelski**, University of Trier

Awarded by: **András Inotai**, Institute of World Economics, Budapest

**Outstanding Award:**

**Joseph H.H. Weiler**, European University Institute, Florence

Awarded by: **Jean Paul Jacqué**, University of Strasbourg

**20:00            Dinner (upon invitation)**

**Restaurant Hase**

Sankt-Apern-Straße 17, 50667 Cologne

**Friday, 18 March 2016**

**09:00 – 10:30    Beyond EU borders - the multidimensionality of EU foreign policy**

*The EU is confronted with tremendous problems beyond European borders. The complicated relations with Russia, an immense migration flux from Syria and the encompassing instability in the neighborhood lead to the question of the EU's role as external actor.*

**Chair:** **Gianni Bonvicini**, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome

**Katrin Böttger**, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin

**Atila Eralp**, Middle East Technical University, Ankara

**Christopher Hill**, University of Cambridge

**Barbara Lippert**, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin

**Rapporteur:** **Mariam Khotenashvili**, Trans European Policy Studies Association, Brussels

**10:30 – 11:00    Coffee Break**

**11:00 – 12:30    Exit strategies –modelling patterns of EU disintegration**

*The comfortable times of different modes of integration are gone. A new impulse, disintegration, is confronting the EU. Academia has to handle this uprising phenomenon. What does a Brexit indicate, and is Grexit acceptable? What do these phenomena mean for Europe and the old story of an ever closer Union?*

**Chair:** **Geoffrey Edwards**, University of Cambridge

**Brigid Laffan**, European University Institute, Florence

**Frank Schimmelfennig**, Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, Zurich

**Funda Tekin**, Institut für Europäische Politik / Centre international de formation européenne, Berlin

**Rapporteur:** **Nicole Koenig**, Jacques Delors Institute, Berlin

**12:30 – 13:00    Concluding Remarks: Quo vadis? The European Union between disintegration and integration**

**Iain Begg**, London School of Economics and Political Science

**Wolfgang Wessels**, University of Cologne

**Rapporteur:** **David Schäfer**, London School of Economics and Political Science

**13:00-14:00    Lunch**

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**Thursday, 17 March 2016**

**13:30 – 14:00: Welcome and Introduction**



**Frank Suder**, Fritz Thyssen Foundation, Cologne

Since 2014, Frank Suder has been Director of the Fritz Thyssen Foundation, Cologne. Prior to that, he worked as the personal assistant to the President of the German Research Foundation (DFG) and as Deputy Director of the Fritz Thyssen Foundation. Frank Suder holds a PhD in biology from the University of Cologne.



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Mirja Schröder is Research Associate at the Jean Monnet Chair for Political Science at the University of Cologne. She has been working as project manager of the THESEUS network since 2011. In 2013, she was awarded with the University award for teaching. Her main research interests are European energy policy, as well as the role of the Franco-German relationship for European integration. In her PhD, she focuses on the EU's external energy policy with special regard to gas supply security.



**Wolfgang Wessels, University of Cologne**

Prof. Dr. Wolfgang is Chairholder of the Jean Monnet Chair for Political Science at the University of Cologne. He is involved in several research and teaching networks such as THESEUS, EUCOPAS and FEUTURE. He is Chairperson of the Executive Board of the Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP) in Berlin and of the Executive Board of the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) in Brussels. He is Vice-President of the German consortium for the foundation of the Turkish-German University, Istanbul. His areas of research include the political system of the European Union, the deepening and widening of the EU, modes of governance as well as theories and strategies of European integration.

**14:00 – 15:30: The varieties of EU crises – perceptions and reflections**



**Chair: Beate Kohler, University of Mannheim**

Prof. em. Dr. Dr. h. c. mult. Beate Kohler (pen name Kohler-Koch), now Project Director at the MZES, University of Mannheim, has close ties to Cologne. She studied economics and received her doctor degree at the University of Cologne. From 1969 to 1973, she was director of the Institut für Europäische Politik, the former Bildungswerk Europäische Politik, Cologne.



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Johannes Pollak is Head of the research group on European Integration and Professor of political science at Webster University Vienna. He studied political science and philosophy at the University of Vienna, the Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna, and the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). Research areas are questions pertaining to the quality of European democracy and political representation as well as the phenomenon of agencification to European energy policy.



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Gaby holds a PhD in Political Science from the University of Cologne, where she was Senior Research Associate of the Jean Monnet Chair for Political Science and of the seminar for Social Policy from 2000 to 2014. In 2010, she joined the European University Institute for a Jean Monnet Fellowship. Since 2011, she has been part of the European University Institute's (EUI's) Global Governance Programmes faculty, where she is founding Director of GlobalStat. Since July 2015, she has served as book review editor of the Journal of Common Market Studies (JCMS) and in October 2015, she became member of the EUI's Ethics Committee. Her research focus includes a broad range of European integration topics as well as key aspects of global governance and sustainable development.

## 16:00 – 17:30: Governing the EU – the nature of inter-institutional dynamics



**Chair: Lenka Rovná**, Charles University Prague

Prof. PhDr. Lenka Rovná, CSc. holds a Jean Monnet Chair Ad Personam and three times the bearer of Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence in European Studies at Charles University. She is Vice Rector of the Charles University in Prague for European Affairs and Professor at the Department of European Studies. She is publishing and teaching in the field of European politics and British history and politics.



**Jörg Monar**, College of Europe, Bruges

Professor Jörg Monar has been Rector of the College of Europe (Bruges/Natolin) since September 2013. He holds a Doctorate in modern history from the University of Munich and a Doctorate in Political and Social Sciences from the European University Institute in Florence. His over 200 publications relate mainly to European Union justice and home affairs, external relations and the institutional development of the Union. He is also a founding editor of the European Foreign Affairs Review.



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**Philippe de Schoutheete**, Egmont Royal Institute for International Relations, Brussels

Baron Philippe de Schoutheete, former Belgian diplomat, was Ambassador in Madrid, Political Director at the Belgian Foreign Ministry and Belgium's permanent representative to the European Union from 1987 to 1997. He was special adviser to Commissioner Michel Barnier. In addition, he has been Visiting Professor at the University of Louvain and at the College of Europe in Natolin (Poland). He is now Senior Fellow of the European Department of Egmont Royal Institute.

**Friday, 18 March 2016**

**09:00 – 10:30: Beyond EU borders - the multidimensionality of EU foreign policy**



**Chair: Gianni Bonvicini**, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome

Gianni Bonvicini is currently Executive Vice President of the Rome-based Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) and Chairperson of the International Advisory Board of the Institute's English-language foreign policy quarterly *The International Spectator*. He is member of several cultural and research associations, such as the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA), Brussels; the Forum for Security Studies, Stockholm; the Executive Board and Steering Committee of LISBOAN; the Erasmus Academic Network, Cologne; and the Scientific Committee of the Bruno Visentini Foundation, Rome.



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**Christopher Hill**, University of Cambridge

Christopher Hill is Sir Patrick Sheehy Professor of international relations at the Department of Politics and International Studies (POLIS) of the University of Cambridge, where he is also Fellow of Sidney Sussex College. He has published widely in the areas of foreign policy analysis, European foreign policy and general international relations. He is particularly interested in the interplay between domestic society and foreign policy.



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Dr. Barbara Lippert has been holding the position of Director of Research at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs of the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin, since 2009. She specialises in EU enlargement policy, the development of the political system of the EU, Germany and European integration and European neighbourhood policy.

## 11:00 – 12:30: Exit strategies –modelling patterns of EU disintegration



**Chair: Geoffrey Edwards**, University of Cambridge  
Geoffrey Edwards is Senior Fellow and Emeritus Reader in European studies at the Department of Politics and International Studies (POLIS) of the University of Cambridge. He is also Emeritus Fellow of Pembroke College, Cambridge. He has held research posts at the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and a number of other institutions including Chatham House. He specialises in the European Union, its institutions and its foreign and security policies.



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### 12:30 – 13:30: Concluding Remarks: Quo vadis? The European Union between disintegration and integration



**Iain Begg**, London School of Economics and Political Science

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