



RE-ENGAGING GRAND THEORY EUROPEAN INTEGRATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY

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■ **INTRODUCTION**

This conference examines the validity and use-value of theories that seek to explain the course of European integration. How have the events of the 21st Century confirmed or disconfirmed our understanding of the political dynamics of the European Union and of European (dis)integration? Have they confirmed some theories and disconfirmed others? How have they shifted the problematics of research? What new puzzles and perspectives have come to the fore?

Format: Eight sessions. Each session is introduced by the author(s) of a plenary paper (15 minutes) followed by a commentary (15 minutes), before opening up to discussion from the floor. Plenary authors are requested to circulate draft papers (6,000-8,000 words) ten days prior to the meeting.

■ **PROGRAMME**

31 MAY

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 14.15 Welcome and introduction

14.15 - 15.30 **PLENARY I: European Integration in Theory**

Chair

Brigid Laffan | European University Institute

Re-Engaging Grand Theory: European Integration in the 21st Century

Liesbet Hooghe | UNC Chapel Hill and European University Institute

Gary Marks | UNC Chapel Hill and European University Institute

Commentary

Berthold Rittberger | Universität München

- 15.30 - 16.00 Coffee break
- 16.00 - 17.15 **PLENARY II: Differentiated Integration in Focus**
Chair
Liesbet Hooghe | UNC Chapel Hill and European University Institute
Grand theory, differentiated integration
Frank Schimmelfennig | Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich
Thomas Winzen | University of Mannheim
Commentary
Mareike Kleine | London School of Economics
- 17.15 - 18.30 **PLENARY III: The Joint Decision Trap Revisited**
Chair
Tanja Börzel | Freie Universität Berlin
From Joint Decision Trap to Politics Trap
Brigid Laffan | European University Institute
Commentary
Edgar Grande | Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung

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- 09.30 - 10.45 **PLENARY IV: New Intergovernmentalism Post-Crisis**
Chair
Frank Schimmelfennig | Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich
The new intergovernmentalism and the post-Maastricht period: Re-engaging neo-functionalism and post-functionalism
Uwe Puetter | Central European University
Commentary
Vivien Schmidt | Boston University
- 10.45 - 11.15 Coffee break
- 11.15 - 12.30 **PLENARY V: Grand Theory on the Road**
Chair
Gary Marks | UNC Chapel Hill and European University Institute
Does Grand Theory Travel Beyond Europe? Theorizing Integration across Regions
Tanja Börzel | Freie Universität Berlin
Thomas Risse | Freie Universität Berlin
Commentary
Antje Wiener | Universität Hamburg

- 12.30 - 13.30 Lunch
- 13.30 - 14.45 **PLENARY VI: Identity and Integration**
Chair
Berthold Rittberger | Universität München
Grand Theories of European Integration Revisited: Does Identity Shape the Course of European Integration?
Theresa Kuhn | University of Amsterdam
Commentary
Juan Diez-Medrano | Universidad Carlos III de Madrid
- 14.45 - 16.00 **PLENARY VII: Politicization**
Chair
Vivien Schmidt | Boston University
The Discursive Reconstruction of Intergovernmentalist Europe through Politicization
Pieter de Wilde | Norwegian University of Science and Technology
Commentary
Gary Marks | UNC Chapel Hill and European University Institute
- 16.00 - 16.30 Coffee break
- 16.30 - 17.45 **PLENARY VIII: Disintegration and Postfunctionalism**
Chair
Antje Wiener | Universität Hamburg
Theories of Postfunctionalism and European Disintegration
Douglas Webber | INSEAD
Commentary
Philipp Genschel | European University Institute