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

**Programme**

**Friday, 8 April 2016**

**A. Introductory comments**

09.00 – 09.10  
**Prof. Dr. Thomas Giegerich, LL.M.** (Europa-Institut, Saarland University): How to Reconcile the Forces of Enlargement and Consolidation in "an Ever Closer Union"

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

09.25 – 09.40  
**Robert Böttner, LL.M.** (University of Erfurt): The Development of Flexible Integration in EC/EU Practice

09.40 – 09.55  
**Dr. Richard McMahon** (University College, Cork): How Historically Emerging Transnational Spatial Patterns shape the Geography of Differentiated Integration

09.55 – 10.30  
Discussion

10.30 – 10.45  
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

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17.00 – 17.15  Prof. Dr. Thomas Jaeger, LL.M. (University of Vienna): The End to a Never-Ending Story? The Unitary Patent Regime


17.30 – 18.20  Discussion

C. Regional Patterns of Flexibility inside the EU

18.20 – 18.35  Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters (KU Leuven): Benelux: More than just a Synonym for three EU Member States

18.35 – 18.50  Prof. Dr. Ellen Bos (Andrássy University Budapest): The EU and its Regions: Macregional Strategies

18.50 – 19.15  Discussion

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D. EU Neighbours: Source of new Flexibility Models?

09.00 – 09.15  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?

09.15 – 09.30  Prof. Dr. Astrid Epiney (University of Fribourg): The Swiss Way: 120 Agreements but no Perspective?

09.30 – 09.45  Prof. Dr. Meltem Müftüler-Baç (Sabanci University, Istanbul, Turkey): Turkey and Others: Do we need to rethink EU Accession and Membership?

09.45 – 10.00  Dr. Christoph Schnellbach (LMU Munich): Differentiation and EU
Neighbourhood Policy: A Need for Change?

10.00 – 11.00 Discussion

11.00 – 11.20 Coffee Break

E. A View on EU Flexibility from the Outside: America, Asia, Germany and the Council of Europe

11.20 – 11.35 William T. Daniel, PhD (Francis Marion University, Florence, SC): An American Perspective on EU Flexibility

11.35 – 11.50 Dr. Clara Portela (Singapore Management University): How Asia perceives Flexible Integration in the EU

11.50 – 12.05 Prof. Dr. Hermann-Josef Blanke (University of Erfurt): What does the German Basic Law Say on Flexible Integration?

12.05 – 12.20 Prof. Dr. Jörg Polakiewicz (Council of Europe): Outside, but not that far: Strasbourg’s Perspective

12.20 – 13.20 Discussion

13.30 – 15.00 Lunch

F. Flexibility in Global Systems of International Cooperation

15.00 – 15.20 Dr. Manuela Scheuermann (University of Würzburg): How Flexible is the World Order? What we can learn from the United Nations

15.20 – 15.40 Prof. Dr. Thomas Cottier (University of Bern): Better Something than Nothing: How the WTO facilitates Flexibility amongst its Members

15.40 – 16.15 Discussion

16.15 – 17.00 Coffee Break and Time for informal talks
G. Concluding Panel: Flexibility – Rethinking the „Ever Closer Union“?

17.00 – 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)

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

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Elisabeth Becker, Saarland University
Anika Bratzel, Europa-Institut
Antje Brandt, European Academy of Otzenhausen
Stefan Bucher, European Central Bank
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Sarah von Droste, Europa-Institut
Dr. Dunja Duic, University of Osijek
Mareike Fröhlich, Europa-Institut
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Pieter Gryffroy, Saarland University
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