

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

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## **Programme**

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### **Friday, 8 April 2016**

#### **A. Introductory comments**

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| 09.00 – 09.10 | <b>Prof. Dr. Thomas Giegerich, LL.M.</b> (Europa-Institut, Saarland University): How to Reconcile the Forces of Enlargement and Consolidation in "an Ever Closer Union" |
| 09.10 – 09.25 | <b>Dr. Funda Tekin</b> (Institute for European Politics (IEP), Berlin): Defining “Flexibility” and “Differentiation”  |
| 09.25 – 09.40 | <b>Robert Böttner, LL.M.</b> (University of Erfurt): The Development of Flexible Integration in EC/EU Practice  |
| 09.40 – 09.55 | <b>Dr. Richard McMahon</b> (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: Opt-outs, Common Foreign and Security Policy, Independence Movements**

10.45 – 11.05	<b>Dr. Maya Sion-Tzidkiyahu</b> (The European Forum, the Hebrew University): Comparing Opt-Outs: How Different is Differentiated Integration
11.05 – 11.25	<b>Prof. Dr. Sebastian Graf von Kielmansegg</b> (Kiel University): CFSP, a Pool of Flexibility Models
11.25 – 11.45	<b>Katharina Crepaz, PhD</b> (TUM and Max Planck Institute for Social law and Social policy): How Independence Movements trigger Flexibility in the EU
11.45 – 12.30	Discussion
12.30 – 14.00	Lunch

### **B.2. Selected Types of Differentiation in the EU II: Economic and Monetary Union**

14.00 – 14.20	<b>Dr. Christian Deubner</b> (FEPS Scientific Council): Differentiated Integration in the Economic and Monetary Union
14.20 – 14.40	<b>Dr. Gianni Lo Schiavo</b> (King's College, London; European Central Bank): Fiscal Compact and ESM Treaty
14.40 – 15.00	<b>Clelia Lacchi, LL.M.</b> (Luxembourg University): Economic and Monetary Union: How the Eurozone creates new Challenges for the EU Legal Order
15.00 – 15.45	Discussion
15.45 – 16.00	Coffee Break

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

16.00 – 16.15	<b>Dipl.-Jur. Sebastian Zeitzmann, LL.M.</b> (European Academy of Otzenhausen, Europa-Institut, Saarland University): Enhanced Cooperation – A Constitutional Principle of the EU?
16.15 – 16.30	<b>Bérénice Lemoine</b> (University of Dundee): Rome-III-Regulation: Getting divorced in Europe



- 16.30 – 16.45      **Prof. Dr. Thomas Jaeger, LL.M.** (University of Vienna): The End to a Never-Ending Story? The Unitary Patent Regime
- 16.45 – 17.00      **Marius Vasega** (European Commission, Representation in Lithuania): Approaching the fortress of unanimity: Financial Transaction Tax under Enhanced Cooperation
- 17.00 – 17.50      Discussion

### **C. Regional Patterns of Flexibility inside the EU**

- 17.50 – 18.05      **Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters** (KU Leuven): Benelux: More than just a Synonym for three EU Member States
- 18.05 – 18.20      **Prof. Dr. Ellen Bos** (Andrássy University Budapest): The EU and its Regions: Macroregional Strategies
- 18.20 – 18.45      Discussion

## **Saturday, 9 April 2016**

### **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      **Dr. Christoph Schnellbach** (LMU Munich): Differentiation and EU Neighbourhood Policy: A Need for Change?
- 09.45 – 10.30      Discussion



10.30 – 10.50                  Coffee Break

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

10.50 – 11.05	<b>William T. Daniel, PhD</b> (Francis Marion University, Florence, SC): An American Perspective on EU Flexibility
11.05 – 11.20	<b>Dr. Clara Portela</b> (Singapore Management University): How Asia perceives Flexible Integration in the EU
11.20 – 11.35	<b>Prof. Dr. Hermann-Josef Blanke</b> (University of Erfurt): What does the German Basic Law Say on Flexible Integration?
11.35 – 11.50	<b>Prof. Dr. Jörg Polakiewicz</b> (Council of Europe): Outside, but not that far: Strasbourg's Perspective
11.50 – 12.50	Discussion
13.00 – 14.30	Lunch

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

14.30 – 14.50	<b>Dr. Manuela Scheuermann</b> (University of Würzburg): How Flexible is the World Order? What we can learn from the United Nations
14.50 – 15.10	<b>Prof. Dr. Thomas Cottier</b> (University of Bern): Better Something than Nothing: How the WTO facilitates Flexibility amongst its Members
15.10 – 15.45	Discussion
15.45 – 16.30	Coffee Break and Time for informal talks



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

16.30 – 18.30

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



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