

SUMMIT

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SUMMIT - Project and building under Construction

Dear reader,

By the mid of 2016 the new Europa Building will give the European Leaders a new face: Retaining the historical part of the long standing residence palace, using environmentally friendly technology and restored materials from 28 Member States, it lives up to modern sustainability requirements and represents a united Europe. Moreover, new glass walls symbolize enhanced transparency.

At the same time the new "SUMMIT"-project of the Jean Monnet Chair for Political Science will contribute to a better understanding and relieved access to information on the European Council – sustainably, internationally and with new and innovative insights. "SUMMIT" (Studying the European Council – Mastering and Disseminating Knowledge about a Key Institution), started in September 2015 and will promote the academic debate about

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the EU's key institution over a period of 18 Month.

presented at a dissemination conference.

Register now for the Kick-Off-Conference!

More Information and Call for contributions at: www.summit.uni-koeln.de/de/events

NEW PERSPECTIVES AND A SUSTAINABLE PROVISION OF TEACHING AND STUDY MATERIAL

There has been research and teaching on the European Council. However, the heads of state or government's 'home institution' remains under-researched and is often regarded as an opaque 'club of bosses'. SUMMIT aims at bridging this gap between public understanding and existing insights and expertise.

ENHANCING THE POLICY DEBATE WITH THE ACADEMIC WORLD

SUMMIT will encourage new and innovative angles in the debate on the European Council by bringing together academic experts, leading practitioners and the wider public in high profile international events. The kick-off conference will define the state of the art, underline the need of dealing more intensively with the European Council and discuss convenient methodology. The SUMMIT roundtable series will enable a debate among experts and the public on a European Council topic in selected European cities. Concluding the project, the results will be

The SUMMIT team will construct an informative and systematic platform containing online modules, including webcasts and quiz games, as well as overviews about important European Council topics, events and critical junctures. By pooling web links and introducing into decisive publications and information, SUMMIT will offer a comprehensive, innovative and intelligible approach to the subject. The project's results will be made available for an international public at www.summit.uni-koeln.de will constantly be updated.

In order to sustain the insights beyond the project's lifetime the material will later be published at the webpage of the *Centre Virtuel de la Connaissance*

sur l'Europe at cvce.eu. The center is a Luxembourg-based public undertaking that develops a free and digital research infrastructure on European integration.

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and Wolfgang Wessels (academic coordinator)

KICK-OFF CONFERENCE BRUSSELS, 28-29 JANUARY 2016:

"TACKLING THE EUROPEAN
COUNCIL – RAISING AWARENESS
FOR A KEY INSTITUTION"

The SUMMIT kick-off Conference will gather leading scholars, high-level EU practitioners and up-and-coming young academics as well as specialists in teaching activities and the production of learning material. By defining the state of the art and highlighting the need of dedicating research and teaching activities to a greater extent to the European Council, this initial conference will represent not only the starting point for SUMMIT's activities, but also seeks to set the debate regarding the relevance of the European Council in eight panels with different topical focuses.

The deadline for expressions of interest is December 6th, 2015. The **Call for Contributions** and further information can be found on the webpage at www.summit.uni-koeln.de/de/events/

Participants will also have the opportunity to profit from the parallel PADEMIA Workshop on "Parliamentarism and the European Council".

Recent & Upcoming events

ADVISORY BOARD MEETING 06 NOVEMBER 2015

An advisory board meeting was held on 6 November 2015. Luuk van Middelaar and Hartmut Marhold discussed with the project managers Linda Dieke and Johannes Müller Gómez the implementation of the project's objectives and the focus of the kick-off conference.

INTERNATIONAL ROUNDTABLES

KOÇ UNIVERSITY ISTANBUL, 13 NOVEMBER 2015

At Istanbul, Wolfgang Wessels (University of Cologne and Bahar Rumelili (Koç University) discussed the external action of the European Council themed "In search of a coherent and effective global role".

MAASTRICHT UNIVERSITY, 2 DECEMBER 2015

Under the slogan "Who Calls the Shots? The Internal Dynamics of the European Council" Prof. Christine Neuhold and Dr. Christine Arnold (both Maastricht University) will focus on dynamics of decision making within the European Council.

FINISH INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (FIIA), HELSINKI, 3 DECEMBER 2015

At the FIIA Professor Wessels and Juha Jokela will discuss "The External Action of the European Council: In Search of a Coherent and Effective Global Role" with insiders from the Finnish capital.

VIENNA, 18 FEBRUARY 2016

At the Information Office of the European Parliament in Vienna Johannes Pollak (Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna) will together with Johannes Voggenhuber and Othmar Karas (both Members of the European Parliament) explore the subject of "the European Council and the European Parliament: Opposite Poles in the EU's Institutional Architecture". An opening presentation will be given by Wolfgang Wessels.

Teaching Activities

MASTER LECTURE "THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL"

During the winter term 2014/15 international students are trained in the comprehension and application of theory based explanations of the EU's institutional evolution and shall understand the functioning and organization of the European Council. The lecture is held at the Institute of Political Science at the University of Cologne (Gottfried Keller-Str. 6, 50931 Cologne).

GUEST LECTURE

"THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL: A PRACTITIONER'S PERSPECTIVE"

On 12th January 2016, 5:45 pm, Dr. Yvonne Nasshoven, who is involved in European Council issues at the German Federal Foreign Office, holds a guest lecture at the Institute of Political Science at the University of Cologne (Gottfried Keller-Str. 6, 50931 Cologne).

For further information on events please consult www.summit.uni-koeln.de/de/events/



Team



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LINDA DIEKE (PROJECT MANAGER)

As project manager Linda is responsible for the overall organization of SUMMIT. She organizes the kick-off conference as well as roundtables in Vienna, Prague, Helsinki and Bruges inter alia. Linda has worked at the Jean Monnet Chair of Prof Wessels since 2013. She taught BA level students in tutorials on the political system of the European Union and has cooperated with the Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE) for which she produced online course material. She supported the research project 'Observatory of Parliaments after Lisbon' (OPAL). She studied Social Sciences as well as Political Science and her research interests include the European Council, defense policy and research and technology policy.

JOHANNES MÜLLER GÓMEZ (PROJECT MANAGER)

As project manager Johannes is responsible for the overall organization of SUMMIT. Apart from the kick-off conference he organizes roundtables in Maastricht, Madrid, Berlin and Warsaw inter alia.

He is a research associate at the Jean Monnet Chair of Prof Wessels since 2014. His research focuses on the EU's institutional architecture and the EU's external action.

Johannes studied Political Science, Latin American Studies and Energy Economics at the universities of Cologne, Montréal, Guadalajara and

Liège as well as the Higher School of Economics Moscow. At the Jean Monnet Chair, he has worked as a project management assistant, project officer and project manager. Furthermore, he has taught several courses at BA level, and has cooperated with the Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE) for which he produced online course material.

MARIEKE ECKHARDT (PROJECT OFFICER)

Marieke is involved in the organization of the kick-off conference and the production of online study material. She is responsible for SUMMIT's website and newsletter.

Marieke has been a student research assistant at the Jean Monnet Chair of Prof Wessels since April 2015. She taught BA level students in tutorials on the political system of the European Union. Marieke holds a Bachelor degree in European Studies and Modern History from the University of Osnabrück and has been a Master's student of Political Sciences at the University of Cologne since October 2014.

PROF. DR. WOLFGANG WESSELS – ACADEMIC COORDINATOR



Professor Wessels is the academic coordinator of SUMMIT. He has been the chair-holder of the Jean Monnet Chair for Political Science at the University of Cologne since 1994. He is chairman of the executive board of the Trans European Political Studies

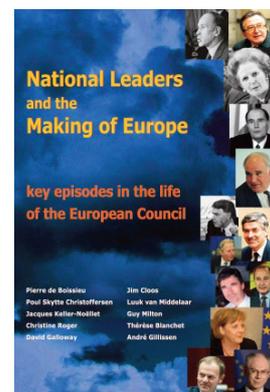


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Association (TEPSA, Brussels) and of the Institute for European Politics (IEP, Berlin). Since 1981 he has been a visiting professor at the College of Europe, Bruges and Natolin, and currently holds the Vice-Presidency of the German consortium for the foundation of the Turkish-German University in Istanbul. He has published widely in leading journals and edited volumes. Apart from SUMMIT he is presently the coordinator of "PADEMIA – Erasmus Academic Network on Parliamentary Democracy in Europe", and "THESEUS – Establishing a European Society" inter alia.

Relevant Publications

DE BOISSIEU ET. AL.: NATIONAL LEADERS AND THE MAKING OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL



(John Harper publishing), just published, price: €25/£18.

Since its creation in 1974, the European Council has evolved from an informal meeting of presidents and prime ministers to become a full EU institution in its own right and the Union's supreme political authority, driving its strategy and resolving its crises. This book tells the story of how this came about.

FORET/RITTELMAYER: THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND EUROPEAN GOVERNANCE

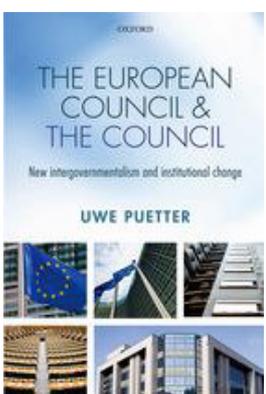
(Routledge) published in 2014, price £34,99



Reform of institutions and the creation of new political functions at the top of the European Union have raised fresh questions about

leadership and accountability. This book argues that the European Union exhibits a political order with hierarchies, mechanisms of domination and legitimating narratives. As such, it can be understood by analysing what happens at its summit. Taking the European Council as the nexus of European political governance, contributors consider council and rotating presidencies' co-operation, rivalry and opposition.

PUETTER: THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL AND THE COUNCIL, NEW INTERGOVERNMENTALISM AND INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE



(Oxford University Press) published in 2014, price £55

This book offers one of the most comprehensive accounts of European Council and Council decision-making by covering two decades of European integration from the late 1990s until the years after the entering into force of the Lisbon Treaty. Puetter provides a

European Council Activities and Topics, 2nd Semester 2015

15 September	8th EU-Republic of Korea summit, Seoul (ROK-EU Strategic Partnership, Foreign and Security Policy, enhanced cooperation)
23 September	Informal meeting of the heads of state or government (overall approach to migration crisis and necessity for a credible migration policy)
26-30 September	UN General Assembly, New York (refugee and migrant crisis, Syria, climate change, effective multilateralism)
15 October	European Council (migration, Economic and Monetary Union and plans for a UK-referendum)
12 November	Informal meeting of the heads of state or government (Gravity of the refugee crisis, putting pressure on members to act and implement decisions taken at former summits. The meeting took place straight after the Valetta Summit on migration between European and African leaders)
15 – 16 November	G20 Summit, Antalya (refugee crisis and tax transparency)
17 – 18 December	European Council

genuinely new perspective on the European Council and the Council, portraying the two institutions as embodying the new intergovernmentalism in European Union Governance.

WESSELS: THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL



(Palgrave Macmillan), just published, Price: £29.99.

This systematic assessment of the -often opaque- European Council looks at its characteristics, leaders and output as well as its impact on EU supranational and intergovernmental dynamics. Taking account of historical and contemporary developments up to and beyond the Lisbon Treaty, it

encourages in-depth understanding of this key institution.

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