

Grasping the European Council – Raising Awareness for a Key Institution SUMMIT Kick-off Conference and PADEMIA Workshop

Organised by the Jean Monnet Chair, University of Cologne, and the Trans European Policy Studies Association

28-29 January 2016 | Fondation Universitaire | 11, Rue d’Egmont, 1000 Brussels

Thursday, 28 January 2016			
13:30 – 14:00	Registration and Welcome Coffee		
14:00 – 15:00	<p>Welcome and Opening Discussion (Room A) Roundtable on Interests of the Participants and the SUMMIT Project</p> <p>Wolfgang Wessels, Linda Dieke, Johannes Müller Gómez, Alexander Hoppe University of Cologne Philippe de Schoutheete Ambassador, Egmont Royal Institute for International Relations</p>		
15:00 – 16:00	<p>Opening Speech and Discussion (Room A)</p> <p>Herman van Rompuy President European Council emeritus</p> <p>Chair: Wolfgang Wessels University of Cologne Rapporteur: Johannes Wolters University of Cologne</p>		
16:00-16:15 Tea and Coffee Break			
16:15 – 17:00	<p>Keynote Speeches Introducing Working Groups A & B (Room A)</p> <p>Martin Selmayr European Commission Didier Seeuws Council of the European Union</p> <p>Chair: Philippe de Schoutheete Ambassador, Egmont Royal Institute for International Relations Rapporteur: Marieke Eckhardt University of Cologne</p>		
17:00 – 18:15	<p>Working Group A (Room Jean Willems)</p> <p>Taking Decision: Leadership and Consensus Building in the European Council</p> <p>Chair: Julie Smith University of Cambridge</p> <p>Joachim Schild Trier University <i>‘Informal Politics, Power Asymmetries, and Franco-German Bilateralism in EMU reforms’</i></p>	<p>Working Group B (Room A)</p> <p>Interinstitutional Relations: The European Council and the European Commission</p> <p>Chair: Christine Neuhold Maastricht University</p> <p>Neill Nugent Manchester Metropolitan University <i>‘Is the European Commission Really in Decline?’</i></p>	<p>Working Group C (PADEMIA) (Room B)</p> <p>Legitimacy in the Multi-Level System: The European Council and the European Parliament</p> <p>Chair: Oliver Höing University of Cologne</p> <p>Johannes Pollak Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna <i>‘The European Parliament: Adversary or Accomplice of the new intergovernmentalism?’</i></p>

Sergio Fabbrini | LUISS School of Government
'From Consensus to Domination: The Intergovernmental Union in a Crisis Situation'

Discussant: **Giorgio Maganza**
Council of the European Union,
Legal Service

Rapporteur: **Meadhbh Costello**
Institute of International and
European Affairs

Wolfgang Wessels | University of Cologne
'The Commission as Principal vis-à-vis the European Council?'

Discussant: **Ralf Drachenberg**
European Parliament,
Parliamentary Research
Services

Rapporteur: **Mirja Schröder**
University of Cologne

John Erik Fossum | ARENA
'Representation and democratic legitimacy in complex multilevel systems: comparing the European Union and Canada'

Discussant: **Katrin Auel**
Institute for Advanced Studies,
Vienna

18:15 – 18:30 Tea and Coffee Break

18:30 – 19:45

Working Group D
(Room Jean Willems)
Researching and Theorizing the European Council: New (?) Intergovernmentalism and Beyond

Chair: **Sabine Saurugger**
Sciences Po Grenoble

Daniela Kroll | University of Konstanz
'The Interplays between the European Council and the Council of Ministers in EU Decision-Making'

Michael Bolle, Oliver Flaeschner
Freie Universität Berlin
'The Council after Lisbon: Molding National Preferences and the Aggregation Problem'

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

Rapporteur: **Sébastien Commain**
College of Europe

Working Group E
(Room A)
Trajectory of a Key Institution: Characters and Political Changes in the European Council's History

Chair: **Stephen Haseler**
London Met University

Emmanuel Murlon-Druol
University of Glasgow
'Steering Europe: Explaining the Rise of the European Council, 1975-1986'

Giorgio Maganza | Council of the European Union, Legal Service
'Insights in the Evolution of the European Council'

Discussant: **Yann-Sven Rittelmeyer** | Université libre de Bruxelles

Rapporteur: **Alina Thieme**
University of Cologne

Working Group F (PADEMIA)
(Room B)
Interinstitutional Relations: The European Council and National Parliaments

Chair: **Anna-Lena Högenauer**
University of Luxembourg

Fotis Fitsilis | Scientific Service of the Hellenic Parliament
'Parliamentary control of Governmental actions on the interaction with European organs in the Hellenic Parliament and the National Assembly of Serbia'

Alexander Hoppe | University of Cologne
'The European Council and Parliamentary Democracy: Investigating Models of Parliamentary Scrutiny'

Discussant: **Piret Ehin**
University of Tartu

20:00 Dinner | Restaurant Enoteca Da Valentino | Rue du Champ de Mars, 13

Friday, 29 January 2016

9:30 –
10:00

Keynote Speeches Introducing Working Groups G & H (Room A)

Shahin Vallée | Affiliated fellow to Bruegel, European Institute at the LSE and former economic advisor to President Van Rompuy

'The European Council and the Financial Crisis: Firefighting and Gouvernement Economique'

Zoltán Martinusz | Council of the European Union, Enlargement, Security, Civil Protection, Foreign Affairs Council Support

'The Challenge of Post-Lisbon Cohesion in EU Foreign Policy'

Chair: **Joachim Schild** | Trier University

Rapporteur: **Alexander Melzer** | Friedrich Schiller University Jena

10:00 –
11:15

Working Group G (Room Jean Willems)

Managing the Economic and Financial Crisis: The European Council as *gouvernement économique*?

Chair: **Michael Kaeding** | University of Duisburg-Essen

Sabine Saurugger | Sciences Po Grenoble

'Wither Integration Theory in the Crisis Context'

Janis Emmanouilidis | European Policy Centre

'Gouvernement économique – Realities, Illusions, Prospects'

Discussant: **Matthias Götz** | University of Cologne

Rapporteur: **Katherine McKeon** | College of Europe

Working Group H (Room A)

Managing Foreign Policy Crises: Assessing the Performance of the European Council and the Foreign Affairs Council

Chair: **Poul Skytte Christoffersen** | Ambassador

Gianni Bonvicini | Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome

'Migration, Foreign Policy and the Role of the European Council'

Christian Franck | Université Catholique de Louvain/ Université Saint Louis, Brussels

'The European Council Dealing With the Strategic Partners and the Neighbourhood Policy'

Discussant: **Suzana Elena Anghel Gavrilesco**
European Parliament, Parliamentary Research Services

Rapporteur: **Johannes Wolters** | University of Cologne

11:15 – 11:30 **Tea and Coffee Break**

11:30 –
12:30

Results & Outlook – Open Discussion (Room A)

Philippe de Schoutheete | Ambassador, Egmont Royal Institute for International Relations

Wolfgang Wessels | University of Cologne

12:30 – 13:30 **Lunch Snack** | Fondation Universitaire | Room Marnix