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The European Council. Spreading knowledge and fostering research on a key institution

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Draft programme

Monday | 16 January 2016

11:00-11:45  Registration

11:45-12:30  Lunch

12:30-13:45  Welcome
Eckart Stratenschulte (Europäische Akademie Berlin)
Wolfgang Wessels (CETEUS/University of Cologne)

Keynote
Jim Cloos (Deputy Director-General for General and Institutional Policy/General Secretariat of the Council of the EU): The European Council: An Anchor in Stormy Times?

14:00-15:30  Session 1
The European Council and the future of the EU
Chair: Michael Kaeding (University of Duisburg, TEPSA)
Andrew Duff (European Policy Centre, Brussels): The reform of the European Council at the next revision of the Treaty of Lisbon.
John Erik Fossum (ARENA/University of Oslo): The European Council and the EU's crises: A driver of core consolidation, a means of muddling through, or an instigator of fragmentation in Europe?
Uwe Puetter (Central European University, Budapest): Can the European Council lead the EU within core areas of day-to-day decision-making?
Discussant: Sophie Vanhoonacker (Maastricht University)
Rapporteur: Johannes Wolters (CETEUS/University of Cologne)

15:30-16:00  Coffee

16:00-17:30  Session 2
Teaching the European Council: Approaches and tools
Chair: Hartmut Marhold (Centre international de formation européenne)
Miriam Vogel (Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung): Explaining Europe and fostering a European general public.

Susana Muñoz (University of Luxembourg): Narrating the European Council: an innovative digital publication.

Jürgen Mittag (German Sport University Cologne): Below the line? The use of cartoons in teaching the European Council.

Lenka Curillova (Comenius University, Bratislava): Student simulations of the European Council.

Discussant: Wulf Reiners (Turkish-German University, Istanbul)

Rapporteur: Carsten Gerards (European Online Academy/Centre international de formation européenne)

17:30-18:00 Coffee

18:00-19:00 Session 3

A practitioners’ perspective: The role of the European Council for national decision-makers

Chair: Funda Tekin (CETEUS/University of Cologne, Centre international de formation européenne)

Thomas Westphal (Head of Department for European Affairs/Federal Ministry of Finance)

Klemens H. Fischer (Minister plenipotentiary and Head of Department/Permanent Representation of Austria to the European Union, University of Cologne)

Martin Kremer (Head of Unit for Central Europe/Federal Foreign Office)

Yvonne Nashoven (Federal Foreign Office)

Discussant: Emmanuel Mourlon-Druol (University of Glasgow)

Rapporteur: Fulden Eskidelvan (CETEUS/University of Cologne)

afterwards Dinner (upon invitation)

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8:00-9:00 Breakfast

9:00-10:30 Session 4

The European Council in times of crises

Chair: tba

Jan Werts (EU Mediacorrespondent/ Clingendael Internationale Spectator and Montesquieu Institute): Crises as the raison d’être of the European Council.

Yann-Sven Rittelmeyer (European Policy Centre, Brussels): The European Council’s institutional flexibility after the Lisbon treaty.

Ebru Turhan (Turkish-German University, Istanbul): The European Council as a crisis manager: Assessing the performance of the European Council in the management of the refugee crisis.
Petya Alexandrova (IPW/Leibniz University Hannover): Responsiveness of the European Council to the EU public.
*Discussant: Ralf Drachenberg* (Parliamentary Research Services/European Parliament)
*Rapporteur: Alina Thieme* (CETEUS/University of Cologne)

10:30-11:00 Coffee

11:00-12:30 Session 5
**The European Council: Centre of the institutional architecture?**
*Chair: Christine Neuhold* (Maastricht University)
*Christophe Hillon* (Universities of Leiden, Gothenburg and Oslo): The European Council – a legal analysis.
*David Schäfer* (London School of Economics and Political Science): The limits of a key institution: Is there life outside the European Council?
*Daniela Kroll* (University of Konstanz): The role of the European Council in the legislative process.
*Sergio Fabbrini* (LUISS, Rome): The European Council and the executive deficit of the EU.
*Discussant: Sebastiaan Princen* (Utrecht University)
*Rapporteur: Marieke Eckhardt* (CETEUS/University of Cologne)

12:30-13:30 Lunch

13:30-14:30 Session 6
**The European Council: What to take away for research and teaching?**
*Chair: Wolfgang Wessels* (CETEUS/University of Cologne)
*Discussants: tba*

14:30 Farewell coffee

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