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

16-17 January 2017 | Europäische Akademie Berlin

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?

Peter-Christian Müller-Graff (Heidelberg University): The European Council - A Visionary Task.

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 Nasshoven (Federal Foreign Office)

Discussant: **Emmanuel Mourlon-Druol** (University of Glasgow)

Rapporteur: **Fulden Eskidelvan** (CETEUS/University of Cologne)

afterwards Dinner (upon invitation)

Tuesday | 17 January 2016

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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