

Centre-Periphery Relations as an Emerging Cleavage in European Politics and Policy-Making?

Empirical Studies on Differentiated Integration

This conference intends to study the recent awareness of centre-periphery relations within the European Union and how it has evolved towards a cleavage between the core better developed economies and peripheral less developed ones. The panel takes the growing perceived and expressed split between core countries in the north of Europe and the southern, central and eastern European periphery in the Eurozone as point of departure to explore if this divide can be found in other fields of European politics and policy.

The conference addresses the potential of an emerging centre-periphery cleavage under the current crisis conditions in the Eurozone, which may threaten the cohesion of the European Union. It will also examine the strategies in the periphery and core countries and at supranational level to overcome potential divisions within the EU. The papers address relevant issues of EU politics and perspectives from core and less advanced peripheral economies.

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Programme

Friday, 11 October 2013

Session I 9.30 am–1.00 pm

The Big Picture. Contextualising The Eurocrisis

- Christian Schweiger (Durham University), José M. Magone (Berlin School of Economics and Law):
Introduction: Explaining the Conference
- Brigid Laffan (European University Institute, Italy):
Framing the Eurocrisis and the Impact on European Integration (Keynote Address)
- Daniela Schwarzer (Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin):
The Political Dimension of the Euro Crisis

Tea & Coffee Break 11.15 am–11.30 am

- Christian Schweiger (Durham University):
The Eurozone Fiscal Compact: ›Spillover‹ Effects under Crisis Conditions
- Attila Agh (Budapest Corvinus University):
The Futures of Europe: Democracy and the Social Consequences of the Crisis

Buffet Lunch 1.00 pm–2.00 pm

Session II 2.00 pm–3.30 pm

The International Dimension

- Carolin Rüger (University of Würzburg):
Global Europe and the Eurocrisis: Political, Economic and Military Consequences

- Edward Yencken (University of Melbourne):
Irritant or Irrelevant? The impact of the Eurozone crisis on the EU's bilateral relations with the EU.

Tea & Coffee Break 3.30 pm–3.45 pm

Session III 3.45–6.00 pm

The Centre-Periphery Divide: Comparative Insights

- Lothar Funk (University of Applied Sciences, Düsseldorf):
Why has the German Job Market Done Astonishingly well Despite the 2008–2009 ›Great Recession‹: New Economic Miracle, Institutional Transformation or Beggar thy Neighbour Policies?
- Stefan Auer (University of Hong Kong):
German, Slovak and Irish Responses to the Eurozone Crisis and the Limits of Transnational Solidarity
- Béla Galgóczi (European Trade Union Institute):
CEE Crisis 2009 Versus the Crisis of the Periphery of the Eurozone: Why do CEE Countries not have a Competitiveness Problem Comparable to that of Greece and Portugal?

Dinner 8.00 pm

Saturday, 12 October 2013

Session IV 9.00am–1.00 pm

The Centre-Periphery Divide: Theory And Reality I

- Angelos Sepos (AlAkhawayn University, Morocco):
The Centre-Periphery Divide in the Euro-Crisis: A Theoretical Approach
- Tamás Szemplér (Budapest Business School):
Hungary's Eurozone Prospects in the Context of the Present Crisis and the Country's Mid Term Economic Objectives

- Maciej Duszczczyk (Warsaw University):
Poland under Economic Crisis Conditions

Tea & Coffee Break 11.15 am–11.30 am

- Roundtable on »Euro-Crisis and Centre-Periphery Cleavage in the European Union«
Chair: José M. Magone Brigid Laffan, Angelos Sepos, Carolin Rüger, Christian Schweiger.

Buffet Lunch 1.00 pm–2.00 pm

Session V 2.00pm–5.15 pm

The Centre-Periphery Divide: Theory And Reality II

- Marie-Janine Calic (Ludwig Maximilian University Munich):
Politics in South-Eastern Europe under Pressure: the Impact of European Integration
- Peter Zervakis (German University Rectors' Conference):
Transforming Greece? Past and Present Legacies of Reform Politics.

Tea & Coffee Break 3.15 pm–3.30 pm

- Ismini Lefa (University of Manchester):
The Welfare of Immigrant Workers in Greece in Light of the Current Economic Crisis
- José M. Magone (Berlin School of Economics and Law):
›Portugal is not Greece‹: Policy Responses to the Sovereign Debt Crisis and the Consequences in the Portuguese Stagnating Economy
- Closing Statement by José M. Magone and Christian Schweiger