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Call for papers

Forms of differentiated integration and consequences

Andrássy University of Budapest (Prof. Dr. Ellen Bos), the University of Passau (Prof. Dr. Daniel Göler) and the European Academy Berlin (Prof. Dr. Eckart Stratenschulte), in conjunction with the Arbeitskreis Europäische Integration, are proposing to hold an academic conference during the period from **11–13 December 2014 in the European Academy Berlin** (cp. as well www.eab-berlin.eu). This will address forms of differentiated integration in Europe, and conference submissions are now requested.

The conference is designed to focus on the variety of integration forms and stages within the European Union and at its borders, with the aim of developing policy recommendations for further extension of the European Union. The central question reads: Where is differentiated integration leading to? The following hypotheses are currently under discussion in European studies debate: 1. It brings member states and candidate countries step by step into the EU, thus it has a centripetal force. 2. It leads to eroding European integration and hence is centrifugal. 3. It balances out the varying demands made of European integration and perpetuates the status quo.

The objective of the conference is to subject these hypotheses to scrutiny and to arrive at an assessment of differentiated integration.

The organisers are seeking submissions in German or in English which will address the following topics:

- Theoretical considerations on models of flexible integration
- De-integration tendencies in the EU as a result of domestic policy developments in the member states
- Flexible integration as a model in solving constitutional log-jams
- Flexible integration as a model to restructure European neighbourhood policy
- National populist movements in member states and demands made in respect of the EU
- Efforts towards independence and the referendum in Scotland
- [in the event that the Scottish referendum is in favour of withdrawal from union with Great Britain:]
- Political developments in Catalonia and consequences for the European Union
- Macro-regional strategies as a new form of integrating member states and neighbours
- Mare Nostrum: the EU Baltic Sea Strategy in an appraisal after five years
- The European river: the EU Danube Region Strategy as political programme and economic driver
- The new Adriatic Region Strategy – 'more of the same' or a new macro-regional approach?



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Any contribution which fits within this thematic context, but which is pursuing a different line of questioning, would also be welcome.

A presentation should be limited to approx. 20 minutes delivery time, in order to avoid restricting opportunities for discussion.

The conference organisers are able to provide to invited speakers a refund of incurred travel costs, plus accommodation in the European Academy Berlin (co-located hotel), as well as to award an acknowledgement fee of € 200. It is planned to issue the presentations in the Arbeitskreis Europäische Integration series of papers published by Nomos-Verlag in connection with the conference.

Any interested persons who wish to provide a presentation are requested to submit an abstract of their proposed paper in no more than 3000 characters to be received by 31 July 2014. In particular, young scholars, including those working towards a doctorate, as well as members of the Arbeitskreis Europäische Integration, are warmly invited to submit a contribution.

The decision as to whether an invitation to take a contributory part in the conference can be extended to you will be taken no later than 31 August 2014, so that there will be sufficient time to prepare your presentation. Presentations and also the chapters to be included in the publication may be compiled either in German or in English.

Please send the abstract and brief personal details to:

European Academy Berlin, Prof. Dr. Eckart Stratenschulte, 46/48 Bismarckallee, 14193 Berlin, Germany, email: eds@eab-berlin.eu.

If you do intend to forward your work by email, which would be most pleasant, please identify the item clearly in the subject line by writing Call for papers: conference in December 2014.

The conference organisers as undersigned are looking forward to hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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