

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 **Welcome and Opening Discussion** (Room A)
Roundtable on Interests of the Participants and the SUMMIT Project

Philippe de Schoutheete | Ambassador, Egmont Royal Institute for International Relations
Wolfgang Wessels, Johannes Müller Gómez, Linda Dieke, Alexander Hoppe | University of Cologne

15:00 – 16:00 **Opening Speech and Discussion** (Room A)

Herman van Rompuy | President European Council emeritus

Chair: **Wolfgang Wessels** | University of Cologne
Rapporteur: **Jan Wolters** | University of Cologne

16:00-16:15 Tea and Coffee Break

16:15 – 17:00 **Keynote Speeches introducing to Working Group A & B** (Room A)

Martin Selmayr | European Commission
Didier Seeuws | Council of the European Union

Chair: **Philippe de Schoutheete** | Ambassador, Egmont Royal Institute for International Relations
Rapporteur: **Marieke Eckhardt** | University of Cologne

17:00 – 18:15 Working Group A
(Room Jean Willems)
Taking Decision: Leadership and Consensus Building in the European Council

Chair: **Julie Smith**
University of Cambridge

Joachim Schild | Trier University
'Informal Politics, Power Asymmetries, and Franco-German Bilateralism in EMU reforms'

Working Group B
(Room A)
Interinstitutional Relations: The European Council and the European Commission

Chair: **Christine Neuhold**
Maastricht University

Neill Nugent | Manchester Metropolitan University
'Is the European Commission Really in Decline?'
Wolfgang Wessels | University

Working Group C (PADEMIA)
(Room B)
Legitimacy in the Multi-Level System: The European Council and the European Parliament

Chair: **Oliver Höing**
University of Cologne

Johannes Pollak | Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna
'The European Parliament: Adversary or Accomplice of the new intergovernmentalism?'

	<p>Sergio Fabbrini LUISS School of Government <i>'From Consensus to Domination: The Intergovernmental Union in a Crisis Situation'</i></p> <p>Discussant: Giorgio Maganza Council Legal Service</p> <p>Rapporteur: Alina Thieme University of Cologne</p>	<p>of Cologne <i>'The Commission as Principal vis-à-vis the European Council?'</i></p> <p>Discussant: Ralf Drachenberg, DG for Parliamentary Research Services</p> <p>Rapporteur: Johannes Müller Gómez University of Cologne</p>	<p>John Erik Fossum ARENA <i>'Representation and democratic legitimacy in complex multilevel systems: comparing the European Union and Canada'</i></p> <p>Discussant: Katrin Auel Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna</p>
18:15 – 18:30 Tea and Coffee Break			
18:30 – 19:45	<p>Working Group D (Room Jean Willems) Researching and Theorizing the European Council: New (?) Intergovernmentalism and Beyond</p> <p>Chair: Sabine Saurugger Sciences Po Grenoble</p> <p>Daniela Kroll University of Konstanz <i>'The Interplays between the European Council and the Council of Ministers in EU Decision-Making'</i></p> <p>Michael Bolle Freie Universität Berlin <i>'The Council after Lisbon: Molding National Preferences and the Aggregation Problem'</i></p> <p>Discussant: Johannes Pollak Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna</p> <p>Rapporteur: Sébastien Commain College of Europe</p>	<p>Working Group E (Room A) Trajectory of a Key Institution: Characters and Political Changes in the European Council's History</p> <p>Chair: tba</p> <p>Emmanuel Murlon-Druol University of Glasgow <i>'Steering Europe: Explaining the Rise of the European Council, 1975-1986'</i></p> <p>Giorgio Maganza Council Legal Service <i>'Insights in the Evolution of the European Council'</i></p> <p>Discussant: Yann-Sven Rittelmeyer Université libre de Bruxelles</p> <p>Rapporteur: Alina Thieme University of Cologne</p>	<p>Working Group F (PADEMIA) (Room B) Interinstitutional Relations: The European Council and National Parliaments</p> <p>Chair: Anna-Lena Högenauer University of Luxembourg</p> <p>Fotis Fitsilis Scientific Service of the Hellenic Parliament <i>'Parliamentary control of Governmental actions on the interaction with European organs in the Hellenic Parliament and the National Assembly of Serbia'</i></p> <p>Alexander Hoppe University of Cologne <i>'The European Council and national parliaments: How governmental leaders reduce the influence of national parliaments'</i></p> <p>Discussant: Piret Ehin University of Tartu</p>
20:00 Dinner Restaurant Enoteca Da Valentino Rue du Champ de Mars, 13			

Friday, 29 January 2016

**9:30 –
10:00**

Keynote Speeches introducing to Working Group 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

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

Chair: **Joachim Schild** | Trier University

Rapporteur: **Linda Dieke** | University of Cologne

**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

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

Discussant: **Suzana Elena Anghel Gavrilesco** | DG for Parliamentary Research Services

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

11:15 – 11:30 Tea and Coffee Break

**11:30 –
12:30**

Results & Outlook – Open Discussion (Room A)

Wolfgang Wessels | University of Cologne

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

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