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

16-17 January 2017 | Europäische Akademie Berlin | Bismarckallee 46/48, 14193 Berlin

**Monday | 16 January 2016**

11:00-11:45 Registration

11:45-12:30 Lunch

12:30-14:00

**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?

*Discussion*

*Rapporteur: Alina Thieme* (CETEUS/University of Cologne)

14:00-14:30 Coffee break

14:30-15:30 Session 1

**The European Council and the  
future of the EU**

*Chair: Michael Kaeding* (University of Duisburg, TEPSA)

*Discussants: Uta Stäsche* (Freie Universität Berlin) and **Sophie**

**Vanhoonacker** (Maastricht University)

**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

Session 2

**Teaching the European Council:  
Approaches and tools**

*Chair: Hartmut Marhold* (Centre international de formation européenne)

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

**Miriam Vogel** (Bundeszentrale für politische Bildung): Explaining Europe and fostering a European general public.

**Susana Muñoz** (University of Luxembourg): Narrating the European

	the EU's crises: A driver of core consolidation, a means of muddling through, or an instigator of fragmentation in Europe?	Council: an innovative digital publication. <b>Marieke Eckhardt</b> (CETEUS/University of Cologne): SUMMIT Webcasts – Video Teaching Material on the European Council
15:30-15:40	Short break (10 minutes)	Short break (10 minutes)
15:40-16:40	<i>(Continuation Session 1)</i>  <b>Peter-Christian Müller-Graff</b> (Heidelberg University): The European Council - A Visionary Task. <b>Uwe Puetter</b> (Central European University, Budapest): Can the European Council lead the EU within core areas of day-to-day decision-making? <i>Rapporteur: Johannes Wolters</i> (CETEUS/University of Cologne)	<i>(Continuation Session 2)</i>  <b>Jürgen Mittag</b> (German Sport University Cologne): Below the line? The use of cartoons in teaching the European Council. <b>Lenka Curillova</b> (Comenius University, Bratislava): Student simulations of the European Council. <i>Rapporteur: Marieke Eckhardt</i> (CETEUS/University of Cologne)
16:45-17:30	Coffee	
17:30-19:00	Session 3 <b>A practitioners' perspective: The role of the European Council for national decision-makers</b> <i>Chair: Funda Tekin</i> (CETEUS/University of Cologne, Centre international de formation européenne) <i>Discussant: Emmanuel Murlon-Druol</i> (University of Glasgow) <b>Thomas Westphal</b> (Head of Department for European Affairs/Federal Ministry of Finance) <b>Klemens H. Fischer</b> (Minister plenipotentiary and Head of Department/Permanent Representation of Austria to the European Union, University of Cologne) <b>Yvonne Nasshoven</b> (Advisor at Office of the Ministers' of State /Federal Foreign Office) <i>Rapporteur: Fulden Eskidelvan</i> (CETEUS/University of Cologne)	
afterwards	Dinner	

8:00-9:00 Breakfast

9:00-10:30 Session 4

### **The European Council in times of crises**

*Chair:* **Mathias Jopp** (Institut für Europäische Politik)

*Discussant:* **Ralf Drachenberg** (Parliamentary Research Services/European Parliament)

**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** (University of Oxford): Responsiveness of the European Council to the EU public.

*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)

*Discussant:* **Sebastian Princen** (Utrecht University)

**Christophe Hillion** (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?

**Sergio Fabbrini** (LUISS, Rome): The European Council and the executive deficit of the EU.

*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)

**Lenka Curillova** (Comenius University, Bratislava)

**Mathias Jopp** (Institut für Europäische Politik)

**Christine Neuhold** (Maastricht University)

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

**Sophie Vanhoonacker** (Maastricht University)

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

14:30

Farewell coffee

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