

Research workshop

‘The normalisation of the European Council’

Europa-Universität Flensburg (EUF), 12-13 February 2025

Venue: Auf dem Campus 1b, building ‘Tallinn’, room TAL 007

Organisers: Derek Beach (Aarhus University) and Uwe Puetter (Europa-Universität Flensburg)

This two-day research workshop brings the authors of the special issue project ‘The normalisation of the European Council’ together. Authors are invited to submit their paper to the organisers by February 5, 2025.

For questions regarding the academic programme please contact Uwe Puetter. For questions linked to workshop logistic, accommodation and travel reimbursement refer to Nele Fentzahn.

WLAN information

WLAN: Campus-Visitor

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Day 1 - Wednesday, 12 February 2025

8.30 - 8.45 hrs

Welcome

Uwe Puetter (Europa-Universität Flensburg)

8.45 - 9.30 hrs

The normalisation of the European Council: transformation and institutionalisation after Lisbon

*Presenters: Derek Beach (Aarhus University)
Uwe Puetter (Europa-Universität Flensburg)*

Discussant: Edoardo Bressanelli (Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies Pisa)

9.30 - 10.15 hrs

From enabling to constraining interdependence: Explaining variance in the degree of European Council involvement in EU legislative processes

*Presenters: Derek Beach (Aarhus University)
Sandrino Smeets (Radboud Universiteit, Nijmegen)*

Discussant: Pierre Bocquillon (University of East Anglia, Norwich)

10.15 - 10.30 hrs

Coffee break

10.30 - 11.15 hrs

The Commission and the European Council

*Presenters: Pierre Bocquillon (University of East Anglia, Norwich)
Hussein Kassim (The University of Warwick, Coventry)*

Discussant: Jens Blom-Hansen (Aarhus University)

11.15 - 12.00 hrs

Towards ever-greater rivalry? The European Council and its relations with the European Parliament

Presenters: Lucy Kinski (Paris Lodron Universität Salzburg)
Lucas Schramm (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München)

Discussant: Daniel Finke (Aarhus University)

12.00 - 12.45 hrs

Bridging the gap in intergovernmentalism: the institutional politics of European Council and Council relations

Presenter: Uwe Puetter (Europa-Universität Flensburg)

Discussant: Jens Blom-Hansen (Aarhus University)

12.45 - 14.00 hrs

Lunch break

14.00 - 14.45 hrs

The accountability framework of the European Council: What is it good for?

Presenters: Adina Akbik (Leiden University, The Hague)
Mark Dawson (Hertie School, Berlin)

Discussant: Lucy Kinski (Paris Lodron Universität Salzburg)

14.45 - 15.30 hrs

The unexpected lawmaker: What explains the European Council's legislative priorities?

Presenters: Christine Reh (Hertie School, Berlin)
Edoardo Bressanelli (Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies Pisa)
Christel Koop (King's College London)

Discussant: Christof Roos (Europa-Universität Flensburg)

15.30 - 15.45 hrs

Coffee break

15.45 - 16.30 hrs

The European Council's role in the EU's migration and asylum policies

Presenters: Marguerite Arnoux Bellavitis (Paris Lodron Universität Salzburg/ Università degli Studi di Palermo)

Ariadna Ripoll Servent (Paris Lodron Universität Salzburg)

Discussant: Christof Roos (Europa-Universität Flensburg)

16.30 - 17.15 hrs

The European Council as a Crisis Manager in EU foreign policy: The Case of Ukraine

Presenter: Maria Giulia Amadio Viceré (European University Institute, Fiesole)

Discussant: Daniel Finke (Aarhus University)

17.15 - 17.30 hrs

Coffee break

17.30 - 18.15 hrs

The power of the purse - The European Council's role in EU budgetary politics

Presenters: Richard Crowe (Secretariat-General of the European Parliament, Legal Service, Brussels)

Ralf Drachenberg (European Parliamentary Research Service, Brussels)

Discussant: Chiara Terranova (Europa-Universität Flensburg)

19.00 hrs

Dinner at the "lauschig lokal"

Holm 49/51, 24937 Flensburg

Day 2 - Thursday, 13 February 2025

8.00 - 8.30 hrs

Next steps: paper revision and special issue submissions

8.30 - 9.15 hrs

Leadership Styles in the European Council: Style Matters

Presenter: Martina Vass (Brussels)

Discussant: Christine Reh (Hertie School, Berlin)

9.15 - 10.00 hrs

Talking Heads: Sending signals to the public at the European Council

Presenter: Michele Scotto Di Vettimo (King's College London)

Discussant: Ralf Drachenberg (European Parliamentary Research Service, Brussels)

10.00 - 11.00 hrs

Practitioner intervention: Debating the normalisation hypothesis

Presenter: Tristan Aureau, Director, Centre d'analyse, de prévision et de stratégie, Ministère de l'Europe et des affaires étrangères, Paris, former member of cabinet and deputy Sherpa of European Council president Charles Michel

Initial intervention is followed by open discussion with our guest.

11.00 hrs

End of the workshop

*Cabs are available to take you to the station for the 11.15 hrs train to Hamburg.
We wish you a pleasant journey home!*