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United in diversity? The legitimacy of a differentiated European Union

7.-8.11.2022, University of Warsaw

Witold Czachórski Hall, room 209, Collegium Iuridicum I, Faculty of Law and
Administration, Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28, 00-927 Warsaw

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For decades, the European Union (EU) has gradually departed from uniform integration by allowing individual member states to move forward or opt out from selected policy fields. In effect, we now face a considerably fragmented political system in key policy fields. While the question of legitimacy has been extensively debated with regard to the EU’s democratic nature, its normative implications of differentiation have for long received little attention.

In this conference, we thus aim to analyse the legitimacy of differentiation across various EU policy fields. By differentiating between a legal, social and normative notion of EU legitimacy, we strive to encourage an interdisciplinary debate on the virtues and vices of further differentiating European integration.

This hybrid conference will be held in English and will be moderated by Dr. Thomas Mehlhausen (Leipzig University).



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Programme

Monday, 7.11.2022

09:30 – 10:00 Meet and greet & registration

10:00 – 10:15 Welcome

Prof. Tomasz Giaro, Dean of the Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Warsaw

David Gregosz, Director of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Warsaw

10:15 – 10:30 Introduction

Prof. Robert Grzeszczak, University of Warsaw

Prof. Ireneusz P. Karolewski, Leipzig University

10:30 – 11:30 Research report: Legitimacy resources and deficits of EU differentiation

Dr. Thomas Mehlhausen, Leipzig University

Adrian Wagstyl, University of Warsaw

11:30 – 12:00 Coffee break

12:00 – 13:30 Panel 1: The Logic of Differentiation: the Schengen Area, Migration and Asylum

Prof. Maciej Duszczyk, University of Warsaw

Prof. Maciej Cesarz, University of Wrocław

Dr. Raphael Bossong, German Institute for International and Security Affairs

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 – 16:00 Panel 2: Differentiated integration and disintegration in the Common Market and the Monetary Union?

Prof. Artur Nowak-Far, Warsaw School of Economics

Prof. Sebastian Płóciennik, Vistula University

16:00 – 16:30 Coffee break

16:30 – 18:00 Panel 3: Fragmentation in Everyday Politics. Differentiation in EU Secondary Law through Enhanced Cooperation

Prof. Magdalena Słok-Wódkowska, University of Warsaw

Prof. Monika Szwarc, Institute of Legal Sciences, Polish Academy of Sciences

Prof. Sylwia Majkowska-Szulc, University of Gdansk



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Tuesday, 8.11.2022

- 09:00 – 10:30 Panel 4: ... and all for one? Differentiation in EU Security and Defence Policy
Dr. Nicolai von Ondarza, German Institute for International and Security Affairs Berlin
Prof. Katarzyna Pisarska, Warsaw School of Economics
Prof. Adam Szymanski, University of Warsaw
- 10:30 – 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00 – 12:30 Panel 5: Germany and Poland as Crucial Cases of Differentiated integration
Prof. Rafal Riedel, University of Opole
Alexander Radunz, German Agency for International Cooperation GmbH
Dr. Maria Skóra, Institute for European Politics
Dr. Olaf Wientzek, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung
- 12:30 – 13:30 Lunch break
- 13:30 – 15:00 Concluding discussion: Differentiation as a Threat to Democracy, Identity and Solidarity in Europe?
Prof. Erik O. Eriksen, ARENA Centre for European Studies
Dr. Hanna Machińska, Deputy Commissioner for Human Rights
Prof. Renata Mieñkowska-Norkiene, University of Warsaw