



International (digital) conference

From takers to shapers? Challenges for regions in a dynamic EU polity

Programme

Thursday, 6 May 2021

14:00h* Official Opening of Conference

Prof. Dr. Gabriele ABELS, University of Tübingen, Germany
Dr. Sarah MEYER, Danube University Krems, Austria
Sara Kikic, RegioParl project / Outer Space Transmitter

14:30h*

Session 1: Regions as actors in EU constitution-making

Facilitator: Dr. Elisabeth DONAT, Danube University Krems, Austria

Prof. Dr. Beniamino CARAVITA DI TORITTO, Sapienza University, Rome
European constitutionalism and the role of regions

Dr. Anna-Lena HÖGENAUER, University of Luxembourg, Luxembourg
Look back in anger? Regional involvement and treaty changes since 1990

Prof. Dr. Gabriele ABELS, Dr. Martin GROSSE HÜTTMANN, both University of Tuebingen, and
Dr. Sarah MEYER, Danube University Krems, Austria
Regions and the Conference on the Future of Europe

Marie KAPRETZ, Delegate of the Catalan Regional Government in Germany
Regions for EU Recovery – Design Thinking and Sustainable Leadership Strategies in European
Regions Initiative

Discussants:

Prof. Dr. Francesco PALERMO, Eurac, Bozen

Wolfgang PETZOLD, Committee of the Regions, Brussels

16:30h* Coffee break

16:30-17:30h* Presentation of the art project "Outer Space Transmitter"

With an introduction by the artist, Mona Schulzek, and input "Regional voices on Europe: an
artistic dialogue with EU citizens" by Sara Kikić // <https://www.outerspacetransmitter.art/>



Friday, 7 May 2021

09:30h*

Session 2: How can regions and their parliaments shape the EU?

Facilitator: Prof. Dr. Gabriele ABELS, University of Tübingen, Germany

Conceptualising the (potential) role of regional parliaments in democratising the EU – an analytical framework

Paul KINDERMANN, RegioParl project, Berlin

The Conference of European Legislative Assemblies (CALRE) – much ado about nothing?

Prof. Dr. Peter BUSSJÄGER, University of Innsbruck; previously also Director of the Regional Parliament of Vorarlberg, Austria

Transnational networking among German-speaking regional parliaments in EU affairs

Carolin-Charlotte KOSEL, Head of the Liaison office of the Bavarian State Parliament in Brussels

Getting involved despite obstacles? German regional MPs' networking activities on EU affairs

Dr. Sarah MEYER, Danube University Krems, Austria, Mario WOLF, BA, REGIOPARL Project, Berlin

Discussants:

Prof. Dr. Annegret EPPLER, University of Public Administration in Kehl

Dr. Marcin ZUBEK, Jagiellonian University Krakow, Poland

11:30h* Coffee break

12:00-13:00h* Key note lecture

Prof. Simona PIATTONI, University of Trento, Italy

Regional voices in Multilevel Politics and the Pandemic

Key note lecture with support from the European Center for Research on Federalism (EZFF)



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13:00-14:00h* Lunch break

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13:00-14:00 h* Presentation of the art project "Outer Space Transmitter"
<https://www.outerspacetransmitter.art/> *** Q&A with the artist Mona Schulzek

14:00h*

Session 3: Bringing citizens in: Regions and identity politics in EU governance

Facilitator: Dr. Sarah MEYER, Danube University Krems, Austria

Prof. Anna BRIGEVICH, PhD, Norwegian University of Science and Technology, Trondheim
Regional identity and support for European integration

Emma-Katharina DAVID, Otto-von-Guericke-University Magdeburg, Germany
Multilingual regions - Development prospects in the EU multi-level system

Dr Kees TERLOUW
Utrecht University, Netherlands
Many faces of regional identities

Stephanie HARTUNG, Pulse of Europe, Frankfurt
Mobilizing citizens – but how? Regional and local experiences

Discussant:

Dr. Katrin BÖTTGER, Institute for European Politics (IEP), Berlin

15:45h* Concluding remarks by the organizers

16:00h* End of conference

**The conference will take place in digital (ZOOM-based) format.
Participation is free of charge.**

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We will then send you the Zoom link and updates.**

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