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The Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence "Positioning Regions and Regionalism in a Democratic Europe" invites researchers from all areas of political science working in various fields such as European integration theory, theories of democracy and participation, comparative politics and comparative federalism, and regionalization and decentralization studies. The international conference is supposed to serve as a link to other disciplines dealing with regionalism such as law and political geography.

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## TOPIC & REGISTRATION

### Europe with the regions: Regionalization and democratization in the EU

Today processes of territorial decentralization are underway in many EU member states. Also many regions aim to become more active players in EU affairs at both the domestic and the EU level (e.g. within the subsidiarity monitoring mechanism). In addition, the formation of transnational macro-regional strategies is a prominent tool in EU regional policy for many regions across Europe.

### Registration and fees

The conference is held in English. Participation is limited to a maximum of 20 attendees (first come first serve). In order to cover some of the conference costs, we need to charge a small participation fee: regular participation fee is 60€, while students pay a reduced fee of 20€. Conference fees include: full-time access to the conference, coffee breaks, reception and program booklet.

For further information and registration, please visit the website:  
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## EUROPE WITH THE REGIONS: REGIONALIZATION AND DEMOCRATIZATION IN THE EU

PRRIDE-Conference

11-13 May 2017

Schloss Hohentübingen, Tübingen

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# THEORETICAL & CONCEPTUAL ISSUES

Day 1 – Thursday, 11 May 2017

**13.00 – 14.00 Registration & light lunch**

**14.00 – 14.30 Welcome address**

**14.30 – 15.45 Panel I: Conceptualising Regions & Regionalism**

*Prof. Michael Keating PhD, University of Aberdeen:*

“Contesting European Regions”

*Prof. Dr. François-Olivier Seys, University of Lille 1:*

“New Regionalism in Europe: from Territorial to Functional Regions”

**Discussant:** *Prof. Dr. Roland Sturm, University of Nürnberg-Erlangen*

**Panel Chair:** *Prof. Dr. Gabriele Abels, University of Tübingen*

**15.45 – 16.15 Coffee Break**



**16.15 – 18.00 Panel II: Theorizing Regions & Regionalism**

*Prof. Dr. Gabriele Abels, University of Tübingen:*

“Can Multi-level Governance Explain Regionalization?”

*Dr. des. Franziska Sielker, Cambridge University:*

“Scaling and Rescaling in Territorial Politics”

*Prof. Dr. Martin Nettessheim, University of Tübingen:*

“Regions in the European Legal System”

**Discussant:** *Dr. Julia Anna Braun, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin*

**Panel Chair:** *Jan Ullrich, M.A., University of Tübingen*

**19.00 - 20.30 Panel Discussion (in German & open to the public)**

„Starke Regionen in Europa: Was heißt das für Baden-Württemberg?“

Ort: Audimax, Neue Aula, Geschwister Scholl Platz, Tübingen

*Dr. Walter Deffaa, former Director-General of DG Regional Policy of the European Commission*

*Daniel Lede Abal, Member of the Landtag von Baden-Württemberg*

*Peter Simon, Member of the European Parliament*

*Katja Vonhoff, Expert for the EU Danube Strategy*

**Moderator:** *Prof. Dr. Gabriele Abels, University of Tübingen*

**20.30 - 22.00 Reception**

# EMPIRICAL EXAMPLES

Day 2 – Friday, 12 May 2017

**10.00 – 12.00 Panel III: Dynamics of Territorial Politics in EU Member States**

*Prof. Dr. Roland Sturm, University of Nürnberg-Erlangen:*

“Strategies for More Autonomous Regions – are There Alternatives to Secession?”

*Dr. Mario Kölling, Fundación Manuel Giménez Abad:*

“Territorial Politics and Devolution – the Case of Catalonia”

*Dott. Matteo Nicolini, University of Verona:*

“Reforming the Territorial Constitution in Italy”

**Discussant:** *Prof. em. Dr. Rudolf Hrbek, University of Tübingen*

**Panel Chair:** *Prof. Dr. Gabriele Abels, University of Tübingen*

**12.00 – 13.30 Networking Lunch**

**13.30 – 15.30 Panel IV: Territorial Cooperation and Macro-Regional Strategies in Europe**

*Dr. Walter Deffaa, former Director-General of DG Regio:*

“Development of Macro-regional Strategies”

*Prof. Dr. Stefan Gänzle, University of Agder:*

“Conceptualizing Macro-regions”

*Dr. Thomas Perrin, University of Lille 1:*

“Cultural Dimension of Macro-regions”

**Discussant:** *Dr. des. Franziska Sielker, Cambridge University*

**Panel Chair:** *Martin Grosse Hüttmann, University of Tübingen*

**15.30 – 16.00 Coffee Break**

**16.00 – 17.30 Panel V: Territorial Cohesion and Economic Governance**

*Dr. Julia Anna Braun, Hertie School of Governance, Berlin:*

“Fostering European Engagement via Networking: The ERRIN Network for Research and Innovation”

*Marjorie Jouen, Jacques Delors Institute, Brussels:*

“Can EU Cohesion Policy Foster European Integration?”

*Bert Kuby, Committee of the Regions, Brussels:*

“Regions in European Economic Governance”

**Discussant:** *Prof. Dr. Sebastian Kinder, University of Tübingen*

**Panel Chair:** *Prof. Dr. Stefan Gänzle, University of Agder*

**19.30 Dinner for Panelists & Discussants**



# REGIONALIZATION & DEMOCRACY

Day 3 – Saturday, 13 May 2017

**10.00 – 11.45 Panel VI: Regionalization as Democratization?**

*Prof. Dr. Simona Piattoni, University of Trento:*

“Europe with the Regions: Regionalization and Democratization in the EU”

*Prof. Dr. Peter Bursens, University of Antwerp:*

“Democratic Legitimacy in Multi-level Political Systems”

*Dr. Anna-Lena Högenauer, University of Luxembourg:*

“Regions and the Parliamentarization of EU governance”

**Discussant:** *Dr. Carlo Panara, John Moores University Liverpool*

**Panel Chair:** *Prof. Dr. Gabriele Abels, University of Tübingen*

**11.45 – 12.15 Coffee Break**



**12.15 – 14.00 Panel VII: Regionalization and Good Governance in a Multi-level System**

*Prof. Michael Tatham PhD, University of Bergen:*

“Regions as Lobbyists”

*Prof. Dr. Petra Meier, University of Antwerp:*

“Gender Perspectives on Regional Governance”

*Dr. Carlo Panara, John Moores University Liverpool:*

“Regions and Good Governance in the EU”

**Discussant:** *Prof. Dr. Simona Piattoni, University of Trento*

**Panel Chair:** *Dr. Anna-Lena Högenauer, University of Luxembourg*

**14.00 – 14.15 Wrap up & Summary**

**Panel Chair:** *Prof. Dr. Gabriele Abels, University of Tübingen*