

**A VISION FOR POST-CRISIS EUROPE:
TOWARDS WHAT KIND OF POLITICAL UNION?**

THESEUS Conference, 17-18 October 2013
Austrian Institute for International Affairs, Berggasse 7, 1090 Vienna

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Thursday, 17 October 2013

13:00 – 13:30 Registration and Coffee

13:30 – 14:00 Welcome

Heinz Gärtner, Austrian Institute for International Affairs, Vienna (tbc)

Jürgen Regge, Fritz Thyssen Foundation, Cologne

Wolfgang Wessels, University of Cologne

14:00 – 15:30 State of the Art: Concepts and different approaches of a Political Union

What are the definitions and approaches for academia to deal with taking into account different disciplinary angles?

Chair: Gunilla Herolf, Royal Swedish Academy of War Sciences, Stockholm

Iain Begg, London School of Economics

Jean Paul Jacqu  , Honorary Director General at the Council of the EU

Sonja Punt  scher-Riekmann, University Salzburg

Ramunas Vilpi  sauskas, Vilnius University

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee

16:00 – 17:30 National and Community's views and expectations for future Europe

*What does a political union mean for nation states? What do nation states expect?
What are the limits and constraints to set up a political union?*

Chair: Hans Peter Neuhold, University of Vienna

Juha Jokela, Finnish Institute of International Affairs

William Paterson, Aston University, Birmingham

Olivier Rozenberg, Sciences Po Paris

Vi  nja Samard  zija, Institute for Development and International Relations,
Croatia

Mirte van den Berge, TEPSA, Brussels

17:30 – 17:45 Break

17:45 – 19:30 Award Ceremony: Promising and Outstanding Award 2013

Award Speeches: **Brigid Laffan**, European University Institute, Florence

András Inotai, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest

Followed by Reception

Dinner (on invitation)

Friday, 18 October 2013

09:00 – 09:30 Coffee

09:30 – 11:00 Roadmap for a closer Union?

What are the next steps? Does more economic integration make a political union necessary? Is there a need for a European convention? What does it mean for European elections in 2014?

Chair: **Otmar Höll**, Austrian Institute for International Affairs

Stefano Braghiroli, University of Tartu

Sabine Saurugger, Sciences Po Grenoble

Johannes Pollak, Institute for Advanced Studies Department of Political Science, Vienna

Funda Tekin, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee

11:30 – 13:00 Concluding Remarks: What kind of Political Union?

Chair: **Paul Luif**, Austrian Institute for International Affairs

Brigid Laffan, European University Institute, Florence

Wolfgang Wessels, University of Cologne

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch and Departure

Rapporteurs and Conference Paper:

Valentin Kreilinger, Notre Europe – Jacques Delors Institute, Paris

Dorota Skusevičienė, Vilnius University

Laura Ventura, Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA)