



# **RE-ENGAGING GRAND THEORY EUROPEAN INTEGRATION IN THE 21ST CENTURY**

Conference jointly organized by **Liesbet Hooghe** | UNC-Chapel Hill and European University Institute and **Gary Marks** | UNC-Chapel Hill and European University Institute

Theatre

Badia Fiesolana, Via dei Roccettini, 9 - San Domenico di Fiesole

**31 MAY - 1 JUNE 2018**

## ■ INTRODUCTION

This conference examines the validity and use-value of theories that seek to explain the course of European integration. How have the events of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century confirmed or disconfirmed our understanding of the political dynamics of the European Union and of European (dis)integration? Have they confirmed some theories and disconfirmed others? How have they shifted the problematics of research? What new puzzles and perspectives have come to the fore?

## ■ PROGRAMME

### **31 MAY**

13.00 - 14.00 Lunch

14.00 - 14.15 Welcome and introduction

14.15 - 15.30 **PLENARY I: European Integration in Theory**

Chair

**Brigid Laffan** | European University Institute

*Re-Engaging Grand Theory: European Integration in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*

**Liesbet Hooghe** | UNC-Chapel Hill and European University Institute

**Gary Marks** | UNC-Chapel Hill and European University Institute

Commentary

**Philipp Genschel** | European University Institute

15.30 - 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 - 17.15      **PLENARY II: Differentiated Integration in Focus**  
Chair  
**Liesbet Hooghe** | UNC-Chapel Hill and European University Institute  
*Grand Theory, Differentiated Integration*  
**Frank Schimmelfennig** | Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich  
**Thomas Winzen** | University of Mannheim  
Commentary  
**Mareike Kleine** | London School of Economics

17.15 - 18.30      **PLENARY III: The Joint Decision Trap Revisited**  
Chair  
**Tanja Börzel** | Freie Universität Berlin  
*From Joint Decision Trap to Politics Trap*  
**Brigid Laffan** | European University Institute  
Commentary  
**Edgar Grande** | Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für Sozialforschung

## **1 JUNE**

09.30 - 10.45      **PLENARY V: Grand Theory on the Road**  
Chair  
**Gary Marks** | UNC-Chapel Hill and European University Institute  
*Does Grand Theory Travel Beyond Europe? Theorizing Integration across Regions*  
**Tanja Börzel** | Freie Universität Berlin  
**Thomas Risse** | Freie Universität Berlin  
Commentary  
**Antje Wiener** | Universität Hamburg

10.45 - 11.15      Coffee break

11.15 - 12.30      **PLENARY V: Identity and Integration**  
Chair  
**Frank Schimmelfennig** | Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich  
*Grand Theories of European integration Revisited: Does Identity Shape the Course of European integration?*  
**Theresa Kuhn** | University of Amsterdam  
Commentary  
**Juan Diez-Medrano** | Universidad Carlos III de Madrid

12.30 - 13.30      Lunch

13.30 - 14.45

**PLENARY VI: Disintegration and Postfunctionalism**

Chair

**Antje Wiener** | Universität Hamburg

*Theories of Postfunctionalism and European Disintegration*

**Doug Webber** | INSEAD

Commentary

**Thomas Winzen** | University of Mannheim

14.45 - 16.00

**PLENARY VII: Politicization**

Chair

**Philipp Genschel** | European University Institute

*The Discursive Reconstruction of Intergovernmentalist Europe through Politicization*

**Pieter de Wilde** | Norwegian University of Science and Technology

Commentary

**Gary Marks** | UNC-Chapel Hill and European University Institute

16.00 - 17.00

**ROUNDTABLE: Grand Theories Revisited**

Chair

**Brigid Laffan** | European University Institute

Discussants

**Tanja Börzel** | Freie Universität Berlin

**Liesbet Hooghe** | UNC-Chapel Hill and European University Institute

**Gary Marks** | UNC-Chapel Hill and European University Institute

**Frank Schimmelfennig** | Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich