

FREIBURG CONFERENCE ON The Impact of the European Union on Democratic Consolidation in Eastern Europe



AUGUST 25TH – 29TH, 2008

Conference Program

Monday, 25th August

Until 18.00 **Registration**
18.00 Welcome and Opening
18.30 Dinner
19.30 **Introduction Speech:**

**Caroline von Kries, Team Speaker Europe- on behalf of the
Representation of the European Commission to Germany**
The EU between Widening and Deepening – a review from a judicial
perspective

20.00 Get together



Tuesday, 26th August

Until 09.00

Breakfast

09.00

Panel 1: Economics & Institutions

Dr. Schüsselbauer:
Dr. Anisia Popescu:

Economic Challenges in a Future Europe
Institutional Change, Rule of Law and Economic
Performance in Central and Eastern Europe

Prof. Fudulu:
Monika Gonser:

Rules and Institutions as Opportunity Cost Patterns
Institution Building

Moderation:

Dr. Franziska Birke (Walter Eucken Institute)

10.30

Coffee break

11.00

Keynote address by:

Gernot Eler, Minister of State at the Federal Foreign Office

The contribution of the EU to peace and security.

The ESDP from the beginning until today

12.30

Lunch Break

13.30

Panel 2: European Neighbourhood Policy

Barbara Schumacher: Can the European Neighbourhood Policy induce compliance?

Dan Lazea: European Neighbourhood Policy: A Ring of Friends or a Future Enlargement?

Anni Ristau: Mind the Gap: EU Ambitions vs. Achievements in the Southern Caucasus

Dr. Özgür Ünal Eris: European Neighbourhood Policy and Its Significance in Establishing Stability on the European Continent

Marion Kipiani: EU Strategies and Policies on Democratic Consolidation in the Wider Black Sea Region

Moderation:

Arndt Michael, Ass.jur. (Arnold Bergstraesser Institute)

15.30

Coffee break

16.00

Conclusions

17.30

Reception at City Hall Freiburg/ Guided tour of Freiburg

20.00

Dinner in Tacheles (Student Pub in Freiburg)

Wednesday, 27th August

Until 09.00 **Breakfast**

09.00 **Keynote address by:**

<p>Dr. Anneli Ute Gabanyi, Political Analyst, Berlin Populism in EU Member States: The Case of Romania</p>

10.30 **Coffee Break**

11.00 **Panel 3: Civil Society**

Eline de Ridder: European Accession and Democratic Consolidation: EU aid to develop civil society in the Czech Republic and Slovakia

Silvana Cimpoca: Civil Society in Romania

Sorana Kamla: EU Influence on Political Parties in Romania

Moderation: Anitta Orzan (University of Freiburg)

12.30 **Lunch break**

13.30 **Panel 4: Minority Rights and Ethnopolitics in CEE**

Dr. Eve Copeland: The impact of the European Union on minority rights in Eastern Europe, in particular in Latvia and Slovakia

Tunde Székely: Hungarian Minority Civil Society across the Carpathian Basin

Daniel Gortzky: Estonia's ethnopolitics in the face of European integration

Sarah Weber: Malta – an "Island in-Between" and Its Specific Challenges today discourses about immigration and boundaries in a microstate

Moderation: Dr. Jan Voelkel (Arnold Bergstraesser Institute)

15.00 **Coffee break**

15.30 **Panel 5: Judicial Perspectives**

Dr. Bent Boel: The Trans-European Public Sphere of the 1980s and its Post-1989 Legacies

Lindsay Pettingill: From Fury over the Status Law to Status Quo: National Interests and the Status Law Debacle in Romania and Slovakia

Agne Vaitkeviciute: The Conditions of Member States Liability in Damages caused to Private Parties for Breaches of the Law of the European Community

Moderation: Katharina Mangold, Ass.jur. (University of Freiburg)

17.00 **Conclusions**

17.30 **Walking Tour in the Black Forest**



Thursday, 28th August

- Until 09.00** **Breakfast**
- 09.00** **Panel 6 : Europeanization**
- Anitta Orzan:** Europeanization –Theory and Practice
- Bernd Schlipphak**
- Christian Zettl:** Membership in the EU: An obstacle to democratization?
- Elena Borisova:** ‘Soft Power’ as an important Instrument of the EU Policy towards Russia
- Moderation:** Claudia Schäfer (University of Freiburg)
- 10.30** **Coffee break**
- 10.45** **Panel 8: The Sceptical Views towards EU**
- Helle Holte**
- Ragna Skoien:** What would be the consequences to Norway of a Norwegian EU-membership compared to non-membership?
- Joanne Neary:** Ireland after treaty defeat
- Moderation:**
- 12.15** **Lunch break**
- 13.30** **Study trip to European Institute Basel, Switzerland**
- 15.00** **Welcome- Prof. Kreis, Director of the European Institute in Basel**
- Keynote address by:**
- Prof. Georg Kreis, Director of the European Institute in Basel**
The Swiss View on the European Integration
- 16.30** **Coffee Break**
- 17.00** **Guided Tour of Basel**
- 18.00** **Open End**

Friday, 29th August 2008

- until 09.00** **Breakfast**
- 09.00** **Summing up and Perspectives**
- 10.00** **Departure**

