

STATUS SYMPOSIUM, JULY 19–20, 2021

CHALLENGES FOR EUROPE

HERRENHAUSEN PALACE, HANOVER, GERMANY

The symposium will be held in the framework of the Foundation's funding initiative "Challenges for Europe". Scholars funded within this initiative will meet in Hanover from July 19 to 20, 2021 to present and discuss their research projects.

The symposium will offer an international platform for academic exchange based on the results achieved to date within the funding program. Current and emerging challenges for Europe (EU as well as the continent) will be addressed in presentations.

PROGRAM

MONDAY, JULY 19, 2021

10:00 A.M. REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

11:00 A.M. WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

GEORG SCHÜTTE
Secretary General, VolkswagenStiftung

11:15 P.M. ICEBREAKER
Challenges for Research in Pandemic Times

VideoImpulses by

Ani Saunders
Cardiff University, Great Britain

and

Melanie Schiller
University of Groningen, The Netherlands

World Café

Chair: ANNABELLA FICK
VolkswagenStiftung

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12:00 P.M. SESSION I – PROJECT PRESENTATIONS Economic and Security Challenges

Risk sharing in the euro area

GERNOT MÜLLER
Universität Tübingen, Germany

Agents of change in old-industrial regions in Europe

NADIR KINOSSIAN
Leibniz-Institut für Länderkunde e.V., Leipzig, Germany

Fighting together, moving apart? European common defense and shared security in an age of Brexit and Trump

HARALD SCHOEN
Universität Mannheim, Mannheimer Zentrum für Europäische Sozialforschung, Germany

Chair: PIERRE SCHWIDLINSKI
VolkswagenStiftung

1:30 P.M. LUNCH

2:30 P.M. SESSION II – PROJECT PRESENTATIONS Challenges from Within

Popular Music and the Rise of Populism in Europe

MARIO DUNKEL
Universität Oldenburg, Germany

What Do 'the People' Want? Analysing Online Populist Challenges to Europe

SEBASTIAN STIER
GESIS - Leibniz-Institut für Sozialwissenschaften, Germany

Cultures of Rejection: Conditions of Acceptability in Socio-Spatial and Digital Environments in Contemporary Europe

MANUELA BOJADZIJEV
Leuphana Universität Lüneburg, Germany

Misrecognising Minorities in Europe: Challenges to Integration and Security

ANDREAS ZICK
Universität Bielefeld, Germany

Chair: CORA SCHAFFERT-ZIEGENBALG
VolkswagenStiftung

4:30 P.M. COFFEE BREAK

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5:00 P.M. LIGHTNING TALKS Early Career Researchers

Chair: SEBASTIAN MATTHES
VolkswagenStiftung

6:00 P.M. KEYNOTE

European Democracies under Pressure – The Pandemic

DANIEL ZIBLATT
Harvard University, USA/Wissenschaftszentrum Berlin für
Sozialforschung, Germany

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7:30 P.M. DINNER

TUESDAY, JULY 20, 2021

8:30 A.M. REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

9:00 A.M. SESSION III – PROJECT PRESENTATIONS Challenges to European Values

*Value conflicts in a differentiated Europe: The impact of digital media
on value polarisation in Europe*

MONIKA EIGMÜLLER
Universität Flensburg, Germany

*Challenging Populist Truth-Making in Europe: The Role of Museums in a
Digital "Post-Truth" European Society*

CHRISTOPH BAREITHER, SHARON MACDONALD
Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Germany

*Studying European Racial Hoaxes and stereotypes: Cross-cultural and
interdisciplinary studies about racial hoaxes against immigrants for
promoting civic self-awareness in digital*

FRANCESCA D'ERRICO
Università degli Studi Roma Tre, Italy

Chair: SEBASTIAN MATTHES
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10:30 A.M. COFFEE BREAK

11:00 A.M. INTERMEDIATE SESSION

United in Diversity? Challenges for European Research Cooperations

VideoImpulses by

Georgios Psaroudakis
Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, Greece

and

Gazela Pudar Draško
Institute for Philosophy and Social Theory, University of Belgrade, Serbia
Sanja Bojanic
University of Rijeka, Croatia

Challenges for Europe Revisited

ADELHEID WESSLER
VolkswagenStiftung

Group Work:

What does Future Research on Europe need?

Chair: N.N.

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12:30 P.M. LUNCH

1:30 P.M. SESSION IV – PROJECT PRESENTATIONS

Challenges to Democracy

Populism's Roots: Economic and Cultural Explanations in Democracies of Europe

NORBERT KERSTING
Universität Münster, Germany

Protests and Democracy: How Movement Parties, Social Movements and Active Citizens are Reshaping Europe

CLAUDIUS WAGEMANN
Universität Frankfurt am Main, Germany

The Rise of Populist Parties in Europe: The Dark Side of Globalization and Technological Change?

STEFFEN MÜLLER
Institut für Wirtschaftsforschung in Halle (IWH), Germany

Chair: ANNABELLA FICK
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3:00 P.M. COFFEE BREAK

3:30 P.M. PANEL DISCUSSION
Challenges for Europe Revisited: 10 theses

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CLAUDIUS WAGEMANN
Goethe-Universität Frankfurt, Germany

JULIA LESER
HU Berlin, Germany

Chair: GEORG SCHÜTTE
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4:30 P.M. END OF SYMPOSIUM