

Concluding Conference of EU IDEA – EU Integration and Differentiation for Effectiveness and Accountability

# GOVERNING DIFFERENTIATION AND INTEGRATION IN THE EUROPEAN UNION

**20-21 APRIL 2022**  
ZOOM PLATFORM

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*Differentiated integration and flexibility have been part of the European integration project since its early days, and differentiation will remain a necessity if the EU is to deal with its manifold internal and external challenges. This is even more valid following the Russian aggression on Ukraine, making it imperative to improve the functioning of the European integration project amid persistent fragmentation and divergence while simultaneously strengthening the EU's strategic role and contribution to a future European security order.*

*This Conference will present the EU IDEA project's results and discuss the theme of differentiation and integration among researchers from the EU IDEA consortium, composed of 15 EU and non-EU think tanks and universities, along with prominent EU representatives, practitioners, experts, researchers and journalists.*



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# PROGRAMME

## WEDNESDAY 20 APRIL

15.00-16.15 **SESSION I - *How history and narratives around differentiation influence today's state of the EU***

Introduction  
and Chair

**NIOLETTA PIRAZZI**, Head of EU, politics and institutions programme, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) and EU IDEA project coordinator

Speakers

**MARCO BRUNAZZO**, Professor, University of Trento  
**JIM CLOOS**, Secretary General, TEPSA  
**JOHN ERIK FOSSUM**, Professor, University of Oslo  
**INGRID SHIKOVA**, Professor, Sofia University "St.Kliment Ohridski"  
**PIERO TORTOLA**, Assistant Professor, University of Groningen

*Debate*

16.15-16.45 *Coffee break*

16.45-18.00 **SESSION II – *Differentiation in a wider Europe: sustainability, security and solidarity***

Chair

**SENEM AYDIN-DÜZGİT**, Professor, Sabanci University

Speakers

**SVEN BISCOP**, Director, Egmont Institute  
**REINHARD BÜTIKOFER**, Member of the European Parliament  
**ANDREAS EISL**, Research fellow, Jacques Delors Institute (JDI)  
**JUHA JOKELA**, Programme Director, Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA)  
**POL MORILLAS**, Director, Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB)

*Debate*



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## THURSDAY 21 APRIL

09.00-10.15 **SESSION III – *The EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement: Implications for internal and external EU differentiation***

Chair **EMILY FITZPATRICK**, Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre (EPC)

Speakers **IAN BOND**, Director, Centre for European Reform (CER)  
**BRIGID LAFFAN**, Former Director, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute  
**STEFAN FÜHRING**, Head of Unit – EU-UK Trade and Cooperation Agreement, European Commission  
**FABIAN ZULEEG**, Chief Executive, European Policy Centre (EPC)

*Debate*

10.15-10.45 *Coffee break*

10.45-12.00 **SESSION IV – *Democracy and legitimacy in a differentiated EU***

Chair **CORINA STRATULAT**, Senior Policy Analyst, European Policy Centre (EPC)

Speakers **MATTEO BONOMI**, Research Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)  
**JANIS A. EMMANOULIDIS**, Director of Studies, European Policy Centre (EPC)  
**DANIEL FREUND**, Member of the European Parliament  
**FUNDA TEKIN**, Director, Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP)

*Debate*

12.00-13.00 **CLOSING SESSION – *A differentiated Union in a complex world***

Chair **NICOLETTA PIROZZI**, Head of EU, politics and institutions programme, Istituto Affari Internazionali and EU IDEA project coordinator

Speakers **VIVIEN SCHMIDT**, Professor, Frederick S. Pardee School of Global Studies, Boston University  
**HERMAN VAN ROMPUY**, President Emeritus of the European Council, EPC President

13.00-13.30 **CLOSING KEYNOTE SPEECH**

**DIDIER REYNDEERS**, European Commissioner for Justice



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