

# The Risks and Potential of Differentiated Integration: Internal and External Dimensions

11:30 – 18:00 | Wednesday, 14 January 2015  
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## PROGRAM

This seminar provides space for brainstorming and discussing the risks and potential benefits of differentiated integration within the EU in both an internal and external dimension. We seek to discuss how forms of differentiated integration relate to the disintegrative pressures that have built up in Europe, and the impact it may have on the European Neighborhood and enlargement policies. For the internal dimension, the seminar will focus on the institutional and policy implications resulting from the deepening of the euro area, the secessionist trends within the EU, and broader trends of renationalization. For the external dimension, we will examine whether a modular approach to integration may facilitate a revamping of the Eastern dimension of the European Neighbourhood Policy and how this may impact the future of enlargement.

**11:30**                    **Welcome and introduction**

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**11:45 – 13:45 Internal differentiation – trends, problems, potential**

What are the currently most important forms of differentiated integration?  
How does the current and possible future deepening of the euro area impact the EU as a whole?  
How can the UK case potentially impact differentiated integration in the EU?  
What effects may secessionism trends have on the EU?  
How might the current trends with the neighboring and enlargement countries impact the domestic political landscapes within the EU?  
How does public opinion, and in particular the rise of euroscepticism, impact the nature and degree of integration?  
What are other trends to be anticipated?

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*Chair:*

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**13:45 – 14:45 Lunch**

**14:45 – 16:45 Neighborhood policy and enlargement – challenges and chances through the EU's internal differentiation**

To what extent is the EU currently employing a differentiated approach to its enlargement and neighborhood policies?  
How might the current internal trends within the EU impact the neighboring and enlargement countries? Which negative effects are currently underestimated?  
What can ENP and enlargement policy learn from each other?  
What are the potential costs and benefits to the EU and its neighborhood of a more flexible strategy vis-à-vis the Eastern Dimension of ENP? What should this look like?  
What is the potential for modular integration for enlargement policy (Turkey, Balkans, Europe's Eastern neighborhood)?  
How can the divisive "membership" question be transformed into a more

constructive “integration” question of benefit to all sides?

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**16:45 – 18:00    Wrap-up discussion: Towards a new thinking about modular integration**