



The future of the European Union Democracy in a multi-level and multi-national system

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31 May 2019

11:00 – 11:30

Registration
Lea Hopp, COMOS & University of Cologne

11:30 – 11:45

Welcome and introduction

Helgard Fröhlich, COMOS & Centre international de formation européenne
Johannes Müller Gómez, COMOS, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich & Université de Montréal
Alina Thieme, COMOS & University of Cologne
Wulf Reiners, COMOS & German Development Institute

Rapporteur: Moritz Rau, COMOS & University of Cologne

11:45 – 12:15

Democracy in multi-level systems: EU and Canada compared

Background paper presentation: Christian Raphael, COMOS & University of Cologne

Rapporteur: Moritz Rau, COMOS & University of Cologne

12:15 – 12:45

Policy recommendations: How to make the EU more democratic

Joint presentation of the findings of the DAFEUS policy lab:

- Deborah André, University of Rouen
- Xaver Haack, Vrije Universiteit Brussels
- Lukas Kollogo, University of Osnabrück
- Tania, Muscio, FTI Consulting Strategic Communications
- Katharina Pfeffer, Centrum für Europäische Politik, Freiburg & Albert-Ludwigs-University Freiburg
- Alexandre Portes, Hamburg
- Magda Stumvoll, Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe
- Lily Young, Hochschule für Politik, München

Rapporteur: Darius Ribbe, COMOS & University of Cologne

12:45 – 13:30

Lunch

13:30 – 14:00

Introduction: Online interaction and Q&A

Johannes Müller Gómez, COMOS, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich & Université de Montréal
Alina Thieme, COMOS & University of Cologne

14:00 – 15:30

Key note speech: The state of the European Union as a democratic system

Andrew Duff, Spinelli Group & DAFEUS advisory board

Chair and discussant: Wolfgang Wessels, COMOS & University of Cologne

Rapporteur: Fulden Eskidelvan, COMOS & Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit

15:30 – 16:00

Coffee

16:00 – 17:45

Panel 1: Democratic challenges in quasi-federal systems

Chair: Linda Dieke, COMOS & DLR

- Multinational democracies: the Canadian case (Sebastian Geßler, Augsburg University)
- Democratic organisation and contestation in Spain (César Colino, Universidad Nacional de Educación a Distancia)
- The crisis of legitimacy and the reform of the EU (Sophia Russack, Centre for European Policy Studies)
- The European Council and the EU's reform debate (Wolfgang Wessels, COMOS & University of Cologne)

Discussant: Lenka Rovná, Charles University & DAFEUS advisory board

Rapporteur: Thomas Traguth, COMOS & Centre international de formation européenne

18:30

Dinner

1 June 2019

09:30 – 11:00

Panel 2: Elections and political parties in quasi-federal systems

Chair: Andreas Raspotnik, COMOS & High North Center, Nord Universitet

- Political parties in federal and multi-level systems (Lori Thorlakson, University of Alberta & DAFEUS advisory board)
- The development of the Belgian Party System (Siebo Janssen, COMOS & Heinz-Kühn-Bildungswerk)
- Decentralization and the Dynamic Fragmentation of Regional Party Systems (André Kaiser, University of Cologne & DAFEUS partner)

Discussant: Tobias Kunstein, COMOS & University of Cologne

Rapporteur: Helgard Fröhlich, COMOS & Centre international de formation européenne

11:00 – 11:30

Coffee

11:30 – 13:00

Panel 3: Parliaments and the legitimacy crisis of the European Union

Chair: Cyril Gläser-Zolke, COMOS & University of Cologne

- Elections to the European Parliament and the European party system (Enrico Liedtke, University of Bonn)
- Diffuse democracy in the European Union and the European Parliament (Olivier Costa, College of Europe & Sciences Po Bordeaux)
- National parliaments and the EU's democratic deficit (Claudia Heffler, COMOS & DLR)

Discussant: Wulf Reiners, COMOS & German Development Institute

Rapporteur: Steffen Schönhaar, COMOS & University of Cologne

13:00 – 13:45

Lunch

13:45 – 14:45 **Discussion: The European elections 2019 and the repercussions for the European integration project**

Moderators:

- Johannes Müller Gómez, COMOS, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich & Université de Montréal
- Alina Thieme, COMOS & University of Cologne

Technical coordinator: Lea Hopp, COMOS & University of Cologne

Rapporteur: Alice-Anna Oeter, COMOS & University of Cologne

14:45 – 15:00 Coffee

15:00 – 15:30 **Conference findings and concluding debate**

The future of the European Union. What can the EU learn from federal systems?

- Hartmut Marhold, COMOS, University of Cologne & Centre international de formation européenne
- Johannes Müller Gómez, COMOS, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich & Université de Montréal
- Alina Thieme, COMOS & University of Cologne

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16:00 – 18:00 **General assembly of COMOS**

COMOS members only

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