



Collective Identities and Integration of Core State Powers
Amsterdam Centre for European Studies Annual Conference
12 - 14 December 2018
De Balie, Kleine Gartmanplantsoen 10 Amsterdam

Conference organisers: Theresa Kuhn and Francesco Nicoli (Department of Political Science, Faculty of Social and Behavioural Sciences).

This conference aims to explore the relationship between collective identities and the integration of State Powers in the European Union.

Several transformative processes - in particular the Euro crisis, the Schengen crisis, and the deteriorating security environment beyond the EU's borders – have shed light on the role of mutual solidarity in European integration. In fact, scholarship on the integration of Core State Powers (such as foreign defence, social policy and taxation) has often stressed the importance of collective identity bonds to facilitate and legitimise supranational institution building.

However, several questions remain to be addressed: to what extent are collective identities a condition to push forward integration of core state powers, and what are the sources of European collective identities? Do different policy areas require different forms of collective identities? Is the tension between collective identities and integration of core state powers a purely European phenomenon, or we do observe similar trends in other regional organizations too?

In answering these questions, we bring together leading scholars in political science, sociology, law, history, economics and neuroscience to discuss the relationship between identities and integration of core state powers both from a theoretical perspective and from a field-specific perspective. The research presented at this conference will contribute to a forthcoming special issue of *Journal of Common Market Studies* on “Collective Identities and integration of Core State Powers”, guest edited by Theresa Kuhn and Francesco Nicoli.

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Conference programme

Wednesday 12 December (Venue: Spui 25, Spui 25-27 Amsterdam)

20.00 Keynote Lecture by **Thomas Risse** (Free University Berlin)
The EU and Its Various Crises: Identity Politics and Politicization

Thursday 13 December

8.45 - 9.10 **Registration and coffee**

9:10 - 9:20 **Welcome address:** Jonathan Zeitlin, Academic Director of the Amsterdam Centre for European Studies

9:20 - 9.30 **Welcome from JCMS editor Richard Withman**

9.30 - 11.00 **Panel session 1: Determinants of collective identities**

Chair: Wouter van der Brug (University of Amsterdam)

Discussant: Lisanne de Blok (University of Amsterdam)

Catherine de Vries (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam): *A Common Fate? How Perceptions of a Shared European History Increase Support for European Integration*

Laura Cram (University of Edinburgh): *The Neuropolitics of High Politics: Trust and Belonging in Turbulent Times*

11.00 - 11.15 *Coffee-break*

11.15- 12.45 **Panel session 2: Identities & integration of Core State Powers: a two-way relationship?**

Chair: Jonathan Zeitlin (University of Amsterdam)

Discussant: Jan Pieter Beetz (Utrecht University)

Markus Jachtenfuchs (Hertie School of Governance), **Philipp Genschel** (European University Institute) and **Bjoern Bremer** (European University Institute): *The identity trap: Core state powers and intergovernmentalism in the European Union*

Sacha Garben (College d'Europe): *Between a Rock and a Hard Place: A Legal Assessment of the Protection of Collective Identities in European Integration in Areas of Core National Competence.*

12.45 - 14.15 *Lunch break*



14.15 - 15.45 **Panel session 3: Collective identities and social and economic integration**

Chair: Stefano Sacchi (Istituto Nazionale per l'Analisi delle Politiche Pubbliche, Roma)

Discussant: Katjana Gattermann (University of Amsterdam)

Theresa Kuhn, Francesco Nicoli and **Brian Burgoon** (University of Amsterdam):

Collective Identities, European Solidarity: does identification with Europe determine preferences towards alternative models of European Unemployment Benefit Schemes?

Matthias Matthijs and **Silvia Merler** (Johns Hopkins University Washington): *Mind the European Identity Gap: Explaining Diverging Attitudes towards Macroeconomic Governance and Democratic Legitimacy in North and South*

15.45 - 16.15 *Tea break*

16.15 - 17.45 **Panel Session 4: Collective identities and security cooperation**

Chair: Marieke de Goede (University of Amsterdam)

Discussant: Natalie Welfens (University of Amsterdam)

Felix Karstens (ETH Zurich): *Let us Europeans move: experimental evidence on the link between collective identities and public support for border regimes inside the EU*

Stephanie Hofmann (Graduate Institute Geneva) and **Frédéric Mérand** (University of Montreal): *Collective Identities and the Possibility of Franco-German Cooperation*

Friday, 14 December

9.00 - 9.30 **Registration and coffee**

9.30 - 11.30 **Panel session 5: Integration of Core State Powers and collective identities beyond Europe**

Chair: Amy Verdun (Leiden University)

Discussant: Larissa Versloot (University of Copenhagen)

Kathleen McNamara (Georgetown University) and **Paul Musgrave**, (University of Massachusetts, Amherst): *Democratic Contestation and Collective Identity: Lessons for the EU from the American Experience*

Michael Onyebuchi Eze and **Katja van der Wal** (University of Amsterdam): *Beyond Sovereign Reason: Issues and Contestations in Contemporary African Identity*

Tanja Börzel and **Thomas Risse** (Free University Berlin): *Identity Politics and the Future of Regional Integration: A Comparative Perspective*

11.30-11.40 **Final remarks**

The event continues for the JCMS Special Issue contributors:

12.00 - 13.30 Concluding remarks and next steps for special issue publication (lunch round table chaired by Theresa Kuhn and Francesco Nicoli).