

Workshop on  
**The changing boundaries of European integration**

9-12 March 2025  
Monte Verità, Ascona, Switzerland

Workshop organizers:  
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The boundaries of the European integration project are changing, both geographically and regarding the boundaries between national and European policymaking capacities. While countries from Albania to Ukraine want to join the EU, the UK has opted to leave the Union, and integration with Switzerland is slowly eroding. Likewise, integration is increasing in some policy fields such as fiscal capacity building and military cooperation, stagnating in others, and in some policy fields there is even discussion of a re-nationalization of European competences. The recent crises of the EU – from the Eurozone crisis to the Russian full-scale invasion of Ukraine – have accelerated these developments and invite fresh thinking on polity (re)construction in Europe.

We invite submissions for a workshop that explores this phenomenon and addresses questions such as: How can we map the expanding and retrenching horizontal and vertical boundaries in European integration? How can the de-bordering and re-bordering dynamics across countries and across policy fields be explained, and what effects do they have? What role do the public, political parties, member state governments, and the EU bureaucracy play in these dynamics? What feedback effects do the changing boundaries of European integration have on national and European politics? And what do these developments mean for regional polity formation in Europe.

This workshop will bring together a diverse group of junior and senior scholars who work on these questions from a variety of perspectives and will consist of paper presentations and roundtables to allow for a broad discussion. It bridges research from two ERC-funded projects on boundary formation in European integration (EUROBORD – Frank Schimmelfennig) and on the mass politics of disintegration (DISINTEGRATION – Stefanie Walter) and puts them into dialogue with other researchers who specialize in topics related to the breadth, depth, and dynamics of European integration.

The workshop will take place from 9-12 March 2025 at the Congressi Stefano Franscini (CSF) at Monte Verità, Ascona (Switzerland). This project is generously funded by the DISINTEGRATION and EUROBORD projects as well as the Congressi Stefano Franscini.

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Workshop Program

Fondazione Monte Verità  
Strada Collina 84  
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Switzerland

Balint Hall

## **Sunday 9 March 2025**

*18:30 Welcome Drinks*

*19:30 Welcome Dinner*

## **Monday 10 March 2025**

9:00 Welcoming Remarks by Frank Schimmelfennig & Stefanie Walter

### **9:30-11:00 Panel 1: Crisis policy, boundary change, and resource integration**

Chair: Jana Lipps

Making liberal intergovernmentalism fit for resource integration

Philipp Genschel & Markus Jachtenfuchs

Supply creating its own demand? Crisis policy feedback in the EU

Ann-Kathrin Reinl & Waltraud Schelkle

Crisis and boundary change in the European Union

Alessia Invernizzi & Frank Schimmelfennig

*11:00 – 11:30 Coffee Break*

### **11:30-12:30 Panel 2: Bordering and boundary policy**

Chair: Christian Freudlsperger

Bordering Europe's wider administrative space: between external and extended governance

Sandra Lavenex & Matis Poussardi

From Borders to Boundary Rules: Governing the EU Commons

Veronica Anghel & Erik Jones

*12:30-14:00 Lunch Break*

**14:00- 15:30 Panel 3: Economic bordering**

Chair: Johannes Scherzinger

From bastion of free trade to fortress Europe? Explaining the differential closure of the EU's boundaries for goods, services, and investment

Christian Freudlsperger, Alessia Invernizzi & Aydin Yildirim

Integrated Internationally, Disintegrated at Home: BIT Networks and the EU Investment Screening Regime

Leopoldo Biffi

De- or rebordering in response to external pressures? Assessing the "China effect" on EU economic integration

Christian Freudlsperger, Pit Rieger & Lucas Schramm

*15:30-16:00 Coffee Break*

**16:00- 17:00 Roundtable 1: Changing Boundaries and Polity Formation in Europe**

Chair: Daniel Kelemen

Markus Jachtenfuchs, Erik Jones, Waltraud Schelkle, Frank Schimmelfennig

*19:00 Dinner*

**Tuesday 11 March 2025**

**9:00-11:00 Panel 4: Public opinion and policy integration**

Chair: Tuuli-Anna Huikuri

Whom to blame? The political economy of integration and responsibility attribution in multi-level Europe

Dominic Schraff

Venue Shopping in the Mass Public

Giorgio Malet

Policy Orientation and Output Legitimacy in the European Union

Tom Hunter, Giorgio Malet, Johannes Scherzinger & Stefanie Walter

Changes in Public Attitude to European Integration and Europeanization

Zafar Nazarov & Anastassia Obydenkova

*11:00-11:30 Coffee Break*

**11:30-12:30 Panel 5: Revisiting Brexit**

Chair: Nicole Plotke-Scherly

After Brexit: Politicization, Dependency, and the Differentiation of UK-EU Relations

Benjamin Daßler & Tim Heinkelmann-Wild

Offshore Outlaws: Brexit Uncertainty and Oil Spills in the North Sea

Anthony Calacino, Federica Genovese & Hayley Pring

*12:30-14:00 Lunch Break*

**14:00 – 15:30 Panel 6: Citizen reactions to boundary change**

Chair: Aydin Yildirim

Broadening of the Deepening: The Effect of Eurozone and Schengen Expansion on EU Legitimacy

Lauren Ferry, Junghyun Lim, Anna Meyerrose & Nina Obermeier

Changing Welfare Boundaries: Exploring the Feedback Effects of an Expanding European Social Union

Robin Huguenot-Noel

European Integration, Identity, and Attitudes Towards Immigrants in the EU

Buket Buse Demirci

*16:00 Social Activity: light hike around Monte Verità*

**19:00-20:00 Roundtable 2: Responding to Boundary Challenges**

Chair: Tina Freyburg

Philipp Genschel, Daniel Kelemen, Christina Schneider, Stefanie Walter

*20:00 Dinner*

**Wednesday 12 March 2025**

**9:00-10:30 Panel 7: Russia, Ukraine, and EU integration**

Chair: Marius Ghincea

A Geopolitical Turning Point? Enlargement Discourse after the Russian Invasion of Ukraine

Tom Hunter & Natasha Wunsch

Reconfiguring Boundaries: Analyzing the Impact of the Ukraine-Russia War 2022 on EU Integration Dynamics

Nargiz Hajiyeva

In search of lost greatness? Analysis of Russian strategic culture discourse in presidential speeches

Iryna Lukianova

*10:30-11:00 Coffee Break*

**11:00-12:30 Panel 8: Border-crossing: Dealing with migration**

Chair: Tom Hunter

Resonance and Re-bordering: Explaining the Demand for Policy Competence

Scott Hamilton

The (In)Effectiveness of Border Controls: Evidence from the European Union

David Leblang & Logan Stunda

Contra Europe, pro Frontex

Jana Lipps

**12:30-13:00 Wrap-Up & Farewell**

Frank Schimmelfennig & Stefanie Walter

*13:00 Lunch & Workshop end*

For information on how to reach the workshop, please visit

[Public transport – Congressi Stefano Franscini \(CSF\) | ETH Zurich](#)

Trains take around 2.5 hours from both Zurich and Milano Malpensa airports to Locarno.

Travel time between Zurich main station and Locarno via Lugano is 2h 10mins.

If you let us know your time of arrival in Locarno, we will organize a shuttle bus service to Monte Verità during the afternoon of 9 March.

## **Participants**

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