

Workshop on
The changing boundaries of European integration

9-12 March 2025
Congressi Stefano Franscini (CSF), Monte Verità, Ascona, Switzerland

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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.

This workshop brings 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.

Workshop papers are available under this [dropbox-link](#).

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Workshop Program

Sunday 9 March 2025

18:30 *Welcome Drinks*

19:30 *Dinner*

Monday 10 March 2025

8:45 Introduction to Monte Verità and administrative information by Carmen Breunig (CSF)

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

Change against the odds: crisis policy feedback in a politicised 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

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

Expanding the Club: 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

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

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

Chair: Tom Hunter

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

Scott Hamilton

Contra Europe, pro Frontex

Jana Lipps

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

Frank Schimmelfennig & Stefanie Walter

12:45 Lunch & Workshop end