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Thursday 6 June 2013

14.00 – 15.30 h

Fondation Universitaire, Rue d'Egmont 11

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“Where is the Commission going after Lisbon? Political accountabilities and independent powers”

The Working Group will discuss the evolving nature of the Commission in the post-Lisbon context, looking forward to the 2014 European elections and the process of electing the Commission President. Moreover it aims to assess trends in the Commission's relationships with the European Council and the European Parliament.

Chair:

Edward Best, European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA), Maastricht

Panelists:

Richard Corbett, Member of the Cabinet of the President of the European Council

Brigid Laffan, Professor, University College Dublin

Heinrich Wollny, Policy Officer, General Institutional Issues, Secretariat-General, European Commission

Discussant:

Adriaan Schout, Deputy Director Research/ Europe, Netherlands Institute of international Relations, Clingendael, The Hague

Working Group Workpackage VI

External Action and CFSP (Ian Manners)

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“EU External Actions beyond Lisbon”

Chair: Professor Ian Manners, University of Copenhagen

The LISBOAN network aims to strengthen cooperation between institutions of higher education and research in Europe with a view to teaching and researching the Treaty of Lisbon, the European Union's legal foundation since December 2009. While the first meeting of the External Action thematic working group focussed on researching the Treaty of Lisbon; and the second meeting focussed on the links between the teaching and researching of the Treaty of Lisbon, this final meeting will look to the future of EU External Actions beyond Lisbon.

14:00-15:00: External Action beyond Lisbon (four short presentations):

- Prof. Ian Manners (University of Copenhagen) *Introduction*
- EU practitioner (*to be confirmed*), ‘CSDP beyond the Lisbon Treaty’.
- Dr. Kristi Raik (FIIA, Helsinki), ‘EEAS and national diplomacies beyond the Lisbon Treaty’
- Hanna Tuominen (University of Helsinki), ‘The EU at the UN Human Rights Council beyond the Lisbon Treaty’

15:00-15:15: Achieving progress in EU External Action beyond Lisbon (general discussion):

- Has progress in EU External Action (EU EA) beyond Lisbon been achieved in CSDP, the EEAS, or the EU at the UN?
- Are there areas where EU EA has progressively improved since the Lisbon Treaty?
- Are there areas where EU EA has regressed since the Lisbon Treaty?
- Are there areas of EU EA where reforms within the context of the Lisbon Treaty are needed?
- Are there areas of EU EA where future treaty revisions are needed?

15:15-15:30: Future research and teaching agenda beyond LISBOAN (general discussion):

- What lessons for research to be drawn from the first years of the EU EA after Lisbon?
- What lessons for teaching are to be drawn from the first years of the EU EA after Lisbon?
- Where should the future research and teaching agenda go beyond LISBOAN?

Working Group Workpackage IV

Area of Freedom, Security and Justice (Paul Luif)

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Thursday 6 June 2013

14.00 – 15.30 h

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„The Area of Freedom, Security and Justice: The Implementation of the Changes Brought by the Lisbon Treaty”

Justice and Home Affairs is arguably the area with the most significant changes introduced by the Treaty of Lisbon. 3.5 years after the coming into force of the Treaty, the implementation of these changes is reflected in some key developments. First, following the inclusion of the “Third Pillar” into the mainstream EU decision-making, the institutional balance has shifted: the European Parliament has become a player at eye level with the Council and a proponent of fundamental rights. In a similar vein, the new status of the Charter of Human Rights has given more visibility to the formerly rather declaratory catalogue of values championed by the EU. Secondly, links between the fields of internal security and external security have become closer, also reflected in the growing role of agencies such as Frontex. While the legislative process itself has emerged more or less unchanged from the Lisbon reforms, the operational side has thus become more dynamic.

- How have these developments impacted on the relationship between security and fundamental rights in EU legislation?
- Which of the Lisbon changes have produced the intended results, where can we identify unexpected consequences?
- What are main areas where further reform is needed, and what are the prospects for future treaty change in these areas?

The Working Group aims to discuss these questions from the perspective of both academics and practitioners.

Chair:

Paul Luif, Austrian Institute of International Affairs Vienna

Panelists:

Stine Andersen, Attorney, law firm Kromann Reumert, Copenhagen

Wouter van de Rijt, Head of Sector, General Secretariat of the Council, Directorate-General D – Justice and Home Affairs, Brussels

Discussion

Working Group Workpackage III

Economic and Financial Policy (András Inotai)

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“Integration ‘by other means’? A transformed eurozone within the European Union”

Outline:

Financial, economic and sovereign debt crises have uncovered gaps in the governance of the European Union in general and the eurozone in particular. While the consequences of reforms agreed in response to the crises are only gradually becoming visible, it is clear that the period of stability of the EU’s legal framework (especially as far as provisions on the Economic and Monetary Union are concerned) which the creators of the Lisbon Treaty had hoped for did not materialize.

Against the background of debates on fundamental issues such as the mandate of the ECB, the possible exit of individual countries from the eurozone and the effectiveness of Financial Assistance programmes, the Working Group aims to assess, from a political economy perspective, the strengths and weaknesses of the governance framework and to highlight options for improving the functioning of the common currency as a major integration project within the European Union.

Chair:

Andras Inotai, Institute for World Economics, Budapest

Introductory Statements:

Jacques Pelkmans, Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels

Andrzej Raczko, Member of the Board, National Bank of Poland

Maria Joao Rodrigues, University Institute of Lisbon (ISCT-IUL)

Discussion

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“Maastricht revisited: The origins of the current crisis?”

Outline:

The Working Group will revisit the Maastricht negotiations in order to shed light on linkages to the present crisis. Inter alia, it will deal with the following questions: is it justified to regard the Maastricht Treaty itself as the origin of the present crisis, as opposed to poor implementation of its provisions? Which weaknesses are particularly noteworthy with a view to the present crisis? Are these weaknesses the result of uneasy political compromises during the negotiations, or rather due to conceptual errors? Finally, against the background of the framework conditions in the early 1990s, what are the prospects for achieving a new treaty in the present?

Chair and introduction

Kiran K. Patel, University of Maastricht

Report

Wilfried Loth, Universität Duisburg-Essen: Negotiating the Maastricht Treaty

Discussion

Working Group Workpackage VII

Quasi-constitutional nature of the Lisbon Treaty (Lucia S. Rossi)

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“Towards a multi-level Constitution in the European Union”

Outline:

The Third Working Group session will try to ascertain, the relation between the EU constitutional order and the international system, on the one side, and the domestic constitutional systems of the Member States. To that effect the conflicts, but also the progressive convergence between the national, supranational and international levels must be taken into consideration with a view to understand the suitability of a multi-level constitution, especially as far as the protection of fundamental rights by and within the EU is concerned. During the event, which is intended to draw the conclusions from the research conducted over the first three years of the projects, the follow-up of the 2012 Bologna Workshop will be discussed.

Introductory Statements:

Lucia S. Rossi, University of Bologna

Federico Casolari, University of Bologna

Paul Luif, Austrian Institute of International Affairs (Vienna)

General Discussion