

Networks in European Governance: Informal Politics 1945-2007

Urstein/Salzburg, 22-24 June 2007

Friday, 22 June 2007

- 15.45-16.15 **Welcome and conference opening**
Claudia Schmidt, Herbert-Batliner-Europainstitut, Wolfram Kaiser, University of Portsmouth, Michael Gehler, University of Hildesheim
- 16.15-16.45 **Opening lecture**
European Governance: Governing in or by Networks
Tanja Börzel, Free University Berlin
- 16.45-17.15 Coffee/tea break
- 17.15-19.00 **Panel 1: Transatlantic Networks in Early European Integration 1945-1972**

Transatlantic Intellectual Networks in the Cold War Struggle with the Soviet Union
Volker Berghahn, Columbia University

Transatlantic Expert Networks and the Negotiation of the ECSC Treaty 1949-51
Brigitte Leucht, University of Portsmouth

Transatlantic Business Networks: The Bilderberg Group and European Integration
Valérie Aubourg, University of Cergy-Pontoise and Columbia University

Discussion
- 19.00 **Reception and dinner at Schloss Urstein**
Introductory remarks by Erhard Busek, former Vice Chancellor of the Republic of Austria and dinner speech by Ambassador Emil Brix, Austrian Ministry for European and International Affairs

Saturday, 23 June 2007

- 09.00-10.45 **Panel 2: Intra-European Networks in Early European Integration 1945-1972**

Transnational Christian Democracy in the Formation of Core Europe 1945-51
Wolfram Kaiser, University of Portsmouth

The Policy Networks of the European Automobile Industry: The Committee of Common Market Automobiles Constructors (CCMC)
Sigfrido Ramirez Perez, European University Institute Florence

Agricultural Policy Networks and the Creation of the CAP 1958-72
Ann-Christina Knudsen, University of Aarhus

Discussion
- 10.45-11.15 Coffee/tea break
- 11.15-12.30 **Panel 3: National Political Elites in European Networks: the case of Austria**

Austrian Party Political Elites in Transnational European Networks 1945-2000
Michael Gehler, University of Hildesheim

A Socialist Network in the 1970s: Bruno Kreisky, Olaf Palme and Willy Brandt
Oliver Rathkolb, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for European History and Public Spheres

Discussion

12.30-14.00 Lunch break

14.00-15.45 **Panel 4: Networks in the Expanding European Union 1973-2005 (part 1)**

The European Round Table of Industrialists and the Single Market Agenda 1983-1992
Maria Green Cowles, American University, Washington

European Monetary Integration: Networks throughout the Decennia
Amy Verdun, University of Victoria

Political Foundations as Managers of East-West Political Party Networks 1990-2004
Dorota Dakowska, University of Strasbourg

Discussion

16.00-19.00 **Excursion to Salzburg** (concluding with return to the hotel)
20.00- **Dinner in Salzburg**

Sunday, 24 June 2007

9.00-10.45 **Panel 5: Networks in the Expanding European Union 1973-2005 (part 2)**

Steering the Constitutional Treaty Negotiations: Party Networks in Comparative Perspective
Steven van Hecke, University of Antwerp

Networks in Financial Services Regulation in the EU
Dimitris Christopoulos, University of the West of England Bristol and Lucia Quaglia, University of Sussex

Policy Networks and Political Influence on EU: Common Agricultural Policy in an Enlarged EU-25
Christian H.C.A. Henning, University of Kiel

Discussion

10.45-11.15 Coffee/tea break

11.15-12.00 **Comparative Conclusion**
Assessing the Democratic Quality of Network Governance: Perspectives and Challenges
Karen Heard-Lauréote, University of Portsmouth

Discussion

12.00-12.15 **Closing remarks**
Michael Gehler, University of Hildesheim

12.15 **Buffet lunch & Departure**