

Understanding EU legitimacy: Cross-disciplinary approaches to the study of the European Union

Hybrid Workshop, September 8-9, 2021
Europa-Universität Frankfurt (Oder), LH 101/102

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September 8, 2021

10:00

Welcome from the director of the Institute for European Studies of the Viadrina University, Timm Beichelt and Estela Schindel

10:10-10:30

Welcome from the Organizers and Introduction to the Workshop, Paweł Lewicki (Frankfurt (Oder)) and Alexandra Schwell (Klagenfurt)

10:40-12:10

Session 1: **Legitimation, discourses and policy fields**

Chair: Alexandra Schwell (Klagenfurt)

Christiane Barnickel (Berlin): Understandings of EU legitimacy: Bridging the normative vs empirical divide

Amelie Kutter (Frankfurt (Oder)): Legitimation in postnational settings: a discursive political sociology perspective

Andrea Zeller (Koblenz-Landau): Measuring democratic legitimacy in multilevel-governance

12:10-14:00

Lunch break

14:00-15:30

Session 2: **Anthropology of EU policies**

Chair: Estela Schindel (Frankfurt (Oder))

Bernd Kasperek (Göttingen): The legitimacy of European Agencies. The case of Frontex

Tom Widger (Durham): Pesticide regulation, consensus failures, and challenges to EU legitimacy: The glyphosate controversy

15:45-17:15

Session 3: **Approaches to EU institutions**

Chair: Jürgen Neyer (Frankfurt (Oder))

Mascha Gugganig (Ottawa): From organic farming, to agroecology, to digitization: uniting divergent approaches in EU policy imaginaries of sustainable agriculture

Didier Georgakakis (Paris): The ruse of charismatic authority and the paradox of the EU legitimation

19:30

Joint Dinner

September 9, 2021

10:00-11:00

Keynote + Discussion: Christopher James Lord (Oslo), From consent to obligation. Rethinking the indirect legitimation of the EU by member state democracies

Chair: Guido Tiemann (Klagenfurt)

11:10-12:40

Session 4: **Encounters with Eurocrats**

Chair: Paweł Lewicki (Frankfurt (Oder))

Tatiana Bajuk Senčar (Ljubljana): Locating processes of legitimation

Claske Vos/Jamal Shahin (Amsterdam): Building bridges to the Brussels Bubble: Student encounters with the complexities of the EU

12:40-14:30

Lunch break

14:30-15:30

Keynote + Discussion: Jan Kubik (New Brunswick/London), Remarks on the populist legitimation of power: mythologization run amok

Chair: Timm Beichelt (Frankfurt (Oder))

15:45-16:45

Final Session

Concluding remarks, Paweł Lewicki and Alexandra Schwell

Final discussion and further plans

To attend the workshop, please register via email to whk-ifes@europa-uni.de until Sunday, 5 September 2021. Please indicate whether you will join us in person or via Zoom.

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