

United Europe's Young Professional Seminar in Freiburg, April 20 - 21, 2018

“Understanding Europe” Regulatory policy in the EU



The Albert Ludwigs University in Freiburg/Breisgau

At our Young Professionals Seminar in Freiburg, we will focus on the question, how policy in the EU works: How laws are made in Europe, how contracts come into being and about the importance of a functioning regulatory policy.

The workshop takes place in cooperation with the **Wilfried-Guth-Stiftungsprofessur für Ordnungs- und Wettbewerbspolitik** (co-organiser) and the **Centre for European Policy (CEP)** in the **Albert Ludwigs University** in Freiburg.

The **CEP** systematically and continuously accompanies the economically relevant projects of the EU and monitors European legislative procedures in the European Parliament and the Council. It provides the wider public with up-to-date information and comprehensive background knowledge about policy proposals of the EU, evaluates EU proposals based on modern, liberal, market-based ordoeconomics – before they are adopted, highlights economic and legal consequences, drafts practicable policy options for Europe, and contributes to greater transparency of the democratic decision-making process in the EU. In Freiburg, we will bring together 24 outstanding young professionals from across Europe, representing a wide array of professional backgrounds, to discuss these questions.

SPEAKERS and TRAINERS



Prof. Horst Weitzmann

Chairman of the board and co-partner of Badische Stahlwerke Kehl, generous host of our YPS in Freiburg

After studying mechanical engineering in Munich, Horst Weitzmann initially worked in the Ruhr region. He has made a name for himself as chairman of the board and co-partner of Badische Stahlwerke Kehl. Afterwards he became Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Südweststahl AG in Kehl in 1994. He also held various offices and mandates, such as President of the Southern Upper Rhine Chamber of Industry and

Commerce Freiburg and Chairman of the University Council of the Albert Ludwig University Freiburg. Additionally, he distinguishes his great social commitment in the region. He enjoys donating, a passion from which not only the future planning of the University of Freiburg benefits. We thank him very much for his generous support!



Dr. Andreas Schwab

Member of the European Parliament

Dr. Andreas Schwab has been a Member of the European Parliament since 2004. Born in 1973, he studied law at the University of Freiburg and the Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris, and obtained an L.L.M. from the University of Wales in 2000. He worked as a consultant for the European Convention in the Department of European Affairs of the Baden-Württemberg State Ministry while obtaining a doctorate in law in 2002 and absolving his second

state law exam in 2003. He is the EPP Group Coordinator in the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection, a substitute Member of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, a member of the Bureau of the EPP Group as well as Chairman of the CDU Südbaden.



Dr. Matthias Kullas

Head of the Economic & Fiscal Policy | Single Market & Competition Department at cep

Dr. Matthias Kullas studied economics at the University of Würzburg and the Renim University in Beijing, China. Before joining the cep in 2010, Dr. Kullas worked as a research associate at the Department of Economics at University of Würzburg. Besides his work at cep, Mr. Kullas works as a lecturer in various MBA programs at the University of Würzburg.



Urs Pöttsch

Policy Analyst at cep

Urs Pöttsch works as cep policy analyst i.a. in the field of EU institutional law. He studied law with a focus on EU law in Freiburg, Hamburg and Grenoble (France). Before joining cep in 2015 he worked as research assistant at the department for European and International Law at the University of Freiburg and as a legal trainee i.a. for the German Advocate General Juliane Kokott at the Court of Justice of the EU in Luxembourg.



Dr. Götz Reichert

Head of the Energy | Environment | Climate |
Transport Department at cep

Dr. Götz Reichert studied law at the University of Tübingen, the German University of Administrative Sciences in Speyer, the George Washington University in Washington D.C., USA, and the Hague Academy for International Law in The Hague, Netherlands. Before joining cep, Dr. Reichert worked as a legal consultant at the legal department of the World Bank in

Washington D.C., USA, as a scientific assistant at the Faculty of Law of the University of Tübingen and as a lawyer in Frankfurt/Main.



Dr. Bert Van Roosebeke

Head of Department at cep

Bert Van Roosebeke studied economics in Belgium, Sweden and Norway and holds a master's degree in the Economic Analysis of Law for the University of Hamburg. He specialised in the economic analysis of European law during his doctorate studies in Hamburg and Washington. After working at the German Central Bank he established the cep's department for financial market regulation.

PROGRAMME

Day 1 (April 20)

**Albert Ludwigs University, Platz der Universität 3, 79098 Freiburg,
Kollegiengebäude I, Lecture Hall, HS 1228, 1st floor.**

- 13:00 **Welcome by Thony Ruys** from United Europe
- 13:10 **Speech by Prof. Dr. Horst Weitzmann**, Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg
- 13:30 **Opening debate with Dr. Andreas Schwab, Member of the European Parliament**
- 15:00 *Coffee Break*
- 15:30 Short contributions from participants
- 16:00 **Seminar I “Brussels” at work – EU institutions and law-making**
Workshop trainer: **Urs Pötzsch**, CEP
- The key to understand the EU lies in understanding its institutional structures and its decision-making processes. In this seminar we will therefore take a closer look at the main EU institutions, in particular the Parliament, the Council and the Commission. We will define their tasks, identify the institutional interests arising from their respective composition, explore the internal structures of the institutions, analyze the inter-institutional relations and discuss potential reforms. The seminar will also shed some light on the opaque process of adopting primary and secondary EU legislation. We will analyze the various stages of the law-making process, from the Commission’s proposal to the trialogue, consider the role of national parliaments and explore the relevance of comitology.
- 18:00 End of Seminar I
- 18:30 **Guided tour through Freiburg**, followed by a wine-tasting
Meeting Point: Rathausplatz am Brunnen

Day 2 (April 21):

9:00

Seminar II: The Euro-crisis

Workshop trainer: **Dr. Matthias Kullas**, CEP

Seven years after the banking and sovereign debt crisis turned into an economic crisis, the Eurozone as a whole looks healthy and stable: The economy is recovering and showing remarkable rates of growth. The fears that parties hostile to Europe and the euro could come into power in France, Germany and the Netherlands, did not materialise.

Despite this positive news, the EU Commission still sees a need for reform in the Eurozone. The EU Commission has correctly recognised that, in spite of the positive headlines, the Eurozone must be further stabilised because there is still a lack of convergence between the Eurozone countries, which is essential for reducing the pressures in the Eurozone. Greece, France and Italy, for example, have already been showing below average or even negative GDP growth rates for several years.

Against this background, this seminar will analyse the roots of the Euro-crisis. Moreover, we will discuss the measures that have been taken to overcome the crisis. Finally, we will discuss the current state of the Eurozone.

10:30

Coffee Break

11.00

Seminar III: EU Energy and Climate Policy: Features and Conflicts

Workshop trainer: **Dr. Götz Reichert**, CEP

The search of European states for common solutions to energy issues has been a major impetus for European integration since the early 1950s. Today, ensuring a secure energy supply at affordable prices while at the same time reducing CO₂ emissions are the key challenges of the European energy and climate change policy. To this end, the European Union aims at creating an internal energy market, promoting energy efficiency, supporting renewable energies and interconnecting energy networks across borders. Various EU instruments – ranging from standards for energy-efficient products



to the EU Emissions Trading Scheme – are substantially shaping the national policies of the EU Member States. The recent policy reforms, which have been the subject of fierce debates in Brussels, have revealed the different interests of Member States, businesses and environmentalists. Against this background, the seminar will present the essential features and conflicts of today's EU energy and climate policy.

12:30 *Lunch*

13:30 **Seminar IV: Quo vadis, Britain?**

Workshop trainer: **Dr. Bert Van Roosebeke**, CEP

For the first time in history, a Member State has decided to leave the European Union. Following the Brexit-Referendum, the United Kingdom will be leaving the European Union at the end of March 2019. This confronts both the EU and the UK with unprecedented legal, economic and political challenges.

This seminar will demonstrate the economic impact of Brexit and will – as far as possible – provide clarity in the Brexit-Chaos. We will discuss the sequence of the negotiation process and the importance and difficulties of the transition phase in Brexit. In addition, we will discuss the possible nature of the future, permanent relations between the EU and UK (as a third country, i.e. not member of the EU). We will assess whether the European Economic Area, the Ukraine-treaty, the EU-Switzerland treaties or a CETA-like trade agreement can prove as an example to future EU/UK-Relations.

15:00 *Coffee break*

15:30 Debate on Conclusions

17:00 *Coffee break*

17:30 Final Round and Feedback

18:00 End of workshop

19:00 **Dinner**

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Schlossbergring 3, 79098 Freiburg



Day 3 (April 22)

Departure



The old town in Freiburg/Breisgau

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