

## OUR RESEARCH

The diffusion of ideas has become a central research theme in political science, sociology, law, history, and economics. In this context, the Kolleg-Forschergruppe (KFG) focuses on how ideas are spread across time and space, as can be observed especially in the European Union in various socio-political fields. We concentrate on the European Union (EU) as an almost ideal laboratory for investigating processes and outcomes of diffusion:

- European integration itself can be described as an effort to promote the diffusion of ideas across Europe and beyond
- European societies and polities emulate each other
- Europe and the EU also serve as active promoters of diffusion processes toward the outside world
- European integration is embedded in and responds to larger global diffusion processes

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## WORKSHOP

# HOW DOES EUROPE DIFFUSE?

## *Comparative Regionalism and the Causal Mechanisms of Diffusion*

December 8<sup>th</sup>–9<sup>th</sup>, 2010,  
Freie Universität Berlin  
Kolleg-Forschergruppe “The Transformative Power of Europe”  
Innstraße 26, Room 202  
14195 Berlin

Organized by  
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## Wednesday, 8 December 2010

## 9.00–10.45 Conceptualizing the Impact of Europe

## PAPER PRESENTATIONS:

**FRANK SCHIMMELFENNIG** (ETH Zürich): *Europeanization Beyond the Member States; How does the EU Exportist Governance Model (Effectively)?*

**TOBIAS LENZ** (Oxford University): *Theorising EU Influence on Global Regionalism*

**SIMON FINK** (Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg): *Making Diffusion Theories less Diffuse. A New Taxonomy for Diffusion Mechanisms*

Discussant: **ALEX WARLEIGH-LACK** (University of Brunel)

## 10.45–11.15 Coffee Break

## 11.15–13.00 Testing Independent vs. Interdependent Explanations for Adoptions

## PAPER PRESENTATIONS:

**SIMON HOLLIS** (Berlin Graduate School for Transnational Studies): *Regional Disaster Risk Reduction: a Functional or Scripted Response?*

**DIMITER TOSHKOV** (Leiden University): *Detecting Diffusion: The Limits of Quantitative Approaches*

**ANJA JETSCHKE** (Albert-Ludwigs-Universität Freiburg): *The Diffusion of Regional Parliaments*

Discussant: **FRANK SCHIMMELFENNIG** (ETH Zürich)

## 13.00–14.15 Lunch Break

## 14.15–16.00 Network and Gravity Models of Diffusion

## PAPER PRESENTATIONS:

**JOSEPH JUPILLE** (University of Boulder at Colorado)/**BRANDY JOLLIFF** (University of Boulder at Colorado): *Problematic Identities, the Demand for Isomorphism and Diffusion of Regionalism to LDCs*

**SIMON FINK** (Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg)/**SEBASTIAN KRAPOHL** (Otto-Friedrich-Universität Bamberg): *Assessing the Impact of Regional Integration*

**OSVALDO SALDIAS** (FU Berlin): *The Empowerment of Networks in the Andean Community*

Discussant: **PAUL THURNER** (Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München)

## Thursday, 9 December 2010

## 9.00–10.45 Diffusion of Policies and QCA-Methods

## PAPER PRESENTATIONS:

**TORBEN HEINZE** (FU Berlin): *The Diffusion of Public Policy-Explaining Effects in European Higher Education Policy*

**DORIAN JANO** (University of Milano): *A fsQCA on Conditions for Adoption and Implementation of Acquis in the EU Potential Member States Countries of the Western Balkans*

**JULIA LANGBEIN** (KFG Transformative Power of Europe): *Diffusing Market Governance Beyond EU Borders: The EU Single Market as a Regulatory Model?*

Discussant: **JOSEPH JUPILLE** (University of Boulder at Colorado)

## 10.45–11.15 Coffee Break

## 11.15–13.00 Process Tracing and Historical Analysis in Diffusion Studies

## PAPER PRESENTATIONS:

**KATJA BIEDENKOPF** (Vrije Universiteit Brussel): *How and Why Does EU Environmental Policy Diffuse Globally?*

**FRANK MATTHEIS** (Research Academy Leipzig): *Diffusion of Regional Models Outside of the EU. The Cases of MERCOSUR and SADC*

**JAN HENRIK MEYER** (University of Aarhus): *Appropriating the Environment. How European Institutions Received the Novel Ideas of the Environment and Made it Their Own*

Discussant: **TANJA BÖRZEL** (FU Berlin)