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“Maximizing the integration capacity of the European Union: Lessons of and prospects for enlargement and beyond” (MAXCAP)

Kick-Off conference

May 30 to June 1, 2013



Thursday, 30 May 2013

Venue: *Delegation of the European Commission to Germany,
Unter den Linden 78, Berlin-Mitte*

5.30 pm Registration of Participations

6 pm **Welcome address and introductory remarks**
Tanja A. Börzel, Freie Universität Berlin, MAXCAP coordinator
Antoaneta Dimitrova, Leiden University, MAXCAP co-coordinator
Simon Schunz, MAXCAP Project Officer, Directorate-General Research of
the European Commission

6.30 pm Round table:
**Ever wider? Lessons of and prospects for EU Enlargement and
beyond**

Moderator:

Tanja A. Börzel, Freie Universität Berlin, MAXCAP coordinator

Discussants:

Axel Walldén, Head of Unit, DG Enlargement, Enlargement Strategy &
Policy

Antoaneta Dimitrova, Leiden University, MAXCAP co-coordinator

Wade Jacoby, Brigham Young University

Klaudijus Maniokas, Vilnius University, MAXCAP advisory board member

Eckart D. Stratenschulte, Director, European Academy Berlin

8 pm **Reception**

Friday, 31 May 2013

Venue: *Hotel Abion, Alt-Moabit 99, Berlin-Tiergarten*

9:00 – 09:45 am **Introduction to the project: scientific content, structure,
dissemination**

Tanja A. Börzel, Freie Universität Berlin, MAXCAP coordinator

Antoaneta Dimitrova, Leiden University, MAXCAP co-coordinator

09:45 – 11:15 am **THE TRANSFORMATIVE POWER OF EUROPE: STRUCTURAL EFFECTS ON NEW
MEMBERS, CANDIDATES, AND NEIGHBOURS (WORK PACKAGE 1)**

**The EU as a democratizer or stabilizer? Researching political effects
of enlargement and the neighbourhood policy**

Tanja A. Börzel, Freie Universität Berlin, MAXCAP coordinator

The unintended consequences of EU conditionality

Adam Fagan, London School of Economics and Political Science,
MAXCAP partner

The EU as an agent of economic development? Researching the socio-economic effects of enlargement and the neighbourhood policy

Dorothee Bohle, Central European University, MAXCAP partner
László Bruszt, European University Institute, MAXCAP partner

Discussants: Frank Schimmelfennig, ETH Zurich, MAXCAP partner; Axel Walldén, Head of Unit, DG Enlargement, Enlargement Strategy & Policy

11:15 – 11:30 am

Coffee break

11:30 – 01:00 pm

EFFECTIVE DECISION-MAKING, DIFFERENTIAL INTEGRATION AND IMPLEMENTATION IN AN ENLARGED EU (WORK PACKAGE 2)

Deadlocked? Researching the effects of enlargement on decision-making in the enlarged EU

Dimiter Toshkov, Leiden University, MAXCAP partner

Beyond uniform integration? Researching the effects of enlargement on the EU's legal system

Asya Zhelyazkova, ETH Zurich, MAXCAP partner

Sustainable compliance? Researching the effects of on the implementation of EU law in the new member states after enlargement

Ulrich Sedelmeier, London School of Economics and Political Science, MAXCAP partner

Beyond hard borders? Researching differentiated integration and new modes of accession

Meltem Muftuler-Bac, Sabanci University, MAXCAP partner

Discussants: Olga Shumylo-Tapiola, Carnegie Europe in Brussels, MAXCAP advisory board member; Bernard Steunenberg, Leiden University, MAXCAP partner

01:00 – 02:00 pm

Lunch

02:00 – 03:30 pm

CITIZENS' PERCEPTIONS OF, ATTITUDES TOWARDS AND DISCOURSES ON ENLARGEMENT (WORK PACKAGE 3)

Trends in research on public opinion towards the EU: an introduction

Dimiter Toshkov, Leiden University, MAXCAP partner

Turco-scepticism and the EU

Meltem Muftuler-Bac, Emre Hatipoglu, and Brooke Luetgert, Sabanci University, MAXCAP partners

Why analyse discourses on enlargement with Q methodology?

Antoaneta Dimitrova, Leiden University, MAXCAP co-coordinator
Bernard Steunenbergh, Leiden University, MAXCAP partner

Discussants: Klaudijus Maniokas, MAXCAP advisory board member;
Thomas Risse, Freie Universität Berlin, MAXCAP partner

03:30 – 03:45 pm

Coffee break

03:45 – 05:15 pm

DESIGNING THE ENLARGEMENT PROCESS: STRATEGIES AND NEGOTIATIONS PAST AND PRESENT (WORK PACKAGE 4)**Enlargement design strategies: Utility maximization or identity promotion?**

Meltem Muftuler-Bac and Arzu Kibris, Sabanci University, MAXCAP partners

Theorizing enlargement in the successor states of the Western Balkans: the challenge of the weak civil society-weak state nexus

Adam Fagan, London School of Economics and Political Science, MAXCAP partner

Credibility in the enlargement process

Frank Schimmelfennig, ETH Zurich, MAXCAP partner

Mind the Devil (hidden in the details): strategic thinking framed by the South-East European specificities

Georgi Dimitrov, Sofia University, MAXCAP partner

Discussants: Antoaneta Dimitrova, Leiden University, MAXCAP co-coordinator; Malinka Ristevska Jordanova, Director of the European Policy Institute in Skopje, MAXCAP advisory board member

7.30 pm

Dinner**Saturday, 1 June 2013****Venue:*****Hotel Abion, Alt-Moabit 99, Berlin-Tiergarten***

09:00 – 10:30 am

MODES OF POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC INTEGRATION IN THE CONTEXT OF ENLARGEMENT AND THE NEIGHBOURHOOD (WORK PACKAGE 5)**Does the EU learn (I)? Comparing EU modes supporting state building and combating corruption across time and space**

Tanja A. Börzel, Freie Universität Berlin, MAXCAP coordinator

Shared political responsibility for the effectiveness of CVM for Bulgaria and Romania

Georgi Dimitrov, Sofia University, MAXCAP partner

When home hits Brussels: Researching how domestic factors shape the EU's efforts in fostering state building and the rule of law

Adam Fagan, London School of Economics and Political Science, MAXCAP partner

Does the EU learn (II)? Comparing EU modes fostering competitiveness and social cohesion across time and space

László Bruszt, European University Institute, MAXCAP partner
Julia Langbein, Freie Universität Berlin, MAXCAP partner/ scientific coordinator

Discussants: Wade Jacoby, Brigham Young University; Dan Kelemen, Rutgers University, MAXCAP advisory board member

10:30 – 10:45 am

Coffee break

10:45 – 12:15 am

SYNTHESIS: LESSONS, LIMITS AND PROSPECTS OF ENLARGEMENT (WORK PACKAGE 6)

Frank Schimmelfennig, ETH Zurich, MAXCAP partner

Discussants: Heather Grabbe, MAXCAP advisory board member; Ulrich Sedelmeier, London School of Economics and Political Science, MAXCAP partner

12:15 – 12:45 pm

Final debate

12:45 – 02:00 pm

Lunch and Advisory Board Meeting