



Programme international conference

“Solidarity and European Integration”

14-16 June 2017

The third Annual Conference of the Amsterdam Centre for Contemporary European Studies (ACCESS EUROPE) will focus on ‘Solidarity and European Integration’.

The event will take place in Amsterdam on 14-16 June 2017 and will bring together leading scholars who conduct cutting-edge research on solidarity in the European Union.

Aart de Geus, Director and CEO of the Bertelsmann Foundation and former Dutch Minister of

Social Affairs and Employment, will kick off the conference with a keynote speech on the evening of 14 June in SPUI25. There will be three panel sessions on 15-16 June that each look at solidarity in the European Union from a different perspective:

- Normative issues surrounding solidarity
- Solidarity and public opinion.
- The party politics of EU solidarity

Conference conveners:

- **Ben Crum** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
- **Theresa Kuhn** (University of Amsterdam)
- **Frank Vandenbroucke** (University of Amsterdam)
- **Jonathan Zeitlin** (University of Amsterdam)

14 June, 20:00

Venue: Spui25

Solidarity and the future of work

Keynote lecture by Aart de Geus, Director of the Bertelsmann Foundation and former Dutch
Minister of Social Affairs and Employment

15 June

Venue: De Balie, room De Salon

9:00 Registration
9:30 Welcome by Jonathan Zeitlin, ACCESS EUROPE Scientific Director

European solidarity and justice: normative issues

The first panel starts from the following premise: a coherent conception of 'European solidarity' must be embedded in principles of justice that are based on a specific understanding of the European Union as a multi-tiered polity. Understanding the European Union as a multi-tiered polity necessitates three sets of principles: principles to be applied between Member States as collective actors, common principles to be applied within Member States, and principles for regulating the mobility of citizens across Member States.

Chair: Annelien den Dijn (University of Amsterdam)

9:40 Floris de Witte (London School of Economics)
Institutionalizing European solidarity: between law and politics

10:00 Rainer Bauböck (European University Institute)
Citizenship as a source of solidarity in the European Union

10:20 Andrea Sangiovanni (King's College London)
Of What Relevance is Solidarity to the Project of European Integration?

10:40 Frank Vandenbroucke, (University of Amsterdam)
Solidarity in a Union of European Welfare States

11:00 *Break*

11:20 Discussion by Robert Jan van der Veen (University of Amsterdam)

11:40 General discussion

12:30 *Lunch*

Public opinion on European solidarity: a two-way street

The times of permissive consensus over European integration are definitely over. The European sovereign debt crisis has both challenged public support for European integration and has underlined its political relevance as critical public opinion represents a major obstacle to institutionalized European solidarity.

Therefore the contributions to this panel present empirical analyses of public opinion on European solidarity in the crisis. The papers show that (1) citizens of recipient and of donor countries are acutely aware of being in a “community of fate”, that (2) public support for international solidarity is more pervasive than often portrayed in the media, and (3) they provide a more nuanced analysis of the relationship between national identity and support for European integration.

Chair: Brian Burgoon (University of Amsterdam)

- 13:30 Alessandro del Ponte (Stony Brook University)
Nationalism, patriotism, and support for the EU, paper co-authored with Leonie Huddy (Stony Brook University) and Caitlin Davies (Stony Brook University),
- 13:50 Maurizio Ferrera (University of Milan)
More solidarity than meets the eye. EU citizens and social Europe
- 14:10 Theresa Kuhn (University of Amsterdam)
National vs European solidarity with unemployed people in the sovereign debt crisis: Combining laboratory and survey experiments, paper co-authored with Aaron Kamm (NYU Abu Dhabi)
- 14:30 Elias Dinas (Oxford University)
Non-cooperation by popular vote: Expectations, foreign intervention, and the vote in the 2015 Greek bailout referendum, paper co-authored with Stephanie Walter (University of Zurich), Ignacio Jurado (University of York) and Nikitas Konstantinidis (IE University)
- 14:50 Discussion by Martijn Schoonvelde (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
- 15:10 General discussion
- 16:00 *Drinks*

16 June

Venue: De Balie, room De Salon

9:00 Registration

The Politics of European Solidarity in Testing Times

The 'politics of solidarity' is above all concerned with the prospects and potential for political parties to mobilize their citizens on issues that transcend national boundaries. Here there is a major challenge, as most politicians remain primarily accountable to their national electorates, and they can expect little pay-off from appealing to the interests of, and the solidarity with, 'foreign' groups. Substantially, the focus of the panel is on the handling of the financial crisis in Europe and the question whether, who, and to what extent politicians and political parties actually invoked any sense of transnational solidarity rather than that they justified any EU commitments (esp. bail-outs) by more functional arguments of interdependence. Related to parties, a second thread concentrates on the question of political cleavage lines and the way that different positions organize themselves on these issues. Certainly in the context of European issues, the left-right axis seems to be of decreasing relevance. The main cleavages rather run along national lines and between establishment versus populist parties. A particular question in this context is why we see so little of a coherent and transnational alternative political program to the predominant focus on balanced budgets, austerity and structural reform.

Chair: Jonathan Zeitlin (University of Amsterdam)

9:30 Amandine Crespy (UL Bruxelles)

Solidarity and the justification of structural reforms in the European Semester, paper co-authored with Pierre Vanheuverzwijn (UL Bruxelles)

10:00 Pieter de Wilde (NTNU Trondheim)

Justifying Globalization in Public Discourse: Solidarity and patriotism as extreme opposites

10:30 Lucy Kinski (Universität Düsseldorf) & Ben Crum (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)

Transnational Representation in EU National Parliaments

11:00 Discussion by Katjana Gattermann (University of Amsterdam)

11:20 General discussion

12:00 Close

Venues

De Balie: Kleine-Gartmanplantsoen 10, 1017 RR Amsterdam, www.debalie.nl

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