



Programme

# 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 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:** N.N.; Bernard Steunenbergh, 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, Vilnius University, 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

**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:** Lykke Friis, Member of the Danish Parliament, MAXCAP advisory board member (TBC); Heather Grabbe, Open Society Foundations, 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**