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## **Worlds together, worlds apart?**

### **Assessing the interplay between European integration and German unification**

*Hamburg, 23–25 September 2021*

The period from the mid-1980s to the mid-1990s witnessed a convergence of sorts. As well as the peaceful revolution in the GDR, which led to German unification, those years saw a massive acceleration and deepening of the European integration process, with the Single European Act, the Single Market Programme, and the Maastricht Treaty as the most important milestones. The two processes intersected most visibly on 3 October 1990 – the day of German unification, but also the day on which the former GDR became part of the European Communities, the predecessor to today's European Union.

This conference assesses the intersection and interplay between the processes of European integration and German unification in the decade from the mid-1980s to the mid-1990s. It seeks to improve our understanding of how the two processes dynamized, accelerated, and informed each other and to identify where interpretations of causality might need to be reassessed. It will also examine the logics specific to each of these two processes, and the ways in which path dependencies and other factors isolated them from one another. Concretely, the conference will build on case studies and highlight a set of issues that were particularly pertinent. Monetary integration is an obvious case in point, given the key economic and symbolic role of the deutschmark for German unification, but also in light of parallel debates on creating a common European currency.

The conference is held in association with Kiran Klaus Patel's term as scholar-in-residence of the Bundeskanzler-Helmut-Schmidt-Stiftung and the Europa-Kolleg Hamburg, with generous support from both institutions and funded by the City of Hamburg. It will explore issues that are central to Helmut Schmidt's political legacy and to the work of the Europa-Kolleg Hamburg, such as monetary policy, international relations, European integration and German unification.



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FRIDAY – 24 September 2021	
09.00–09.15	<b>Registration and Welcome Coffee</b> Europa-Kolleg Hamburg, Windmühlenweg 27, 22607 Hamburg
9.15–10.00	<b>Welcome by Markus Kotzur</b> , Stiftung Europa-Kolleg Hamburg, and <b>Meik Woyke</b> , Bundeskanzler-Helmut-Schmidt-Stiftung  <b>Kiran Klaus Patel, LMU Munich</b> <i>Welcome, Introduction: On the Interplay between European Integration and German Unification</i>
10.00–12.00	<b>Panel 1   The intersection between European integration and unification I: Germany as part of ‘the West’</b>  Mathias Häußler, University of Regensburg <i>Worlds together, words apart? The German question and the British inability to give a European answer</i>  Hélène Miard-Delacroix, Sorbonne University <i>France’s European response to the challenge of German reunification</i>  Philipp Gassert, University of Mannheim (virtually) <i>“We Are Not Seeking a Thirteenth Seat at the EC Table”: The United States, European Integration, and the Future of NATO 1990/91</i>  Gabriele D’Ottavio, University of Trento <i>German Reunification and European Integration: Deconstructing the Italian Trade-off Narrative</i>  Panel Discussant: Wilfried Loth, University of Duisburg-Essen (virtually)  Chair: Lisbeth Matzer, LMU Munich
12.00–14.00	<b>Lunch break</b>



<p>14.00–15.40</p>	<p><b>Panel 2   The intersection between European integration and unification II: Germany as part of East Central Europe</b></p> <p>Philipp Ther, University of Vienna <i>Cotransformation since 1990: A German Path and Perspective, with European Ramifications</i></p> <p>Ferenc Laczó, Maastricht University (virtually) <i>Cotransformation since 1990: A German Path and Perspective, with European Ramifications</i></p> <p>Elena Dragomir, Valahia University of Târgoviște (virtually) <i>Romania’s Position on the “German Question” and the Deepening of Western Integration</i></p> <p>Panel Discussant: Michael Gehler, Hildesheim University (virtually)</p> <p>Chair: Thomas Rohringer, LMU Munich</p>
<p>15.40–16.00</p>	<p><b>Coffee break</b></p>
<p>16.00–18.00</p>	<p><b>Panel 3   The EC and German Unification: Monetary and Economic Integration</b></p> <p>Victor Jaeschke, Potsdam University <i>“Un phénomène globalement positif”. The European Commission, German unification and the Future of Europe 1989-1992</i></p> <p>Harold James, Princeton University <i>Germany between Deutschmark and Euro</i></p> <p>Andreas Wirsching, Institut für Zeitgeschichte, Munich <i>A Question of Temporality. The Strasbourg EC-Summit and the acceleration of the Maastricht process</i></p> <p>Keith Allen, Leibniz Institute for Contemporary History, Berlin <i>State Aid to Eastern German Shipbuilding and Steel: European Dimensions</i></p> <p>Panel Discussant: Dominik Geppert, University of Potsdam</p> <p>Chair: Lisbeth Matzer, LMU Munich</p>
<p>19.30–22.00</p>	<p><b>Conference Dinner</b> VLET in der Speicherstadt, Am Sandtorkai 23-24, 20457 Hamburg</p>



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**SATURDAY – 25 September 2021**

<p>9.00–11.00</p>	<p><b>Panel 4   Integration beyond the Euro and its Intersection to German Unification</b></p> <p>Gabriele Clemens, University of Hamburg <i>A Crucial Step towards Europeanization? The Creation of the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) in the 1990s</i></p> <p>Eva Oberloskamp, Institut für Zeitgeschichte, Munich <i>German Unification and the Intensification of European Police Cooperation</i></p> <p>Dominik Geppert, University of Potsdam <i>Parliamentary Debates on German Unity and European Unification in Bonn and Berlin in 1990 (and 1991)</i></p> <p>Guido Thiemeyer, Heinrich Heine University, Düsseldorf <i>German Unification, the Länder and the Europeanisation of the Political System of Federal Germany</i></p> <p>Panel Discussant: Frank Bösch, Leibniz Center for Contemporary History /University of Potsdam</p> <p>Chair: Thomas Rohringer, LMU Munich</p>
<p>11.00-11:30</p>	<p><b>Coffee break</b></p>
<p>11.30–12.30</p>	<p><b>Conclusion, Next Steps</b></p>
<p>14.00–15.00</p>	<p><b>Option to visit the exhibition "Schmidt! Demokratie leben" at the Bundeskanzler-Helmut-Schmidt-Stiftung (guided tour – in English)</b> Kattrepel 10, 20095 Hamburg</p>