



Perspectives on the European Union in 2023

Fault lines and the common future

17. – 21.05.2023

The 2016 consolidated version of the Treaty on European Union states that the heads of state of the member states have decided to “continue the process of creating an ever closer union among the peoples of Europe” (Consolidated Version of the Treaty on European Union. 07.06.2016, p.C202/16.). These days, public reporting on the European Union oscillates between a united EU that supports Ukraine in its freedom fight and an EU that appears to be divided between East and West. These are two of many perspectives on the EU in 2023. The perspective on the EU depends on many different factors: whether you are a EU citizen or not, which member country you are in or in which field you work – just to name a few. Especially since the refugee crisis of 2015, there has been talk of cracks in the EU repeatedly and sometimes even of a split. One can get the impression that disagreements and disputes between the member states are being publicly carried out more frequently and lead to deadlocks in the EU's machinery.

In order to get to the bottom of this development of disagreements, this seminar will deal with different perspectives on the EU, which exist inside and outside. In order to develop a comprehensive understanding, the status quo of the EU, its origins, the European idea and the values of the EU are dealt with. We will also ask ourselves what currently connects us in Europe and what separates us.

Provisional Programme

Wednesday, 17.05.2023

From 15:30 h	Arrival and check-in
16:15 h	Only free Shuttle from Bad Harzburg train station
16:45 – 17:45 h	Welcome and expectations, with Jonathan Utsch
17:45 – 18:30 h	Dinner
19:00 – 21:00 h	State of the Union, interactive introduction to the topic and short lecture with Jonathan Utsch

Thursday, 18.05.2023

08:15 – 09:00 h	Breakfast
09:15 – 10:45 h	How does it actually work? – How the EU works, lecture and discussion with Jonathan Utsch
10:45 – 11:00 h	Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 h	Voices on the status quo of the EU, short lectures on the EU from different perspectives and discussion with Jonathan Utsch
12:30 – 13:15 h	Lunch
	Free afternoon
17:45 – 18:30 h	Dinner
19:00 – 21:00 h	Where do we see tensions in the European Union? What are European values?, Workshop on dealing with terminology

Friday, 19.05.2023

08:15 – 09:00 h	Breakfast
09:15 – 10:45 h	Thank you EU - How the EU is the bogeyman for everything, lecture and discussion with N.N.
10:45 – 11:00 h	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30 h	EU antagonism in Central and Eastern Europe - A look behind the headlines, lecture and discussion with N.N.
12:30 – 13:15 h	Lunch
14:30 – 16:00 h	Gender myths as a connecting element of the European right, lecture and discussion with N.N.
16:00 – 16:15 h	Coffee break
16:15 – 17:45 h	What is the opinion of European citizens? - Opinion research, anecdotal knowledge and "truth", lecture and discussion with N.N.
17:45 – 18:30 h	Dinner
18:45 – 19:45 h	Closing of the day

Saturday, 20.05.2023

08:15 – 09:00 h	Breakfast
09:15 – 10:45 h	Where is the journey going? - Five future scenarios for the EU, lecture and discussion with N.N.
10:45 – 11:00 h	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:30 h	A new perspective on Europe, lecture and discussion with N.N.
12:30 – 13:15 h	Lunch
15:30 – 17:45 h	Methodological conference summary and reflection on the conference results, with Jonathan Utsch
17:45 – 18:30 h	Dinner
18:45 – 19:45 h	Final evaluation

Sunday, 21.05.2023

08:15 – 09:00 h	Breakfast
At 09:00 h	Departure and shuttle to Bad Harzburg train station

If no other speaker is listed, the unit will be lead by the conference team.

Organiser

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Conference Language

Deutsch/Englisch

Conference Fee

- 395,00 EUR** accomodation in single room including full board
- 370,00 EUR** accomodation in double room including full board
- 150,00 EUR** for students and trainees, accomodation in double room including full board
- 48,00 EUR** Digital participation via zoom

As well as shuttle service from Bad Harzburg station to conference center and back, at listed times.

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