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The Jean-Monnet Chair for Political Systems in the EU at the Department of Political Science understands itself as an “engine” in broadening and deepening teaching and research activities on European Integration at the University of Cologne. To meet the increasing academic and political challenges to EU studies the Jean-Monnet Chair has developed a broad range of teaching and research activities.

These activities focus on the understanding and explanation of the EU’s political system in the light of theoretical approaches to the institutional and constitutional evolution. The debate on the future of the European Union, especially the Lisbon Treaties with their institutional innovations, the recent financial turbulences as well as the Hungarian and the Polish Council Presidencies in 2011 were high on previous year’s research and teaching agenda and will remain so on the list of further priorities.

This 13th annual report of the Jean Monnet Chair for Political Systems in the EU – covering the period from July 2010 to June 2011 – introduces the reader to the state of the art of teaching and research activities carried out at and by the department of the chair holder.

Challenges for teaching and research in the academic year 2010/2011 will continue to be:

- **Theoretical reflections on fundamental trends in the EU:** The political changes and evolution of the EU political system will be reflected and analysed with a particular focus on both the process of deepening (i.e. implementation of the Lisbon Treaties) and widening (i.e. EU-enlargement towards the West Balkans, Turkey and Iceland). The recent financial and debt crisis add to the urgency of a thorough analysis of the efficiency, effectiveness and legitimacy of the European institutional architecture. To improve the understanding of the evolution of the EU system in general as well as in particular policy fields a broad variety of competing classic theories and new theoretical approaches in Political Science and related disciplines have to be taken up, discussed and tested.

- **Innovation in teaching methods:** As part of the general framework for a technical and didactic modernisation of learning and teaching the chair will intensify the application of multi-media and virtual forms of communication for teaching European topics (i.e. virtual teaching units (see EUPOLIS), simulation games (see Mercury)).

- **Modernisation:** According to the implementation of several Bachelor- and Master-study programs at the University of Cologne in October 2007, the preparation and re-evaluation of teaching materials and contents for both the BA and MA degrees has to be continued and adapted.

- **Europeanization/Internationalization:** The Europeanization and Internationalisation of teaching and research are continued by intensifying contacts and exchange with colleagues and students from other European countries and beyond, extending existing networks and forging new ones.

The chair wishes to enhance the flow of information among researchers and universities. We are convinced that prospective students will find this report helpful in determining their course of study and be inspired to become actively involved in our teaching projects.
Questions and (critical) comments on this report are highly welcome and may be addressed to the person in charge at the Jean Monnet Chair.¹

This annual report is also available online at www.wessels.uni-koeln.de. Information on our activities is regularly updated.

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I. OVERVIEW: PRIORITY AREAS OF TEACHING AND RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

I.1 Teaching Activities (Teaching Programme and Teaching Projects)

Regarding the increasing scope and changing nature of European politics and the need to develop new teaching activities to integrate the EU dimension more strongly in the new BA and MA study programme beginning in October 2007, the Chair has broadened its teaching offers to meet the growing demand for up-to-date and extensive teaching on European Affairs. Alongside traditional teaching methods, this includes:

- The ongoing virtualisation of contents for students at the University (see EU-CONSENT/ EUPOLIS Virtual Study Units). Additionally, the chair goes public offering its knowledge to professionals and postgraduate students outside the University (see for example the European Online Academy).

- The realisation of simulation games to simplify the understanding of (European) political processes (see for example: The Course in Law and Politics of the EU system – PROTEUS).

- The realisation of special courses on EU related matters for national and international students (see for example THESEUS Summer School, Cologne Intensive Study Programme in European Management - CISP) and events for the general public (for example THESEUS summer school, the annual COMOS-Conference and other lectures and panels on current EU matters open to a big number of students, graduates and members of civil society).

I.2 Research Activities

In the academic year 2010/2011 the Chair has focussed his research activities on two mayor areas:

- Projects on the EU’s institutional and constitutional evolution with a special emphasis on:
  - Treaty evolution and reform mechanisms with focus on recent developments proposed by the Lisbon Treaties (see ongoing and past projects: EU-CONSENT; EUPOLIS; Integration through treaty development – The EU’s paths from Maastricht to Nice and the Convention; Welche Verfassung braucht Europa?)
  - New modes of governance (see ongoing and past projects: NewGov; GOVECOR; Governance in the Economic and Monetary Union after 1999; Employment Policies in Germany and the United Kingdom)
  - The role of different national and European actors and key players in the European political system (see ongoing and past projects: Governance by Committees, The Parliamentary Dimension of ESDP; Germany and France in the EU, OPAL, EXACT)
  - The enlargement process and its impact of the accession countries (see project: Europeanisation of public Administrations in Central and Eastern Europe),
  - Theoretical approaches (see projects: EUPOLIS, FUSE-EUROPE)

- Projects on the EU’s role in the international system (see ongoing and past projects: EXACT, MERCURY, Challenge, FORNET)
II. TEACHING ACTIVITIES IN EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

II.1 Teaching Programme of the Jean Monnet Chair

The Jean Monnet Chair for Political Systems in the EU has, over the course of several semesters, developed a differentiated teaching programme of European Studies. This “curriculum” has considerably broadened the expert knowledge of nearly 5000 students of Political Science. Regarding the increasing scope and the evolutionary nature of European Integration, “European Politics” has become a compulsory class for both the intermediate as well as the final exams for all students pursuing Political Science degrees at the Faculty of Economics and Social Sciences and the Faculty of Philosophy of the University of Cologne.

The chair holder and the research team of the Jean Monnet Chair offer an extensive course programme covering undergraduate to postgraduate levels. The teaching programme consists of lectures and seminars and covers different aspects of EU politics and European Integration.

II.2 Lectures

Recurrent lectures at the chair include:
- The Political System of the European Union
- Theories and Strategies of European Integration
- The EU in the international system
- Theories of European and International Integration and Co-operation
- Administration in (West-) European States
- Development of European States

II.3 Seminars

Seminars at the chair cover the following subject areas:
- Theoretical approaches to EU politics
- Treaty Reform and Constitutionalisation of the EU
- The EU and its member states in the international system
- France and Germany in the EU
- EU Enlargement
- Member state policies towards the EU
- Local governance in the multi-level system
- EU policy areas
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<th>Title of activity/ content</th>
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<td>Forschungsprojekt The Political System of the EU - EU Institutional Architecture Post Lisbon (THESEUS - Gastprof) (1456) - Jean Paul Jacqué.essurUnder the responsibility of the Chair holder, given by Prof. T. Christiansen</td>
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<td>Seminar zur Examensvorbereitung: Wissenschaftliche Bearbeitung aktueller Fragen europäischer Integration (Kolloquium) (1466)</td>
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<td>Governance and Policy-making in the Multilevel-System of the EU (1421)</td>
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<td>The political system of the EU: strategic and conceptual approaches - Regieren und Verhandeln im politischen System der EU (International Conference von PROTEUS) (1429)</td>
<td>No</td>
<td>30</td>
<td>Undergraduate</td>
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II.5 Teaching activities carried out by the Jean Monnet Team 2010-2011

N. Ahler (together with U. Diedrichs)
- The EU and Turkey

L. Becker (together with F. Wolf)
- Seminar Europäische Politik: Köln in Europa - Blockseminar mit Experteninterviews

Dr. M. Belafi
- Deutsche Europapolitik? Akteure, Positionen und Strukturen [German European policy? Actors, positions and structures]
- Die Europäischen Parteien als politischer Faktor in der EU - zwischen Wunsch und Wirklichkeit [European parties as a political factor in the EU]

Dr. K. Brauckhoff (visiting lecture)
- Der Haushalt der EU - Akteure, Verfahren und Politikfelder [The budget of the European Union]
- Seminar Europäische Politik: Der Haushalt der EU - Akteure, Verfahren und Politikfelder

K. Buck
- Die Beziehungen zwischen der EU und Lateinamerika [EU-Latin America relations]

R. Dehousse (THESEUS guest professor)
- The political system of the EU: Strategic and conceptual approaches – Public Policy in the European Union.

K. Eckert
- (together with T. Maschke) Übung zur Einführung in die Europäische Politik - Geschichte, Institutionen und Verfahren des politischen Systems der EU [Introduction European Union Politics]

Prof. Dr. E. Esen
- Die EU-Erweiterungspolitik am Beispiel der Türkei [Enlargement policy: Turkey]

A. Faber (EXACT visiting lecturer)
- Theoretical and methodological approaches to EU external action

J.P. Jacqué (THESEUS guest professor)
- The Political System of the EU - EU Institutional Architecture Post Lisbon
O. Höing (together with M. Schröder)
- Deutschland und Frankreich in der EU: Konsens, Kontroversen, Kompromisse
  [Germany and France in the EU: consens, controversies, compromises]

M. Marhold
- (together with Thomas Traguth) The political system of the EU: Governance and Institutions - Europe at work: Berlin and Brussels'
- The political system of the EU: Governance and Institutions - Ausgewählte Wendepunkte der europäischen Integrationsgeschichte [selected turning points in the EU integration process]

R. Prunzel and R. Von Ameln: Bedeutung, Rolle und Einfluss von Lobbying und Interessenvertretung auf europäischer Ebene [EU Lobbying]

E. Regelsberger (EXACT visiting lecturer)
- Professional approaches to Foreign and Security Policy

W. Reiners (together with W. Wessels)
- The political system of the EU: strategic and conceptual approaches - Regieren und Verhandeln im politischen System der EU (International Conference PROTEUS) [Governanining and negotiating in the EU political system]

M. Schröder (together with O. Höing)
- Deutschland und Frankreich in der EU: Konsens, Kontroversen, Kompromisse.
  [Germany and France in the EU: consens, controversies, compromises]

M. Siddi (together with S. Stroß)
- External Relations of the European Union

B. Steppacher
- The Political System of the EU: Governance and Institutions - Erweiterung und Vertragsrevisionen als Formen der EU-Systemgestaltung [Accession and treaty revisions as a form of system shaping]

A. Tovias (EXACT visiting lecturer)
- Economics of European Integration

T. Traguth
- Complementary and compulsory course: The political system of the EU: Strategic and conceptual approaches - The EU in the International System - Lisbon and Beyond
- (together with M. Marhold): The political system of the EU: Governance and Institutions - Europe at work: Berlin and Brussels'
- Aktuelle Fragen der Wirtschafts- und Sozialforschung: Europa erforschen und erfahren
- (together with W. Wessels) Kolloquium für BA-Arbeiten in der europäischen Politik
- Methods of academic research and writing
- Einführung in die Europäische Politik: Das politische System der Europäischen Union
- The political system of the EU: strategic and conceptual approaches: "Europe at work"
• Übung zur Vorlesung: Complementary and compulsory course: Governance and Policy-making in the Multilevel-System of the EU
• Kolloquium zu Bachelor-Arbeiten in der Europäischen Politik
• Methods of academic research and writing in EU politics (ERASMUS / International Students)

R. Wessel (EXACT visiting lecturer)
• EU institutional law

F. Wolf (together with L. Becker)
• Köln in Europa - Blockseminar mit Experteninterviews [Cologne in Europe]

II.6 ERASMUS – Exchange programme for students

The Chair is engaged in intensifying the ERASMUS exchange programme of the Institute for Political Science and European Affairs. We offer our students the possibility to broaden their studies at other universities from all over Europe:

During the academic year 2010/11, the Jean Monnet Chair welcomed 47 ERASMUS and international students in the field of political sciences/ social sciences. This includes ERASMUS students who were registered at the chair as well as Erasmus students of the
other departments who participated in our teaching activities. In general, all students make good use of the course offers and generally participate with great success and enthusiasm.

The Jean Monnet Chair offers courses taught both in German and English ranging from introductory lecture series, such as “Das politische System der EU” as well as a number of smaller seminars on basic and more advanced aspects of EU politics, such as “Theories and Strategies of European Integration” and “The EU in the international system”.

In addition, the Jean Monnet Chair offers special preparatory tutorials for ERASMUS students wishing to take end-of-term exams as well as individual academic counselling for students preparing written coursework and presentations. Furthermore, the chair provides a special section for international students on its website and offers additional early examination dates in order to allow for the participation of students of universities with divergent academic years. All of these exams could be taken either in German or English language and overall results are encouraging.
III. IMPACT OF TEACHING ACTIVITIES

III.1 Theses for Masters and Diploma degrees

The chairholder offers students enrolled in Masters and Diploma degrees the option to write their theses at the Jean Monnet Chair. These generally focus on:

- European Union (policies, actors, integration, enlargement, theoretical approaches)
- Political systems (of EU member states)
- The EU in the international system
- Economic Governance
- Enlargement of the European Union

The following theses have been written during 2010 and 2011:

- Bypassing the intergovernmental deadlock in CFSP? The organisational setup of the European External Action Service from a fusion perspective
- Die Rolle der EU bei den internationalen Klimaverhandlungen von Kopenhagen – die Europäische Union als climate leader?
- Stark gemacht? Der Einfluss der EU auf die Frauenrechte in der Türkei. Eine neoinstitutionalistische Analyse der Strafrechtsreform 2004
- Ein Gouvernement Economique für die Europäische Wirtschafts- und Währungsunion – wirtschaftspolitische Konvergenzen in Deutschland und Frankreich angesichts der globalen Finanz- und Wirtschaftskrise
- The High Representative of the Union for Foreign and Securety Policy. A new actor born?
- The permanent President of the European Council within the EU’s external action – more than an agent?
- Leitbilder des Europäischen Parlaments nach den gescheiterten Verfassungsreferenden.
- Die offene Methode der Koordination am Beispiel des europäischen Qualifikationsrahmens – ein Schritt zur Vergemeinschaftung?
- Das Rollenverständnis der EU im Rahmen der autonomen Sanktionspolitik gegenüber Drittstaaten – Handeln im Spannungsfeld zwischen Werten und Interessen.

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2 Magisterarbeiten Politikwissenschaft (Master Degree in Political Science), Diplomarbeiten Regionalwissenschaften Lateinamerika (Regional Studies Latin America) and Volkswirtschaftslehre sozialwissenschaftlicher Richtung (Diploma Degree in Economic and Social Science).
Does size matter? Influence of Bulgaria as a smaller member state over the EU External Action Service in selected cases.

Die EU als Communio oder Commercium? Diskursive Konstruktion europäischer Identität in der deutschen und britischen Medien debatte über die Konstitutionalisierung der Europäischen Union im Vorfeld des Lissabon-Vertrags.


What role for the EU in the international system? – A constructivist reading of the (Presidency) Conclusions of the European Council since the establishment of CFSP.


### III.2 Doctoral theses on European Integration

**Recently published/submitted:**

1. Nasshoven, Yvonne: The Appointment of the President of the European Commission. Patterns in Choosing the Head of Europe's Executive.

**Ongoing doctoral theses:**

- Nicole Ahler: EU – Türkei
- Vanessa Boas: The EU as a normative foreign policy actor in Central Asia
- Nina Brutzer: EU- China
- Birgit Bujard: Der britische Preminierminister in der /Core Executive/. Eine Analyse der britischen Europapolitik von James Callaghan bis Tony Blair.
- Andrew Byrne: An External View of External Action
- Leonhard den Hertog: The interplay between EU development cooperation and its immigration measures: towards coherence or divergence?
- Bogdana Depo: The Eastern Dimension of the European Union and the Potential Impact of the Lisbon Treaty
- Cyril Gläser: Types of protest in the EU multilevel system
- Marlene Gottwald: Human Security on the EU foreign policy agenda
- Miguel Haubrich Seco: Exporting Patterns of Governance and Regional Integration? Assessing the effectivity of EU interregional policy
- Niklas Helwig: The High Representative of the EU
- Andreas Hofmann: Litigation strategy and legal dynamics – The European Commission before the Court of Justice
- Oliver Höing: National Parliaments
- Tillmann Höntzsch: Deutsche Afghanistan-Strategie
- Denis Ilia: Die EU in Osteuropa. Europäische Nachbarschaftspolitik vs. Beitrittspolitik – ein Vergleich
- Birke Janz: Eurocities
- Zelal Basak Kizilkan-Kisacik: Comparative Analyses of the EU's Impact on the Democratisation and Human Rights Promotion in Turkey and CEEC
- Nicole Koenig: The EU’s Humanitarian Aid Policy
- Tobias Kunstein: External Relations of the Euro Area
- Julia Lieb: Institutional change in EU diplomacy
- Daniele Marchesi: EU-UN security coordination: scope and conditions of effective multilateralism in the Middle East
- James Nyomakwa-Obimpeh: A Study of the Policy Making Processes Underpinning the Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) Between the EU and the ACP Countries: A Comparative Analysis of EU’s ECOWAS and CARIFORUM Negotiations
- Alice Anna Oeter: Education Policy
- Wulf Reiners: Auswärtiges Handeln der EU in multilateralen Kontexten
- Manuela Riedel: Minority protection in EU enlargement
- Mirja Schröder: European Economic Governance
- Marco Siddi: EU-Russia relations. Bilateralism and the challenges to a frail strategic partnership.
- Simon Strauß: Coherence/Coordination of EU External Action
- Dilfuza Sultonova: EU policies towards Central Asian countries
- Anja Thomas: Discourses on EU legitimacy in the Parliaments of France and Germany
- Thomas Traguth: European Agencies
- Steffen Zorn: Raum der Freiheit, der Sicherheit und des Rechts nach dem Vertrag von Lissabon

### III.3 Organisation of lectures, conferences and summer school programmes

In addition to the regular teaching programme, the Jean Monnet Chair offers lectures and symposia/conferences as well as summer schools with practitioners, academics and experts, drawing from the contacts established in the framework of past and ongoing research projects on topics of high relevance at the time:

**Guests of the Faculty:**

- Prof. Dr. Yves Surel, Université Panthéon-Assas (Paris 2); summer term 2010; funded by the Fritz-Thyssen-Foundation within the project “THESEUS” Establishing a European society: ideas, innovations, impulses in the heart of Europe; coordinated by the Jean-Monnet Chair Prof. W. Wessels. Title of the course: Europeanisation of member states.

- Anne Faber, Viadrina Universität Frankfurt, was Visiting Scientist of the Marie Curie Initial Training Network EXACT during winter term 2010/11.

- Elfriede Regelsberger, Institut für Europäische Politik Berlin, was Visiting Scientist Marie Curie of the Initial Training Network EXACT during winter term 2010/11.

- Alfred Tovias, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, was Visiting Scientist of the Marie Curie Initial Training Network EXACT during winter term 2010/11.
• Ramses Wessel, University of Twente, was Visiting Scientist of the Marie Curie Initial Training Network EXACT during winter term 2010/11.

• Prof. Jean Paul Jacqué, College of Europe, Bruges, THESEUS Visiting Professor gave a course on “EU institutional architecture post Lisbon” at the Jean Monnet Chair during winter term 2010.

• Prof. Renaud Dehousse, Centre d’études européennes, Sciences Po Paris, THESEUS Visiting Professor gave a course on “Public Policy in the European Union” at the Jean Monnet Chair during summer term 2011.

• Erol Esen, Akdeniz University, Antalya / Turkey, gave a course on “EU enlargement policy using the example of turkey” at the Jean Monnet Chair during winter term 2010.

Conferences and Summer Schools

• Initial Conference of the Marie Curie Initial Training Network EXACT, Cologne, October 21-22, 2010.


• University of Cologne @ METU - Summer School on European Studies 2010, September 12 – 25, 2010 at the Middle East Technical University in Ankara.

International workshops/conferences:


• European Online Academy (see project “European Online Academy”, EOA)

Recent guest lecturers at the Jean Monnet Chair’s postgraduate level seminars

• 4.5.2011 - PD Dr. Martin Höpner, Max-Planck-Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung Köln: "Der Europäische Gerichtshof als Motor der Integration: Eine akteursbezogene Erklärung"

• 13.4.2011 - Dr. Lucia Quaglia, University of Essex and Max-Planck-Institut für Gesellschaftsforschung Köln: "The influence of the EU in regulating global finance".

• 16.2.2011 - Dr. Anne Faber, Viadrina Universität Frankfurt: "What about effects? The institutional dimension of EU enlargements in perspective"

• 21.12.2010 - Prof. Huseyin Bagci, Middle East Technical University Ankara: "Neue Türkische Aussenpolitik unter neuen regionalen und globalen Parametern"

• 16.12.2010 - Prof. Ramses Wessel, University of Twente: "Reconsidering the Relationship between International and EU Law: Towards a Content-Based Approach?"

• 7.12.2010 - Prof. Jean Paul Jacqué, Brussels: "The European Council"
• 7.7.2010 - Prof. Marhold, Centre International de Formation Européenne: "How to Tell the History of European Integration in the 1970s: A Survey of the Literature and Some Proposals"

• 14.4.2010 - Prof. Thomas Christiansen, University of Maastricht: "Comitology - recent insights"

### III.4 Research prizes at the Jean Monnet Chair

- Gaby Umbach was awarded a Jean Monnet Fellowship for the academic year 2010/11 at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies of the European University Institute in Florence/Italy. During her stay at the EUI she further advances her Habilitation project ‘Global policy crises and institutional responses of the early 21st century - Emerging logics of an “inter-sectoral trans-level international institutionalism”?’ bringing together her various fields of expertise and extending them towards international relations and global governance, global policy crisis and institutional responses.

### IV. TEACHING PROJECTS

#### IV.1 Jean Monnet Chair

(Project funded by the European Commission)

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<td><strong>Time frame</strong></td>
<td>Jean Monnet Chair since 1994, renewed July 2011</td>
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<td><strong>Description</strong></td>
<td>The recent constitutional development in the EU, i.e. the successful ratification of the Lisbon Treaty and the subsequent monetary crisis offer interesting academic and teaching challenges and demand a fresh look at past and present teaching contents of European Integration.</td>
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| **Activities**    | The Jean Monnet Chair offers a broad range of teaching activities (seminars, lectures and lecture series, summer schools, tutorials and special tutorials for ERASMUS and international students) that cover different aspects of European Union politics and European Integration (see also “II. Teaching Activities”). Most of the teaching activities are offered in English to attract and facilitate the participation of students from outside German-speaking countries enrolled in programmes such as Erasmus and CEMS.  

In the academic year 2010-2011 the Jean Monnet Chair offered lectures and symposia open to a great number of students, graduates and members of civil society, drawing on contacts established in the framework of past and ongoing research projects and networks (e.g. COMOS, EUPOLIS, EXACT, MERCURY, THESEUS) and related to special topics of European Integration. The Chair further offers special preparatory tutorials and seminars for Erasmus and international students as well as field trips for students to Brussels and Berlin.  

The Jean Monnet Chair has reevaluated existing teaching materials and contents for both the newly constituted MA and BA degrees. The chairholder has published a textbook on the political system of the European Union that is used as basic literature in many courses. The book “The European Council” will be published by Palgrave MacMillan.  

Already existing virtual teaching units on European Integration are extended and enhanced continuously. |
| **Person in charge** | Wolfgang Wessels |
IV.2 Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence

(Funded by the European Commission)

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<td>Description</td>
<td>The Jean Monnet Chair of Prof. Wolfgang Wessels is involved in both regional and local Jean Monnet Centres of Excellence. It was also part of ICG-Net, a transnational European Network of Jean Monnet Centres of Excellence, completed in December 2005.</td>
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<td>Activities</td>
<td>As part of a regional pole, the chair is participating in a project including four Jean-Monnet chairholders from the Land North Rhine-Westphalia consisting of several meetings of the four responsible Professors (Prof. Dr. F. Knipping, Wuppertal, Prof. Dr. G. Brunn, Siegen, Prof. Dr. W. Kösters, Bochum, Prof. Dr. W. Wessels, Cologne). The project is co-ordinated by Professor Dr. Franz Knipping at Wuppertal University. Founded on 29 June 1998, the Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence NRW (CE) aims at co-ordinating the autonomous projects carried out by the four participating departments, so that they will support each other by contributing to the work of the other departments. The relevant projects are:</td>
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<td>“European Union virtual learning units”: The Jean Monnet Chair’s contribution to the Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence consists especially of the project called “European Union virtual learning units”. Similar to the project “Virtual Text Book”, the interactive presentation of teaching material is supposed to complement the traditional approach practiced in schools and universities creating virtual learning facilities for students on the European Union in an open manner and including representatives from different academic branches and approaches.</td>
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<td>Summer schools organized in the responsibility of the Gustav-Stresemann-Institut and the Chairholders of Jean Monnet Regional Centres of Excellence in North-Rhine-Westphalia.</td>
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<td>Local activities</td>
<td>Former activities in the framework of PROTEUS and WACOPAS (Prof. Dr. Stephan Hobe, Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Wessels)</td>
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### IV.3 PROTEUS – Course in Law and Politics of the EU System

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<td><strong>Aims</strong></td>
<td>In this project, the Jean Monnet Chair for European Politics co-operates with the Jean Monnet Chair for European Law. The project is designed as a module in Law and Politics of the EU system offering students of different disciplines an additional qualification in European integration studies. The core values pursued are the promotion of communicative and teamwork skills, interdisciplinary learning as well as professional and practical orientation.</td>
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<td><strong>Description</strong></td>
<td>PROTEUS is an interdisciplinary module in law and politics of the European Union comprising a number of introductory courses in both subjects and culminating in the simulation exercise WACOPAS (Warsaw-Cologne-Paris-Simulation), carried out in cooperation with Sciences Po, Paris and the Polish Academy of Sciences. Students fulfilling the required demands will be awarded a certificate in Law and Politics of the EU system serving as a documentation of their successful participation in the certificate course. This can be regarded as an &quot;added value&quot; to their academic activities and is designed to improve their professional outlook after leaving University. The experience accumulated in the course of the project aims at making the students more capable of handling &quot;real&quot; problems in their future careers. PROTEUS offers an unconventional complementation to traditional ways of learning and teaching within the University of Cologne.</td>
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<td><strong>Organisation</strong></td>
<td>Students are required to complete three introductory courses to EU politics law. Upon completion, they can apply for participation in the multinational simulation exercise. Each participating student is thus confronted with courses in different academic disciplines. He is offered insights into its working methods, contents and scientific orientations. Moreover, the module offers excursions to European institutions in order to provide first hand information on the EU system and facilitate direct contacts with real actors of the European arena.</td>
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### IV.4 Simulation Exercise

(Project funded by the Fritz-Thyssen-Stiftung (2011), the European Commission in the framework of the FP-7 research project MERCURY (2011), Université Franco-Allemande (2010), Organisation franco-allemand pour la jeunesse (2010), Foundation for German-Polish Collaboration (2010), German Polish Foundation for Research (2010))

#### Project Staff

- Wulf Reiners (M.A.), Funda Tekin, Mirja Schröder (M.A.), Wolfgang Wessels (Prof. Dr.), together with Stephan Hobe (Prof. Dr., Faculty of Law, University of Cologne), Jacques Le Cacheux (Prof. Dr.) (OFCE, Sciences Po, Paris), Wladyslaw Czapinski (Prof. Dr.) and Rafal Kownacki, Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw.

#### Aims

The simulation exercise offers the possibility for students to experience new forms of teaching methods. The additional qualification is certified by a graded EU-certificate issued by the participating universities. In the year 2010 these institutions were the University of Cologne, Sciences Po, Paris, and the University of Warsaw. In 2011 the simulation seminar took place in the framework of the THESEUS/MERCURY summer school for young leaders with the following co-operation partners: University of Cologne, University of Edinburgh, Charles University Prague, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Sciences Po, Paris, University of Pretoria, Fudan University Shanghai, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, University of Cambridge.

The simulation exercise translates situations "close to reality" into academic life, giving each participant the opportunity of assuming a specific role and representing it during the seminar. Students thus gain a better understanding of how political and legal issues are dealt with and settled within the European Union, as well as closer contact to their fellow students and the teaching staff. The course promotes the students' "EU-capabilities", the competence to work in multi-national teams and the ability to use modern means of communication. In particular, the project establishes a better understanding of the practical "real-life" processes of the EU-system. The course offers interesting perspectives in view of a career within the framework of a European and international organisations.

#### Description

The simulation exercise – as an integral part of PROTEUS (see section above) – is a multinational and interdisciplinary course in law and politics of the European Union using means of a simulation exercise carried out by the University of Cologne and international partner institutions. The core values pursued are the promotion of communicative and teamwork skills, interdisciplinary learning as well as professional and practical orientation.

#### Organisation

The simulation exercise consists of a joint seminar for students and researchers from the participating institutions. This joint seminar is alternately set as a moot court or a simulated intergovernmental conference, held in form of a three-day-event (block-seminar) at the end of the semester. Course language is English.

Subject of the joint simulation in 2010 was “The institutional architecture of the EU after the Lisbon Treaty”. In 2011, the course was organised as a negotiation simulation of the Group of 20 (G-20): New World, New Ideas – Security and Stability in the Contemporary Global Order.

#### Person in charge

- Wulf Reiners (M.A.); Funda Tekin
## IV.5 Teaching Europe: A ‘Teaching Companion’ in EU studies

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<td><strong>Aims</strong></td>
<td>The demands and aspirations to promote European co-operation in quality assurance and the development of a ‘European dimension’ in higher education form the core motivations for the creation of such a teaching companion in EU studies. It is based on the collected experiences of a core curriculum in European studies, which has already been developed. The teaching companion addresses the need for fundamental and comprehensive instruction on matters of the EU. At the same time, it is responsive to the development of European-wide curricula by providing a guide and structure to the teaching of European integration, which can serve as an open model for university courses in different educational systems.</td>
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<td><strong>Description</strong></td>
<td>The teaching companion in EU studies tries to combine several aspects. On the one hand, it will provide an overview of the state of the art in EU studies, especially on theories and strategies of European integration, while on the other hand, it will offer practical advice and conceptual support. Moreover, throughout the companion, Treaty texts and primary sources provide a bearing point for empirical and analytical focus, as it sets out a comprehensive arena for relevant topics and test cases; allowing to exemplify and investigate all major issues of the EU system and its evolution. In doing so, the companion will ‘re-organize’ the often confusing variety of explanatory approaches to European integration by offering a systematically and well-structured overview on the theoretical debate, the internal differentiation of the various schools of thought as well as on their historical, theoretical and practical development. Further, the companion will provide a brief overview and suggestions for academic literature of EU-related fields.</td>
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<td><strong>Method</strong></td>
<td>Regarding its content, the teaching companion will be divided into three main chapters, setting forth a general introduction on history, defining and explaining integration theories and strategies as well as demonstrating their interconnectedness through the analytical approach of “ALIS”. Together with an annotated bibliography will be added to round off the overall publication.</td>
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<td><strong>Publications</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Further activities</strong></td>
<td>Further development and eventual publication are in preparation.</td>
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### IV.6 European Online Academy

The „European Online-Academy“ (EOA) is a joint project of the Jean Monnet Chair at the University of Cologne and the Centre International de Formation Européenne (CIFE) in Nice and Berlin; further associated institutions are the following: Europa-Union Deutschland (EUD), Europäische Bewegung Deutschland (EBD), Fédération Internationale des Maisons de l’Europe (FIME), Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP, Berlin) and the Walter-Hallstein-Institute Berlin.

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<th>Project Staff</th>
<th>The working group responsible for the planning and realisation of the project includes: Hartmut Marhold (Prof. Dr.) (CIFE); Helgard Fröhlich (Dr.) (CIFE), Oliver Höing (M.A.), Thomas Traguth and Wolfgang Wessels (Prof. Dr.)</th>
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<td>Organisation</td>
<td>The European Online Academy has been set-up in November 2002 with a first test period. The current academic year has started in October 2010.</td>
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<td>Aims</td>
<td>The aim of the European Online Academy is to offer new methods of teaching on the European Union that serve - regarding their virtual and transnational character - not as substitutes but as replenishment to existing programs.</td>
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<td>Description</td>
<td>The European Online Academy offers postgraduate online studies on European integration for professionals in public and private sector. It offers two online programmes: a two-year programme: a Master in EU Studies Online and a one-year programme: Certificate in EU Studies Online.</td>
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<td>Both courses offer comprehensive information on recent development of the European Integration process and up-to-date insight into proceedings and policy areas. Through a combination of e-learning and compact face-to-face phases (in Berlin, Rome, Budapest and Brussels) they are ideal training programmes and additional qualification for young professionals, postgraduates and junior officials interested in or already working in the field of European integration. The courses offer Online-Courses and discussion forums; an Interdisciplinary subject blend: Political Science, Economics and EU Law; Workshops and intercultural seminars; Simulations, tests, written and oral exams; organised visits to the EU and national institutions, dialogue with decision makers.</td>
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**IV.7 University of Cologne @ METU Summer School on European Studies 2010**

The project was funded by the German Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF) and the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD).

| **Project Staff** | Nicole Ahler (M.A.), Wolfgang Wessels (Prof. Dr.), together with the Center for European Studies at the Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara |
| **Aims** | The aim of the Summer University on European Studies together with one of the leading State Universities in Turkey, the Middle East Technical University (METU), Ankara, was to promote Master- and Postgraduate Studies at the University of Cologne among excellent Turkish Bachelor and Master students. |
| **Description** | The Summer School comprised the disciplines political sciences, economics, business studies and law. The content of teaching ranged from basic theoretical and methodological foundations of integration research to the institutional architecture of the EU and selected policies of the EU. It sensitized excellent Turkish undergraduate and graduate students to European Studies. It reasonably complemented the study programme of political science, international relations and economics offered at METU with Europe related courses. The teaching staff consisted of professionally qualified lecturers of the University of Cologne. The different lecturer introduced courses and additional qualifications which make studying at the University of Cologne especially interesting for prospective students: the practice oriented seminar “Europe@Work” with study trips to Berlin and Brussels; additional qualification “PROTEUS Europazertifikat”, including seminars on EU law and the political system of the EU and a simulation game. |
| **Organisation** | The Summer School consisted of a two week extensive programme with lectures and seminars on basic theoretical and methodological foundations of integration research, the institutional architecture of the EU as well as selected policies of the EU. The course language was English. Additionally study trips to German and European Institutions and foundations and other cultural activities were offered. |
| **Person in charge** | Nicole Ahler (M.A.) |
V. Research Activities

V.1 THESEUS - establishing a European society

| Project Staff | Mirja Schröder (Dipl. Vw.)  
|               | Anja Thomas (M.A.),  
|               | Wolfgang Wessels (Prof. Dr.) |

| Time frame   | 01 January 2007 – 31 March 2013 |

| Aims         | THESEUS is a European network of thinkers, actors and ideas whose aim is to foster an open and constructive dialogue between academia and politics about the future challenges of Europe. Emerging from a Franco-German initiative, THESEUS is striving to enhance the mutual understanding of societies in Europe. It promotes the interconnection of debates on national and European level and the exchange of ideas and analyses about future European challenges with young researchers and professionals. |

| Organisation | The THESEUS project is a joint activity of Sciences Po Paris, the Jean Monnet Chair for Political Science of the University of Cologne, the Trans European Policy Studies Association (Brussels) and the Fritz Thyssen Foundation (Cologne). |

| Description  | The four main activities of THESEUS are:  
|              | a) The THESEUS Visiting Professorship for European Studies reinforces cooperation in the field of European integration research and fosters transnational academic discourse in Europe. It addresses each year scholars with a focus on European integration from the following disciplines or disciplines close to them: economics, law, political science, contemporary history, cultural studies, sociology.  
|              | b) The THESEUS Seminars for Young Leaders bring together in an intensive seminar young excellent professionals and researchers to promote transnational interdisciplinary networks. The Seminars tackle the internal and external challenges which Europe faces and for which a new European generation has to find ways forward. At the same time they require complex interdisciplinary international solutions. THESEUS aims at participants with different national, cultural and professional backgrounds, enabling them to create a sustainable network of young leaders.  
|              | c) The THESEUS Conferences offer a forum for a common exchange of experience between central decision-makers, social actors and prominent representatives of the academia as well as selected young researchers of the THESEUS Seminars. The Conferences analyse political developments and global challenges for Europe from a scientific perspective in order to find strategic solutions.  
|              | d) The THESEUS Awards: The THESEUS Award for European Research distinguishes a person with an outstanding academic record in the field of European Integration. The THESEUS Award for Promising Research |
on European Integration distinguishes an excellent piece of work of a junior researcher.
www.theseus-europe.net

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### V.2 MERCURY – Multilateralism and the EU in the Contemporary Global Order

(Proposal funded by the European Commission and the 7th Research Framework Programme)

**Project Staff**

- Dr. Nadia Klein; Funda Tekin (Dipl. Vw.)
- Wulf Reiners (M.A.), Tobias Kunstein (Dipl. Vw.)
- and Wolfgang Wessels (Prof. Dr.)

**Time Frame**


**Aims**

- **Scientific Objectives**:
  - (1) Exploit general theoretical approaches to international relations for theory-building and to develop new, enhanced, refined, operational definitions of multilateralism;
  - (2) Generate innovative empirical knowledge that sheds new light on multilateralism by linking (thus far) disparate literatures on international relations, international law, international economics, and EU external action;
  - (3) Pinpoint the effects of the EU’s external relations by gauging – comparatively and according to specified metrics - how and how much the EU contributes to building effective multilateralism.

- **Policy Relevant Objectives**:
  - (1) Develop ‘best practice’ criteria to guide choices about how multilateralism should be pursued as a strategic goal of EU external policy;
  - (2) Specify how resources - both EU and state-based - may be best combined in the pursuit of effective multilateralism;
  - (3) Inform media and public debate and engage policy stakeholders and decision-makers through (inter alia) MERCURY public lectures, an E-letter, and press engagement.

- **Strategic Goals**:
  - (1) Contribute to building a European research area with strong international links through engagement with participant institutions in International Cooperation Partner Countries;
  - (2) Solidify and expand an already developed and thriving research network, especially by training the next generation of researchers by integrating them into our work;
  - (3) Take forward previous relevant research funded through FP VI to build a sustainable future research agenda.
The research carried out in the framework of MERCURY focuses on the following central question: does the European Union deliver on its commitment to effective multilateralism? To answer this question, the work of the consortium has been structured on the basis of four research and two horizontal work packages.

First, a theoretical work package ("Mapping Modes of Multilateralism") will establish a historically-based understanding of approaches to multilateralism. Second, building upon the insights generated within the theoretical work package, three empirical work packages will systematically analyse key aspects of EU multilateralism. These key aspects are: (a) EU institutional and policy dynamics ("Architecture of EU External Relations"), (b) with external regions and strategic partners ("Multilateralism in Practice") and (c) the EU’s performance in a multilateral context, focusing both on major international organisations and informal groups of which it is part ("Organised Multilateralism").

The two horizontal work packages are responsible for the management of the project and the dissemination of research results, respectively.

The MERCURY consortium is composed of the following nine institutional partners: (1) University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom (MERCURY co-ordinator); (2) University of Cologne, Germany; (3) Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic; (4) Instituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome, Italy; (5) Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques, Paris, France; (6) University of Pretoria, South Africa; (7) Fudan University, Shanghai, China; (8) Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, Sweden and (9) University of Cambridge, United Kingdom.

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| Person in charge | Dr. Nadia Klein, Funda Tekin (Dipl. Vw.) |

| Activities: | March 2009: MERCURY kick-off conference at the University of Edinburgh (UK).

July 2009: MERCURY Joint Workshop of Work-Packages I and II at the University of Cologne (Germany).

March 2010: MERCURY Plenary Conference, Fondation Universitaire, Brussels (Belgium).

March 2011: MERCURY Plenary Conference, Charles University; Prague (Czech Republic)

July 2011: MERCURY Simulation Game, Fondation Universitaire, Brussels (Belgium). |
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<td>Further MERCURY publications, including an online glossary on notions of multilateralism and a database (“DATEX”) on EU legal acts and their relevance for multilateralism can be found on the project website: <a href="http://www.mercury-fp7.net">www.mercury-fp7.net</a>.</td>
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## V.3 EUPOLIS – The European Polity Post Lisbon

Project funded by the European Commission

| **Project Staff** | Andreas Hofmann (M.A.)  
|                  | Oliver Höing (M.A.)  
|                  | Wolfgang Wessels (Prof. Dr.) |

| **Time frame** | September 2008-December 2010 |

| **Aims** | The EUPOLIS Jean Monnet Multilateral Research Group aims to stimulate academic debate on the evolution of the EU by treaty reforms, focusing especially on the Lisbon Treaty. The project will analyse the ‘quasi’-constitutional evolution of the European polity from an interdisciplinary (political science, law, history) and trans-national perspective. EUPOLIS will deepen and widen the existing “acquis académique” on theory by pursuing an analysis from the perspective of the fusion thesis. |

| **Description** | EUPOLIS will pursue the following concrete aims and objectives:  
|                 | - generate and test a set of guiding theses of the ‘quasi’-constitutional evolution while contributing further to theory-building, particularly by applying and elaborating the “fusion” approach in the context of the acquis académique;  
|                 | - generate qualitative and quantitative indicators for analysing trends of Treaty reforms and polity evolution, e.g. by more clearly defining the dichotomy of intergovernmental and supranational features as well as the reciprocal entanglement (or institutional fusion) of national and EU levels;  
|                 | - assess the fundamental impact of the Lisbon Treaty on the efficiency and effectiveness of the EU political system as well as on the quasi-constitutional evolution of the polity;  
|                 | - deliver well-founded theory based political advice to experts, civil servants and practitioners, in particular with regard to possible trajectories (“scenarios”) of the EU’s evolving construction;  
|                 | - update the research agenda, teaching curricula and materials for Ph.D and postgraduate students at institutions of higher education. |

Please visit the website for further information: www.eupolis.uni-koeln.de

| **Activities** | EUPOLIS Annual Conference, Brussels, 14-15 October 2010  
|               | Compilation of a teaching companion and a virtual teaching unit on EUPOLIS research activities. Final publication “Fusing Europe, Fusing States, Fusing Regions?” Expected date of publication: 2012. |

| **Person in charge** | Oliver Höing (M.A.) |
### V.4 Cifra – Centrum für interdisziplinäre Frankreich- und Frankophonie Studien

Cooperation between the Institut Français de Cologne and University of Cologne.

| **Project Staff** | Oliver Höing (M.A)  
|                  | Anja Thomas (M.A.)  
|                  | Funda Tekin (Dipl.-Vw.)  
|                  | Dr. Gaby Umbach (on leave)  
|                  | Lea Pyhel |

| **Time frame** | September 2009-September 2012 |

| **Aims** | CIFRA redefines the cooperation between the University of Cologne and the Institut Français de Cologne that has been maintained for more than half a century and continues with the longstanding tradition of academic research on France and francophone within the hexagonal European and international context at the University of Cologne. The main aim is to enhance studies on France and francophone at the University of Cologne within an interdisciplinary context of political sciences, historical sciences, linguistic and study of literature. |

| **Description** | CIFRA deals with the following research questions:  
|                 | - The role that France and Germany play in European integration and external relations of the European Union (Political Sciences)  
|                 | - Culture and politics in the colonial and post-colonial context of the 20th Century (historical sciences)  
|                 | - The francophone in terms of sciences of linguistic and media with special focus on Africa (linguistics)  
|                 | - Literature, film and room in French culture of the late modern age (study of literature). |

| **Activities** | - Seminar: Germany and France in the EU  
|                | - Publication (Wessels, Höing): The European Council after Lisbon: the end of Franco-German dominance?  
|                | - Seminar “Demokratie und Legitimität in der Europäischen Union”, Cologne.  
|                | - THESEUS Guest professorship Renaud Dehousse: The political system of the EU: Strategic and conceptual approaches  
|                | - THESEUS Guest professorship Jean Paul Jaqué: The political system of the EU: EU institutional architecture post Lisbon  
|                | - Journée de la France et de la Francophonie, November 2010. |

| **Person in charge** | Funda Tekin (Dipl.-Vw.)  
|                     | Oliver Höing (M.A.)  
|                     | Anja Thomas (M.A.)  
|                     | Dr. Gaby Umbach (on leave) |
## V.5 EXACT – Marie Curie ITN on EU External Action

Supported by the 7th Framework Programme of the EU

| **Project Staff** | Wulf Reiners (M.A.)  
|                 | Simon Stroß (M.A.) |
| **Time frame**   | January 2010 – December 2013 |
| **Aims**         | The Marie Curie Initial Training Network (ITN) EXACT is an EU wide Ph.D. and professional training programme for young researchers, academics and professionals in the field of EU External Action. Starting in January 2010, EXACT provides training for 12 participants for a period of three years including local and network-wide activities provided by the nine partner institutions of the network. The programme offers academic and professional training as well as a network of contacts throughout academia and the private sector. |
| **Description**  | The EXACT research programme is designed to critically examine EU External Action and its respective institutional architecture from a global perspective. This policy domain is one of the most challenging and significant fields of theory-led and empirically based research for scholars engaged in research focusing on foreign policy, international relations and European integration. EXACT identifies five relevant research topics that will constitute the basis of the professional and academic training programme: |
|                 | - Institutional Architecture of EU External Action  
|                 | - Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP)  
|                 | - European/Common Security and Defence Policy (ESDP/CSDP)  
|                 | - Common Commercial Policy  
|                 | - Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid |
| **Training Network** | The overall coordination and implementation of the network's training and research programme lays with the coordinator of EXACT, the Jean Monnet Chair of Prof. Wolfgang Wessels (University of Cologne), and the Supervisory Board composed of the nine network partners: |
|                 | - University of Cologne  
|                 | - Charles University Prague  
|                 | - University of Edinburgh  
|                 | - The Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS)  
|                 | - Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA)  
|                 | - European Institute of Public Administration (EIPA)  
|                 | - The Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA)  
|                 | - Instituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)  
|                 | - Institute for World Economics |
| **Person in charge** | Wulf Reiners (M.A.) |
### V.6 Lisboan – Linking Interdisciplinary Integration Studies by Broadening the European Network

Successful proposal in the 2010 call under the European Union’s Lifelong Learning Programme (LLP).

| **Project Staff** | Tobias Kunstein (Dipl.-Vw.)  
|                  | Wolfgang Wessels (Prof.Dr.)  
|                  | Nicole Ahler (M.A.)  |

| **Time frame** | October 2010-September 2013 |

| **Aims** | LISBOAN is a network of – currently 68 – European institutions dealing with teaching and research on EU integration studies in general and the Treaty of Lisbon in particular. |

| **Description** | Through a number of activities, the network aims at strengthening cooperation between institutions of higher education and research in Europe. It enhances research-based teaching, spreads innovative approaches and establishes best practices in teaching the Lisbon treaty. The network covers travel and accommodation costs for annual conferences and thematic workshops, provides funding for guest lectures and offers reimbursement for brief contributions to an annual “Lisbon Watch” report. Members will benefit from the network’s full geographical coverage of 67 partner institutions (from all EU member states as well as Croatia, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Turkey). In order to bridge boundaries between scientific disciplines, the network includes political scientists, historians, lawyers and economists |

| **Activities** | The main elements of the network are:  
|                | • Three annual conferences (including annual working group meetings) bringing together members from all 67 partner institutions  
|                | • Eleven specialised workshops, at least one per thematic work package  
|                | • Annual awards for excellence in teaching and research  
|                | • Three PhD-schools  
|                | • A lecture series comprising three annual guest lectures  
|                | • An annual report (Lisbon Watch) with brief contributions from partner institutes. |

| **Person in charge** | Tobias Kunstein (Dipl.-Vw.) |

| **Project website** | www.lisboan.net |
V.7 Euconet – Cologne in the EU multi-level system

(Project funded by the RheinEnergieStiftung Jugend, Beruf/Wissenschaft, in cooperation with Cologne University of Applied Sciences, Forschungsschwerpunkt SozialRaumManagement)

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- What new or changed regulations in the distribution of responsibilities and in the procedural policy-making processes of the Lisbon Treaty are relevant to the local level or are perceived by local actors as particularly relevant?

- What are the political and administrative strategies developed by communities like the city of Cologne, to participate actively in the governance structures of the EU multi-level system? To what extent does the Treaty of Lisbon lead to adjustments that communities are better equipped for this modified system?
| Activities         | 01th April 2011 - The project euconet has started. To explore the field the project begins with an exploratory phase.  
|                   | - Qualitative interviews with experts were held in Brussels and Cologne.  
|                   | - A questionnaire was sent to determine the network actors.  
|                   | 18th July 2011 - As a part of the exploratory phase an expert meeting took place.  
|                   | There were two main questions discussed to give the researchers an overview of the research topic and to consider the questions of the experts in the research process. The questions were:  
|                   | - What impact has the EU’s policy on the city of Cologne, possibly due to the Treaty of Lisbon?  
|                   | - What empowerments does the City of Cologne have? What adaptation strategy does the City of Cologne pursuing? What are the network strategies of the City?  
|                   | As a result, the experts agreed that the municipal level as well as the city of Cologne has been strongly affected in both their own political responsibility, as well as the executive body of European policy issues, guidelines and instructions. Particularly affected policies couldn’t been found. Although it was stressed that the most affected policies are the nature and climate protection as well as the services for general interests and the aid and procurement law, overall the experts remarked many different parts of local policy being affected by European law. In addition to the municipal administration especially the carriers of essential services such as the mutual savings banks or airports are affected by European politics.  
|                   | The experts classified the networking strategy of Cologne as particularly positive. Cologne is a member of over twenty international networks. Some experts described the networking as opaque, so that it is sometimes difficult to see through which networks exists and how efficiently they work. For this reason, the experts expect from the study recommendations regarding the effectiveness of networking.  
| Person in charge  | Katharina Eckert (M.A.) |
## VI. PAST RESEARCH ACTIVITIES

### VI.1 EU-CONSENT – Wider Europe, deeper integration? “Constructing Europe” Network of Excellence

(Project funded by the European Commission)

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<td>Leader of Work Package X “Teaching”: Dr. Gaby Umbach (also: research co-ordinator Work Package II/III)</td>
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<td>Project Collaborators: Tobias Kunstein, Dipl. Vw. (PhD Centre/Sustainability); Franziska Bopp, Dipl. Reg.-Wiss. Lat. (PhD Centre); Andreas Hofmann, M.A. (Work Package II/III; Sustainability)</td>
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<td>The Network of Excellence involved 53 institutional partners, including 25 universities, approximately 313 senior and 204 young researchers from 23 EU member states and two candidate countries.</td>
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**Description**

EU-CONSENT was a Network of Excellence for joint research and teaching on EU deepening and widening which stretched across Europe. It was funded by the European Commission under Framework Programme 6.

EU-CONSENT was formed to address questions related to the mutually reinforcing effects of EU deepening and widening by analysing the European integration process and by developing visions and scenarios for the future of the European Union.

The thematic focus of the network was organised in five work packages:

1. Normative and Analytical Approaches and Sets of Expectations (responsible: B. Laffan; W. Wessels)
2. Institutions and Political Actors (responsible: E. Best)
3. Democracy, Legitimacy and Identities (responsible: M. Karasinska-Fendler)
4. Economic and Social Policies for an Expanding Europe (responsible: I. Begg)
5. Political and Security Aspects of the EU’s External Relations (responsible: G. Bonvicini)

Work within the network comprised:

- integrating activities such as regular conferences and workshops on the team, work package and plenary level;
- shared research activities, including the publication of papers, articles and edited volumes;
- teaching activities in the form of conventional and virtual study units on EU deepening and widening; and
- dissemination activities such as public lectures by leading academics and practitioners of EU politics (EU-CONSENT lectures), discussions and joint publications.

The results of these activities were incorporated in the following special EU-CONSENT products:

- EU-27 Watch, a critical analysis of national debates on EU matters in all 27 member states as well as three candidate countries, based on biannual questionnaires (responsible: B. Lippert);
- WEB-CONSENT, the project’s web site at [www.eu-consent.net](http://www.eu-consent.net), containing all relevant information and up-to-date announcements (responsible: M. Cricorian);
- the EDEIOS Online School, presenting a core curriculum of conventional and virtual study units on EU deepening and widening (post-graduate level) (responsible: G. Umbach);
- a PhD Centre of Excellence, including integrating activities for young researchers such as six summer/winter PhD schools on the thematic focal points of the project (responsible: A. Agh); and
- an E-Library, containing resources and papers available online as well as regularly updated literature lists for all thematic focal points of the network (responsible: G. Umbach/ M. Cricorian).
Person in charge
Funda Tekin (Dipl. Vw.), Dr. Gaby Umbach, Tobias Kunstein (Dipl. Vw.)

Network structure

[Organisation Chart Image]
### VI.2 SInAN – Strengthening and Integrating Academic Networks

(Project funded by the European Commission)

| **Project Staff** | Nicole Ahler (M.A.),  
|                   | Thomas Maschke (M.A.),  
|                   | Wolfgang Wessels (Prof. Dr.)  
|                   | in cooperation with the Center for European Studies, Middle East Technical University Ankara (CES-METU) |

| **Time frame** | July 2008 – November 2009 |

| **Aims** | The aims of the project are to:  
|          | - Create synergies between academic networks in Turkey and the EU through strengthening their collaboration and integration through the Center for European Studies – Middle East Technical University – Jean Monnet Chair for Political Science and European Affairs partnership with a view to a ‘dual gate-opener’ function by (a) enhancing CES-METU’s integration in the European Research Area through networks such as EU-CONSENT, TEPSA and Jean Monnet Chairs and (b) opening the gates of the European Research Area for CES-METU’s national network of universities.  
|          | - Question the ‘myths’ that characterise the debate on Turkey’s EU accession process by engaging academic communities in constructive dialogue and extensive research in three priority areas:  
|          | 1) EU’s institutional architecture: theories, strategies and lessons learned from enlargement  
|          | 2) Employment, social affairs and equal opportunities  
|          | 3) External relations (CFSP, ESDP, ENP)  
|          | - To ensure better knowledge and understanding of Turkey within the EU, and of the EU within Turkey focusing on the above priority areas by contributing to conceptions on political and socio-economic implications of Turkey’s accession to the EU and current debates on EU institutional reforms (Reform Treaty) and the EU’s absorption capacity.  
|          | - To include equal opportunities and sustainable development as overarching dimensions informing all stages of collaboration. |

| **Description** | The project brings together CES-METU and its national academic network (University of Yüzüncü Yil, University of Trakya, University of Ondokuz Mayis, University of Gaziosmanpasa, University of Gaziantep, European Research Center of Akdeniz University) with the Jean Monnet Chair for Political Science and European Affairs, University of Cologne and its networks in the European Research Area, such as EU-CONSENT, TEPSA and the Jean Monnet Chairs. Associated partners are the University of Sienna and Sabanci University, Istanbul. The Project is mainly coordinated by the CES- METU, Ankara. |
Activities

The Activities of the Project are grouped under three clusters:

1) CES-METU – Jean Monnet Chair for Political Science and European Affairs, University of Cologne Collaborative Research Programme: The action includes a Coordination Meeting, a Joint Research Workshop, an Elite Survey, a Joint Flagship Conference and two PhD Schools.

2) Exchanging Research Experience and Know-How on EU-Turkey Relations: The action includes a CES-METU Fellowship Programme, a Study Visit Programme for PhD Candidates and two PhD Schools.

3) Disseminating Knowledge and Best Practices: The action includes the formation of a webpage (sinan.ces.metu.edu.tr), the publication of a newsletter, Working Papers, an edited volume and Turkey Watch

During the first 18 months of the project the following meetings have taken place:

- Meeting of the Steering Committee, Paris, July 2008
- Coordination Meeting to identify the key priorities of the project, discuss the time frame of the activities and the logistics and final content of the Joint Research Workshop in Brussels, Ankara, September 2008.
- Joint Research Workshop “Questioning the myths of the enlarging EU” to identify central research questions concerning the debate about EU-Turkey relations and to create research groups for the work packages, Brussels, October 2008.
- “EU@Work” Seminar in Berlin, Cologne and Brussels, June 2009.
- SInAN Interim Research Workshop with meeting of the work package groups, discussions on first finding and further research in view of the SInAN Flagship Conference in October, Antalya, June 2009.
- Meeting of the Steering Committee, Antalya, June 2009.
- SInAN PhD School “External Relations”, Ankara, October 2009.
- SInAN Flagship Conference to present research findings of the work packages and the elite survey to the wider public. Discussion of the sustainability of the project and presentation of Turkey Watch results.

Person in charge

Nicole Ahler (M.A.)
VI.3 CHALLENGE – The Changing Landscape of European Liberty and Security

(Supported by the European Commission)

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VI.4 IConnectEU – Developing and testing a model for integrated dissemination of outcomes from complementary research projects

(Project supported by the European Commission within the 6th Research Framework Programme)

For further information on all former research and teaching projects please visit our website: http://www.wessels.uni-koeln.de/index.php?id=156.

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<td>IConnectEU aims at increasing the visibility and impact of collaborative research in Europe by improving the dissemination of and the accessibility to research outcomes from projects with similar topics and audience. Currently, multiple FP6-projects - regardless there Research Area or instrument - are dealing with the same issue or address common questions. Common cross-project infrastructures to share information, to jointly disseminate results or to ensure accessibility of results after project completion are rarely available due to the specific nature and to the diversity of the projects (regarding their priorities, the methodology used, their duration and also the participants). As a matter of fact, dissemination is very fragmented and access to research results is complicated. The objective of IConnectEU is to create a generic infrastructure for joint dissemination activities across thematically related projects, consisting of a software platform, a reference model for integrated dissemination, and guidelines on how to implement the infrastructure in different domains. Eight projects currently funded under Priority 7 and dealing with the broad topic of Governance in the EU will serve as a use case for creating a pilot portal (content and software), which integrates their currently unconnected dissemination activities. This portal will then be used in a feasibility study as a Best-Practice example for other Areas of FP6 and FP7. The study will help to create a reference model for cross-project dissemination, integrating relevant aspects like audiences, information needs, information services, cooperative structures and sustainability. A cost-effectiveness study will additionally analyse the benefits of integrated dissemination. Guidelines in the form of Blue Prints will support other projects in adapting IConnectEU results to their domains.</td>
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VII. SELECTED PUBLICATIONS

VII.1 Regular Publications

"Jahrbuch der europäischen Integration" (Yearbook of European Integration)

The yearbook of European Integration (Werner Weidenfeld/Wolfgang Wessels, eds) has been published annually since its inception in 1980 and aims to provide continuous documentation on the European integration process that is both timely and scholarly sound. The format which has remained basically unchanged consists of seven main chapters starting with a review of the year and then dealing with the institutions, the policy areas, the EU’s foreign policy, the political infrastructure, European politics within the Member States, and European politics in other European organisations and states. Furthermore, the yearbook includes a section on documentation, a chronology and a bibliography.

The 2011 yearbook will consists of over 70 articles by authors who are experts in their area. In the 2010 and 2011 publication (12th edition, Baden-Baden 2012, forthcoming) the staff of the department contributes with articles on the following subjects:


"Europa von A bis Z - Taschenbuch der europäischen Integration" (Europe from A to Z – Guide to European Integration)

This handy volume on European integration edited by Werner Weidenfeld and Wolfgang Wessels serves as a guide and reference work to the European Union and attempts to shed some light on the tasks, the organisation and the policies of the EU. It consists of short articles on the main themes, concepts and facts surrounding the European Union written by experts and offering a quick but accurate overview. The book is published in ten official Community languages by the European Commission and exists also on CD-ROM.

VII.2 Selected publications by the chairholder Wolfgang Wessels since 1999

Monographs


Edited volumes

- (in co-operation with Udo Diedrichs and Wulf Reiners): The Dynamics of Change in EU Governance – Studies in EU Reform and Enlargement, Cheltenham, 2011.
- (in co-operation with Werner Weidenfeld): Jahrbuch der Europäischen Integration, Bonn 2008 (published since 1980ff.).

Articles for journals and edited volumes
The political system of the European Union: institutions and procedures


Interessenvertretung, Interessenidentität, Konfliktmoderation - was geschieht in der EU, in: Danuta Kneipp/Eckart D. Stratenschulte (eds), Staatenkooperation in der EU und darüber hinaus, Opladen 2003, pp. 15-19.


The evolution of the European Union

The European Council - Beyond the Traditional View Towards a Fusion, in Mélanges en l'honneur de Jean Paul Jacqué, Paris, 2010.


(in cooperation with Anne Faber): Vom Verfassungskonvent zurück zur ' Methode Monnet'? Die Entstehung der 'Road Map' zum Reformvertrag unter deutscher Ratspräsidentschaft, in: integration 04/2007, pp. 370-381.


National and European Administration


Theories of European Politics and Integration


Germany and the EU


• (in co-operation with Andreas Maurer): Die Ständige Vertretung der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, in: Michèle Knodt/Beate Kohler-Koch (eds), Deutschland zwischen Europäisierung und Selbstbehauptung, Frankfurt am Main 2000.


The European Union in the international system


• (in co-operation with Franziska Bopp): The changing landscape of EU governments’ perception of European Security - a process of widening and deepening?, paper prepared within the research project CHALLENGE, 2008.


• Die Europäische Union als Ordnungsfaktor, in: Karl Kaiser/ Hans-Peter Schwarz (eds), Weltpolitik im neuen Jahrhundert, Bonn 2000.


Widening and deepening of the European Union


• (in co-operation with Barbara Lippert and Gaby Umbach) Europeanization of CEE executives: EU membership negotiations as a shaping power, in: Journal of European Public Policy, vol. 6, N° 8, 12/2002, pp. 980-1012.

New Forms of Governance: The Economic and Monetary Union and beyond
• (in co-operation with Gaby Umbach): The European System of Central Banks: Circles, Core, and 'Directoire', in: Kenneth Dyson/Martin Marcussen (eds), Central Banking in the Age of the Euro, Oxford, forthcoming.

EU Public Space and European Debate


Historical Dimensions of the European Integration

VII.3 Recent publications by academic staff

Katharina Eckert

Cyril Gläser

Oliver Höing

Nadia Klein


Tobias Kunstein


Wulf Reiners

Mirja Schröder

Funda Tekin
- (together with Udo Diedrichs, Anne Faber, Gaby Umbach (eds)): Europe Reloaded: Differentiation or Fusion?, Baden-Baden, 2011.

Anja Thomas
- (in cooperation with Timm Beichelt) "National Politics matter! - Die Suche nach einer


- "Les présidences tournantes de l’Union européenne - courroies de transmission entre les arènes politiques nationale et européenne", L’Europe en débat, Arte und College of Europe, 2.9.2008, blogs.arte.tv/Leurope_en_debat/frontUser.do

- "Établir une société européenne. Le projet franco-allemand THESEUS", in: documents 01/08, S. 38-40 (Deutsche Version in Dokumente 1/08).


**Thomas Traguth**


Gaby Umbach

**Monographs and edited books:**

- (together with Lippert, Barbara) Pressures of Europeanisation. From post-communist state administrations towards normal players in the EU system, Baden-Baden, 2005.

**Articles, Chapters, Papers, Teaching Units:**

- (together with Hofmann, Andreas) Towards a theoretical link between EU widening and deepening. Paper prepared for the EUSA Eleventh Biennial International Conference Los Angeles, 23 March 2009.


▪ Strategies and scenarios of post-enlarge ment deepening and widening of the EU. Synergy paper integrating the third round of annual state of the art papers of EU-CONSENT Work Package II/III “Theories” teams, EU-CONSENT Deliverable No. 111, Cologne 2008.


VII.4 Recent publications by former academic staff

Franziska Bopp

- (in co-operation with Wolfgang Wessels): The changing landscape of EU governments’ perception of European Security – a process of widening and deepening?, paper prepared within the research project CHALLENGE, 2008.
- (in co-operation with Wolfgang Wessels): "The institutional architecture of CFSP after the Lisbon Treaty – Constitutional break-through or challenges ahead?", Paper im Rahmen des Forschungsprojekts CHALLENGE.
- (together with Wolfgang Wessels/joint paper with Nikos Scandamis, University of Athens): “The concepts of security and liberty in the framework of the European Union: the case of the EU’s external action”, paper written for the research project CHALLENGE.

Andreas Hofmann


Alice Anna Oeter

VIII. CO-OPERATION ACTIVITIES

VIII.1 Partners of the department

- Sokrates-Programme for Academic Exchange with the Universities of Ankara, Bansk Bystrica, Barcelona, Copenhagen, Dublin, Instanbul, Madrid, Padua, Paris (Science Po and Sorbonne), Prague, Szczecin, Warsaw and Wroclaw.
- Trans European Policy Association (TEPSA) Brussels.
- InstitutfürEuropäischePolitik (IEP), Berlin.
- EU-CONSENT: The network involves 52 institutional partners, including 27 universities, approximately 200 researchers and 80 young researchers from 22 EU member states and two candidate countries (see www.eu-consent.net).
- The THESEUS project involves a cooperation with Sciences Po in Paris, the Trans European Policy Studies Association in Brussels and the Fritz Thyssen Foundation in Cologne.
- MERCURY connect the Jean Monnet Chair with the University of Edinburgh, UK, the Charles University Prague, Czech Republic, the Istituto Affari Internazionali, Italy, the Fondation Nationale de Sciences Politiques, France, the University of Pretoria, South Africa, Fudan University, China, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, Sweden and the University of Cambridge, UK.
- EUPOLIS is a Multilateral Research Group between the University of Cologne, the University of Liverpool, Charles University in Prague, the Bulgarian European Community Studies Association, Sciences-Po, Paris and the Middle Eastern Technical University in Ankara.
- EXACT is a Marie Curie Initial Training Network in the field of EU External Action. The consortium consists of eight network partners besides the University of Cologne: University of Edinburgh, Charles University Prague, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA), European Institute of Public Administration (EIIPA), Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA), Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI) and Institute for World Economics of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences (IWE).
- NEWGOV: The network includes 24 projects and 2 transversal task forces and has more than 50 participating researchers from some 35 institutions in Western and Eastern Europe (see www.eu-newgov.org/public/PartnersInstitutions.asp).
- IConnectEU: This project is based on cooperation with GESIS-IZ Social Science Information Centre, Roskilde University, University College Dublin, Mannheim Centre for European Social Research, the European University Institute, Florence, University of Siena and the University of Vienna.
- Cologne University of Applied Sciences, ForschungsschwerpunktSozialRaumManagement (cooperation in the project euconet).

VIII.2 COMOS – Cologne Monnet Associations for EU Studies

The Cologne Monnet Associations for EU Studies (COMOS) fosters the activities of the Jean Monnet Chair at the Research Institute for Political Science and European Studies at the University of Cologne as well as further activities in Cologne related to the studies of European Affairs. This includes especially:
- Supporting research and teaching at the Jean Monnet chair, in particular study trips to Brussels in the framework of the ‘Europe@work’ and the ‘PROTEUS’ seminars.

- Organizing lectures and symposia with practitioners, academics and experts on topics of high relevance at the time (for example in cooperation with the ‘THESEUS’ project)

- Conference ‘Aufgehoben oder aufgeschoben? Die Wirtschafts- und Finanzkrise in Deutschland und Europa” („Postponed or abandoned? The economic and financial crisis in Germany and Europe), 10-11 June, 2011, Frankfurt/Main and Königstein.

- Panel discussion: Polen in der EU (Poland in the EU), 11 May, 2011, Cologne.


- Publishing the ‘COMOS-infoletter’

Furthermore, COMOS aims at strengthening the European idea and tolerance in the awareness of the young generation. COMOS has gradually evolved into an alumni network of former students at the Jean Monnet chair with more than 100 members.

More information on COMOS is available online at http://www.jeanmonnetchair.uni-koeln.de/index.php?id=comos.
IX. THE JEAN MONNET TEAM

IX.1 Chairholder

Prof. Dr. rer. Pol. Wolfgang Theodor Wessels

Degrees

1973 Diplom Volkswirt (sozialwissenschaftliche Richtung) at the University of Cologne (equivalent to a Master’s Degree in Economics and Political Science).

1979 Dr. rer. pol., University of Cologne.

1990 Venia legendi in Political Science of the University of Bonn.

1994 Professor of Political Science, University of Cologne

Positions

1973-1993 Director of the Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP), Bonn.

1980-1996 Director of the Department of Administrative and Political Studies at the College of Europe, Bruges.

since 1994 Jean Monnet Chairholder at the University of Cologne.


since 1996 Visiting Professor at the College of Europe, Bruges and Natolin (Warsaw).

since 1998 Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence, North-Rhine Westphalia.


2000 Jean Monnet Chair Professor at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Florence.

2002/2003 Member of the think tank of the state government of North-Rhine Westphalia on the European Centre of Excellence Cologne (COPOLIS).

2003 Member of the Inner Faculty of Economics, Business Administration and Social Sciences.

since 2007 Jean Monnet Golden medal award holder (lifelong learning).

2009/2010 Lecturer-in-residence of the Centre of European Union Studies at the university of Salzburg

Since 2011 Ad personam Jean Monnet Chair

Advisory activities of chairholder

- Member of study group "European Issues" of the German Association for Foreign Policy, Bonn (since 1995).
- Member of the "groupe des sages" of the Commissioner Oreja on the IGC (1995-1997).
- Member of the high-level-group on the CFSP (Durieux group) installed by Vice-President van den Broek (1995-1997).
Hearings at the "Committee for European and One World Policy" of the Landtag of North-Rhine Westphalia, the EU Committee of the Bundestag and the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee of the EP (2001).

Member of the expert group of the government of North-Rhine Westphalia on the European Convention (since 2002).

Co-chair person of the discussion panel on the European Convention as part of the project (financed by the ASKO Europa Stiftung) “Which kind of constitution for Europe?”.

Member of the Advisory Board Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik (SWP), Berlin (since 2005).

Editorial Board activities of chairholder
since 1978 “integration”
since 1992 “Journal of Common Market Studies”
since 1994 “The International Spectator”
since 1996 “European Foreign Policy Review”
since 1996 “Journal of International Relations and Development”
since 1999 “Journal of European Integration”
since 2002 “European Political Science”

Functions of chairholder within academic organisations
1991-2000 Member of Board of the Arbeitskreis Europäische Integration (German ECSA).
since 1993 Chairman of the Executive Board of the Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin.
since 1995 Chairman of the Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA), Brussels.
1995-1999 Member of Board of the European network at the Fondation Nationale des Sciences Politiques, Paris (EPS Net).
since 2002 Vice-president of the Arbeitskreis Europäische Integration (German ECSA).
since 2003 Coordinator Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence, University of Cologne
since 2004 Coordinator European Network of Jean Monnet Centres of Excellence: IGC Net (2009)
since 2005 Coordinator EU-CONSENT- Constructing Europe Network (2009)
since 2008 Coordinator Jean Monnet Multilateral Research Group “EUPOLIS”
since 2010 Coordinator of the Initial Training Network EXACT
since 2010 Coordinator of the network LISBOAN
IX.2 Academic staff 2010-2011

Nicole Ahler (M.A.) studied Political Science, Medieval and Modern History and East-European History at the University of Cologne and Sabanci University, Istanbul, and finished her studies in June 2008 with a Master thesis on Europeanisation of Turkey’s human rights policy. She has been working at the Jean Monnet Chair for five years: She started as a Student Researcher and became a Research Associate in August 2008. Currently she is Coordinator of the project for the establishment of the German-Turkish University (DTU) in Istanbul at the University of Cologne. She is engaged in the projects “LISBOAN”, “SlnAN – Strengthening and Integrating Academic Networks” and “THESEUS – establishing a European society”. Her main research area is Turkey and its relations to the European Union. Her teaching activities include a course on “The and Turkey. Roles for a possible partner” in spring 2011.

Katharina Eckert (M.A. Political Sciences, German language and literature studies, philosophy) works for the Jean Monnet Chair since 2009. She finished her studies in February 2009 with a thesis on the role of the German local authorities in the Multilevel-System of the European Union after the Treaty of Lisbon. She is in charge of the research project “euconet – Cologne in the EU multi-level system”. Her main research area is the relationship between the European Union and the regional and local levels. Furthermore she is responsible for the teaching coordination, which additionally implies the alignment of the Bachelor and Master programs.

Cyril Gläser (M.A.) finished his studies of Political Science, German Language and Literature, Philosophy, European and Public International Law at the University of Cologne and the University College London in 2006 with a Master-thesis on the possible change of the role and self-conception of the Deutsche Bundestag. Mr. Gläser is Managing Research Assistant of the chair since March 2011. He has worked as student assistant at the Jean Monnet Chair for two years before he became a research assistant from February 2006 until August 2009. He was in charge of the research projects “IConnectEU – Developing and testing a model for integrated dissemination of outcomes from complementary research projects” and “CHALLENGE – The Changing Landscape of European Liberty and Security”. He is working on a PhD-thesis on the ‘Types of Protest in the EU-Multilevel-System’.

Oliver Höing (M.A.) finished his studies of Political Science, Modern History and Philosophy at the University of Cologne in 2010 (one year academic exchange in Copenhagen 2008/2009) with a Master-thesis on ‘Polit-economic determinants of Eurosceptical attitudes’. He started as a Student Researcher in September 2009 and became a Research Assistant in August 2010. He is currently employed for CIFRA (The Centrum für interdisziplinäre Frankreich- und Frankophonie Studien) and supervising an Online-Course on the Institutional Architecture of the EU: evolution and reforms for the European Online Academy in Berlin. He is working on a PhD thesis on the influence of national parliaments in the financial and debt crisis. In September 2011, he will start to work for the project OPAL (financed by the DFG) which analyses the influence of national parliaments in the EU decision-making processes.

Dr. Nadia Kleinis responsible for the contribution of the University of Cologne to the international FP7 research project “Multilateralism and the European Union in
the Contemporary Global Order – MERCURY®. MERCURY is a three-year project which started in February 2009. In July 2009, she finished her PhD on the civil-military crisis management of the EU. The PhD research was carried out in the framework of the “European Foreign and Security Policy Studies Programme” (Compagnia di San Paolo, Turin (Italy); Riksbankens Jubileumsfond, Stockholm (Sweden); Volkswagen-Stiftung, Hanover (Germany)). She has also been responsible for the elaboration of two virtual learning units on “The impact of EU enlargement on the Common Foreign and Security Policy” and on “The Lisbon Treaty and institutional reforms in the EU” in the framework of the research project “EU-CONSENT”. From 2004 to 2005, she was responsible for the research project "IGC-Net - a European Network of Jean Monnet Centres of Excellence: "Anatomy, Analysis and Assessment of the EU Constitutionalisation: studying constitutional reforms from the European Convention to the Constitutional Treaty”.

**Tobias Kunstein** (Dipl.-Vw.) finished his studies of economics with special reference to political science at the University of Cologne in February 2007. His diploma thesis applied a constructivist approach to the debate on European Central Bank independence. Prior to taking up a post as research assistant at the Jean Monnet Chair, he worked as a student researcher for the FP5 and FP6 projects „EU Governance by Self-Coordination” (GOVECOR) and „New Modes of Governance” (NEWGOV). Following a period of leave for a postgraduate internship at the European Central Bank from April to November 2008, he joined the EU-CONSENT network team at the Jean Monnet Chair. Since 2011 he manages the LISBOAN Erasmus Academic Network, a project bringing together 68 universities and think tanks from all over Europe. Besides this assignment he is currently writing a PhD-thesis on the external relations of the euro area.

**Wulf Reiners** (M.A., Eastern European History, Political Sciences and Ethnology, University of Cologne, Eötvös Loránd University, Budapest) finished his studies in 2007 with a Master-thesis on conceptions of collective identity in Hungary. After having worked for two years as a student researcher at the Jean Monnet Chair, he carried out the interdisciplinary DFG-funded research project on the “Constructions of ‘Nature’ and ‘Space’ and their life cycles” and the FP6 project NEWGOV – New Modes of Governance. In 2009 he worked on the FP7 project MERCURY, before he became Project and Financial Director of the Marie Curie ITN EXACT on EU External Action in January 2010. He is also responsible for the teaching project “PROTEUS/simulation exercise” and the internationalisation of the course offer of the Jean Monnet Chair since 2007.

**Mirja Schröder** (Dipl.-Vw.) finished her studies of economics with special reference to political science at the University of Cologne in August 2010. Her diploma thesis applied German and French concepts of European economic governance. Prior to taking up a post as research assistant at the Jean Monnet Chair, she worked as a student researcher for the FP7 Network of Excellence ‘Wider Europe deeper integration? Constructing Europe network’ (EU-CONSENT) and the Political Science Division of the Centre de recherche interdisciplinaire sur la France et la Francophonie at the University of Cologne since January 2008. Her main research interests are economic policy coordination of the EU and the role of the Franco-German relationship for European integration. Corresponding to her research focuses Ms Schröder enriched her studies by a study visit at the Institut d’Etudes Politiques in Lyon (France) and by several traineeships at the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology, the German Bundestag, the Goethe Institute and the consulate general in Lyon.
Simon Stroß (M.A., Political Science, African Studies and Cultural Anthropology, University of Cologne, University of Dar es Salaam) finished his studies in 2010 with a Master thesis on the institutional planning process of the Global Climate Change Alliance of the European Commission from a historical institutionalist perspective. He has been working at the Jean Monnet Chair since April 2010 on the organization and planning of the Marie Curie ITN on EU external relations (EXACT).

**Funda Tekin** (Dipl. Vw.) finished her studies of economics with special reference to political science at the University of Cologne in summer 2004 writing her diploma thesis on the politico-administrative change and the Europeanisation of Turkey. She enriched her study experiences by spending considerable time in London, Paris (Institut d’études Politiques) and Turkey as ERASMUS student, for educational purposes and as young researcher conducting interviews and gathering information for research purposes in general and for the diploma thesis in particular. Funda Tekin had worked as student assistant at the Jean Monnet Chair of Prof. W. Wessels at University of Cologne for two years before she became a research assistant in September 2004 as part of the FP5 ‘Foreign Policy Governance in Europe Research Network’ (FORNET) and of the FP6 Project ‘The Changing Landscape of European Liberty and Security’ (CHALLENGE). Currently Funda Tekin is also the project and financial manager of the Network of Excellence ‘Wider Europe deeper integration? Constructing Europe network’ (EU-CONSENT), since November 2005. Her research focuses are European integration, differentiated integration, Common Foreign and Security Policy and European Security and Defence Policy, the European Union as international actor, EU and Turkey relations. Funda Tekin is currently writing her PhD thesis on “Differentiated Integration at Work: Acceleration, Fragmentation of Consolidation within differentiated EU policy areas”.

Anja Thomas (M.A. Political Sciences, Italian language and literature, philosophy) works for the Jean Monnet Chair since 2006. Together with Wolfgang Wessels she wrote a handbook for the Federal government on the role of the German administration within the European Union and she is today director of the Franco-German network THESEUS carried out with the partners Sciences Po Paris, the Trans European Policy Studies Association (Brussels) and the Fritz Thyssen Foundation (Cologne). Ms Thomas studied at the Universities of Cologne and Padova in Italy. During and after her studies she did traineeships and research in the Directorate General for Enlargement of the European Commission, the Political Department of the German Permanent Representation to the European Union and at the International Social Science Council at UNESCO. Her main research interests are the Franco-German relationship within the framework of the European Union, French and German European politics and Democracy and Legitimacy in the European Union. Her teaching includes the following: French and German ideas on European integration (University of Cologne, Summer Semester 2007 with Franziska Brantner), the Political System of the European Union (Summer School, Gustav-Stresemann-Institut, Bonn, July 2006), Social Science Research Methods (College of Europe, Natolin, April 2005 and February 2006; University of Cologne, May 2008), democracy in the European Union (March 2009, Sciences Po with Sylvain Kahnand Summer Semester 2010 University of Cologne). For the development office of the College of Europe in Bruges she participated in a training mission for civil servants of the Romanian Parliament (Bukarest, March 2005), funded by the European Commission.
Anja Thomas writes her PhD at the University of Cologne (supervisor Wolfgang Wessels) and Sciences Po Paris (supervisor Christian Lequesne). Her doctoral research focuses on the debates on the changes of the treaties of the European Union – and especially the discourses on its democratic legitimacy - in the Parliaments of France and Germany.

**Thomas Traguth** (M.A., M.A.E.S.) studied Philosophy, Politics and Economics at the University of Oxford and Politics and Administrative Studies at the College of Europe in Bruges and is currently a Ph.D. student at the Jean-Monnet-Chair for Political Science at the University of Cologne. His main research focus is on theory and strategies of European integration as well as on institutional and procedural reform of the EU architecture. He has published together with Wolfgang Wessels on the Constitutional Treaty and has been involved in many relevant publications and papers of the Jean-Monnet-Chair. He further participates in a research project at the Centre of Empirical Research in the Economic and Social Sciences at the University of Cologne, establishing the prime indices of European integration. He has held teaching positions on the political system of the EU at the University of Cologne, as well as at the summer school of the Gustav Stresemann Institute, Bonn, and the Cologne Intensive Summer Programme. Since Summer 2008 he is a lecturer at the Faculty of Management, Economics and Social Sciences.

**Gaby Umbach** (Dr. rer. pol., M.A. Political Sciences, Italian and Portuguese Philology; both University of Cologne) was granted a Jean Monnet Fellowship for the academic year 2010/11 at Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies of the European University Institute (EUI) in Florence/Italy. During this period she worked on her Habilitation project ‘Global policy crises and institutional responses of the early 21st century - Emerging logics of an “inter-sectoral trans-level international institutionalism”?’ bringing together her various fields of expertise and extending them towards international relations and global governance, global policy crisis and institutional responses. From 2011 to 2012/13 she has been nominated Project Director of the EUI’s Global Governance Programme’s “Globalisation Database” (http://www.eui.eu/Projects/GGP/GlobalisationDatabase.aspx).

On leave during her Senior Affiliated Scholar position at the EUI, she continues to hold a Senior Research Associate position at the Jean Monnet Chair where she is engaged in the setup of the Political Science Division of the Centre de recherche interdisciplinaire sur la France et la Francophonie at the University of Cologne at the Jean Monnet Chair. She previously worked within the Network of Excellence “EU-CONSENT” where she was responsible for the elaboration of innovative teaching tools on EU deepening and widening and where she was furthermore co-ordinating the work on European integration theories. Previously she collaborated within the interdisciplinary DFG-funded research project on the “Constructions of ‘Nature’ and ‘Space’ and their life cycles” and on the application for the establishment of an interdisciplinary DFG-Research Unit on the analysis of the development of the legal and political quality of the legal basis/framework of the EU between treaties and constitution. Former research projects included analysis on “Employment Policies in Germany and the United Kingdom – The impact of Europeanisation”, “A study on the impact of Member State Policies on social and economic cohesion at regional level”, “Transformation of Administration in Central and Eastern Europe”, “The Charter of political parties for a non-racist society”, “A Constitution for Europe” and “Enhancing Political Science Teaching Quality and Mobility in Europe II: A Teaching Companion in European Studies”, „Enhancing Political Science Teaching Quality and Mobility in Europe I: A Core Curriculum on European Integration Studies – An epistemic community for tomorrow’s Europe?”.

Her PhD thesis “Intent and Reality of a New Mode of Governance: ‘Get together’ or ‘Mind the Gap’? The Impact of the European Employment Strategy on the Europeanisation
of National Employment Policy Co-ordination and Policies in the United Kingdom and Germany” was awarded the “2009 Prize of the Democracy Foundation” for best Dissertation (University of Cologne).

Her fields of expertise include research and publications on European integration and European integration theories, Europeanization studies, Multilevel and Global Governance, Sustainability, European/national employment and socio-economic policies as well as policy co-ordination, European/national environmental and climate change policies, constitutionalization and institutionalization of the EU, EU enlargement, system transformation as well as curricula development in EU studies.
IX.3 Former Academic staff - 2010

Andreas Hofmann (M.A.) finished his studies of Political Science, Modern History and Social Anthropology at the University of Cologne in 2006 with a Master-thesis on the impact of the European Court of Justice on policy development in the European Union. After a year abroad he re-joined the Jean Monnet Chair as part of the Cologne EU-CONSENT team. From the beginning of 2009 until his relocation to Chicago in July 2010 he was in charge of the Jean Monnet Multilateral Research Group “EUPOLIS”. He was also responsible for contacts with TEPSA in Brussels. He is working on a PhD thesis on the actions of the European Commission before the Court of Justice.

Thomas Maschke (M.A.) finished his studies of Political Science, Psychology and Cultural Anthropology at the University of Cologne with a Master thesis on European integration through the European Energy Action Plan of March 2007. From March 2009 up to December 2009 he was working at the Jean Monnet Chair in Cologne when he started as a Research Associate in the EU-funded project "SInAN - Strengthening and Integrating Academic Networks".
Deniz Ertin is working as a Student Assistant at the Jean Monnet Chair of the University of Cologne. He is studying Political Science, Philosophy and Media Science. Deniz studied in Copenhagen in 2010/2011 and did an internship in the German Embassy in Ankara where he analysed the Turkish foreign policy and the German state Parliament of Rhineland-Palatinate. In his studies he focuses on the EU accession process of Turkey and the institutional changes of the CFSP after the Lisbon Treaty.

Elisabeth Hoffmann Since August 2011, Elisabeth Hoffmann has been working as student assistant at the Jean Monnet Chair for Political Science at the University of Cologne. Previously, she worked as student assistant at the Chair for Political Theory and Latin American History. She has been a student of Regional Latin American Studies with an emphasis on political sciences at the University of Cologne, which she is planning to complete in the spring of 2012. In 2007/08 she studied French - German cultural relationships at the Paris III – Sorbonne Nouvelle and participated in 2010/11 in the French-German Exchange Program for Parliamentary Assistants. In this context she studied at the Sciences Po Paris and completed an internship at the French Assemblée Nationale. Her diploma thesis focuses on the role of the French Assemblée Nationale in the EU after the Lisbon Treaty.

Maximilian Hornig studies Islamic and Jewish Science at the University of Cologne which he is planning to complete in 2011. In 2006 he studied political science and Arabic at the Damascus University in Damascus, Syria. Since 2008 he has been working at the Jean Monnet Chair, assisting Prof. Wessels in both teaching and research activities.

Jonas Kranz finished his studies in Social Sciences at the University of Cologne with an emphasis on political science in the summer term 2011 with his diploma thesis “What role for the EU in the international system? - A constructivist reading of the (Presidency) Conclusions of the European Council”. From 2007-2008 he spend two semesters at the University College Dublin. At the Jean Monnet Chair he is employed as a research assistant since August 2011. His major tasks include the analysis of the (Presidency) Conclusions of the European Council. He also finished his first publication together with Prof. Wolfgang Wessels on the Permanent President of the European Council.

Markus Krischer studies Political Science at the University of Cologne. He worked for the Marie Curie Training Network EXACT in the function of the management assistant from September 2010 to July 2011.
**Thomas Ley** studies Social Sciences and English at the University of Cologne. He has been recently (August 2011) employed by the Jean Monnet Chair. He currently works on publications and will assist Prof. Wessels in his teaching activities starting next semester. He also maintains the Jean Monnet Chair’s website.

![Thomas Ley](image)

**Johannes Müller Gómez** (since February 2011) studies Latin American Studies and Political Science at the University of Cologne. In 2009 and 2010, he studied Romance Studies and International Relations at the Université de Liège (Belgium) and the Universidad de Guadalajara (Mexico), respectively. Currently, he is assisting the Jean Monnet Team with regard to the management of the LISBOAN network. Besides, he is completing his Bachelor’s thesis on the European Union’s role as an External Democracy Promoter in Russia.

![Johannes Müller Gómez](image)

**Lea Pyhel** (since August 2010) Lea Pyhel has been recently (2010) employed by the Jean Monnet Chair. She currently works on publications, however from November 2010 on she will support the Cifra project in addition. From 2006 until 2008 Lea Pyhel lived in Paris where she studied law and economics. In 2008 she continued her education at the University of Cologne, studying economics and politics.

![Lea Pyhel](image)

**David Schäfer** studies Area Studies of Latin America at University of Cologne. He spent one semester at Complutense University (Madrid) and two at Sao Paulo University. Since April 2011 he works at Jean Monnet Chair as a student assistant. His major tasks are supporting Prof. Wessels in his teaching and research activities and being a student tutor. Until April 2011 he was the student representative in the Senate of University of Cologne. After doing an internship at German Embassy in Brazil, he recently published with Jochen Steinhilber in “The G-20: A »Global Economic Government« in the Making?” (2010) by Pohlmann et al. (eds.). He is currently working on a paper on EU’s democratic legitimacy to present at a conference of the German young academics association “Deutsche Nachwuchsgesellschaft für Politik und Sozialwissenschaften”. He holds a scholarship of Friedrich Ebert Foundation.

![David Schäfer](image)

**Maria Schäfer** completed her studies of Area Studies Latin America at the University of Cologne and the University of Guadalajara, Mexico in August 2011. Maria Schäfer worked at the Jean Monnet Chair from 2008 until 2011, assisting Prof. Wessels in his research activities. In 2011, she co-edited the anthology “Soziale Sicherheit in Lateinamerika – Neue Wege durch linke Regierungen?” (Berlin) and published, together with Prof. Wessels, an article on the European Council in the reference book “Europa von A bis Z” (Baden-Baden). She holds a scholarship of the German National Academic Foundation. During the 2011-2012 academic year she studies the postgraduate master programme European Political and Administrative Studies at the College of Europe in Bruges.
Frederic Spohr (since July 2011) Frederic Spohr studies Social Sciences at the University of Cologne and the Cologne Journalism School. He currently works for the Marie Curie Training Network EXACT in the function of the management assistant.

Jannes Tessmann (since September 2010) studies Political Sciences and Economy at the University of Cologne. In 2008 he took part in the Erasmus program at the Sabanci University, Istanbul. Currently, Mr. Tessmann works as a Student Researcher in the project for the establishment of the German-Turkish University (DTU) in Istanbul. His main activities comprise the Turkish system of higher integration.

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