

## **WORKSHOP**

# **Informal Governance in the European Union: A Challenge to Legitimacy?**

**Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES)**

**University of Mannheim, Germany**

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### **Organisers**

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### **Venue**

MZES, A5,6 (section A), Conference room A 231 (2nd floor)

## Introduction

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Decision-making in and around the EU has experienced a steady process of informalisation over the past two decades, extending beyond the traditional bilateral consultations to ad-hoc collaboration among EU member states and institutions in a variety of informal constellations across policy fields and for activities ranging from everyday negotiations to international crisis diplomacy and large-scale fiscal bailouts. At the same time, academic interest in informal institutions and informal decision-making is increasing. The contributors to this workshop explore various instances of such un-codified, un-enforceable forms of decision-making in the EU context, their development, outcomes and implications for the input-, throughput- and/or output-legitimacy of EU governance. The central question is whether informal governance creates additional challenges for the EU's overall legitimacy – already burdened by the allegation of a democratic deficit – or can instead improve it?

## Programme

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### Thursday, October 15, 2015

9.00	<b>Welcome – Marc Debus</b> (MZES Head of Department)
9.15 – 9.45	<b>Doreen Allerkamp, Anne Wetzel</b> and <b>Nikoleta Yordanova</b> (University of Mannheim)  <i>Informal Governance in the EU: A Challenge to Legitimacy?</i>
9.45 – 10.45	<b>Mareike Kleine</b> (LSE)  <i>Informal Governance and Legitimacy</i> Discussant: Arne Niemann (Universität Mainz)
10.45 – 11.00	<b>Coffee Break</b>
11.00 – 12.00	<b>Adrienne Héritier/Magnus Schöller</b> (EUI)  <i>The European Parliament as a Driver of Informal Institutional Change in Financial and Economic Governance</i> Discussant: Léa Roger (TU Kaiserslautern)

12.00 – 13.00 **Léa Roger** (TU Kaiserslautern)/**Thomas Winzen** (ETH Zürich/Harvard)

*Beyond Politicians: The Participation of Unelected Actors in European Parliament Decision-Making*

Discussant: Frank Häge (University of Limerick)

13.00 – 14.00 **Lunch Break**

14.00 – 15.00 **Frank Häge** (University of Limerick)

*Informal Decision-Making in the Council of the EU: Bargaining Success in Multi-Issue, Multi-Actor Negotiations*

Discussant: Philipp Broniecki (UCL)

15.00 – 16.00 **Philipp Broniecki** (UCL)

*Inter-Institutional Bargaining under Codecision: Consequences of Informal Early Agreement Negotiations*

Discussant: Gijs Jan Brandsma (Universiteit Utrecht)

16.00 – 16.15 **Coffee Break**

16.15 – 17.15 **Thomas König/Moritz Osnabrügge** (University of Mannheim)

*The Imperfect Agenda Setter: Why Do Legislative Proposals Fail in the EU Decision Making Process?*

Discussant: Christine Reh (UCL)

19.00 **Workshop Dinner**

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**Friday, October 16, 2015**

9.00 – 10.00 **Gijs Jan Brandsma/Katrijn Siderius** (Universiteit Utrecht)

*From Administrative Control to Non-Committal Input-Giving:  
Consultation Practices in the Commission's Delegated Act  
Expert Groups and Comitology Committees after the Treaty  
of Lisbon*

Discussant: Adrienne Héritier (EUI)

10.00 – 11.00 **Arne Niemann/Julian Bergmann** (Universität Mainz)

*Informal governance and EU Foreign Policy: EU Mediation in  
the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue*

Discussant: Mareike Kleine (LSE)

11.00 – 11.15 **Coffee Break**

11.15 – 12.15 **Christine Reh** (UCL)

*Conclusions*

12.15 – 13.00 **Final Discussion and Next Steps**