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The European Union is renegotiating its multiannual financial framework in a radically changing global environment. While internally, the question of how to re-pay the debts of the NextGeneration EU budget would alone create enough pressure to revisit the long-standing EU budget in terms of EU fiscal capacities and the use of these, the new geopolitical situation and high uncertainty make these issues appear secondary. Taking the Draghi and Monti Reports as analytical starting points that identify necessary actions for the years to come, the workshop brings together expertise from different disciplinary angles to discuss key dimensions that require political, social, economic and legal attention.

The workshop consists of two panels. Based on prior research, participants will discuss key questions in order to produce new insights in the exchange on the potential impact and interaction effects of different policy innovations. Speakers are requested to provide a 5-10 minute input for the joint discussions (the references provide initial ideas based on prior contributions). The aim for PROSPER is to identify questions and, ideally, future areas of cooperation (in forms of small-format blogs, policy papers, further events or other projects).

Additional information on venue and unusual date: The workshop will take place on a Saturday because it is to be integrated into the university's *open day*. The keynote in the evening will be advertised in the city and the Land in order to attract a wider audience of EU interested public as well as stakeholders in the Land. The workshop participants are invited to spend the evening (before dinner) on campus that will offer various activities, live music and other attractions. Even though not strictly all academic, the special context is hoped to further assist the collaborative spirit and network-building success.

Jean Monnet Chair DEG
Prof. dr. Eva G. Heidbreder
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Project to Research Opportunities to Strengthen Prosperity and Economic Resilience in the EU

14.00 - 15.30 // Panel 1: Reshuffling the Multilevel Setup

The Draghi report identifies three areas that, together, will demand some 800 billion Euro investment per year to push: decarbonised competitiveness, innovation, and security. How will the redirection of EU efforts and financial assets change the EU Member State relationship?

Can the EU lending architecture pull it off?
David Howarth (University of Luxembourg)

What are the risks of (non) spending?
Fabian Amtenbrink (Erasmus University Rotterdam)

The end of multilevel alliances?
Eva G. Heidbreder (Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg)

How shaky is EU stability and growth?
Tiziano Zgaga (University of Konstanz)

15.15 - 16.45 // Panel 2: Instruments in Fiscal & Economic Governance

Fiscal integration and responses in the economic governances in face of deep cutting structural changes offer the framework the EU develops responses in. Concretely, these responses are shaped in policy instruments. Taking a delving into selected instruments: how well do the instruments created fare, which adaptations or additional instruments are needed? We discuss these questions to pinpoint the operational side of fiscal and economic integration.

The European Semester and its Implications
Johannes Gerken (Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg)

How to manage debt on the EU-level?
Inga Aenne Feldmann (Freie Universität Berlin)

How to regulate EU foreign subsidies in industrial policy?
Elettra Bargellini (Dublin City University)

The regional dimension in flux?
Ian Cooper (Dublin City University)

Keynote Event

18.30 // Main lecture Hall OVGU Faculty of Humanities

Panel Discussion: Eva Heidbreder (Magdeburg) / Tiziano Zgaga (Konstanz)

Globale Herausforderungen für die Europäische Union: Wie sollen wir das bezahlen?

The event will be hosted as part of the university's *Long Night of the Sciences* that opens the academic halls to the wider public. Stakeholders in the field of EU, economy, trade and finance from the city and region will be invited. To reach out to the public and regional stakeholders, the discussion will be held in German.

For participants who cannot follow the German keynote, please let us know – we can alternatively organise a historical guided city tour (one of our students will guide you through the medieval city, professionally as empress Edita).

The background of the debate will be two edited volumes:

- Zgaga, T. (forthcoming). **The Fiscal Governance of the European Union: Overcoming the Stability Paradigm?** Conditionally accepted for publication at Palgrave Macmillan, European Administrative Governance series.
- Thomann, E., Weaver, K., & Zgaga, T. (forthcoming). **Policy Dynamics in the European Union.** Conditionally accepted for publication at Cambridge University Press, Cambridge Elements Series in European Politics.

Description in German:

Eines der großen Themen, die derzeit in Brüssel verhandelt werden, ist die zukünftige Finanzierung gemeinsamer Politiken. Diese Frage wird alle sieben Jahre grundlegend zwischen den Mietgliedstaaten verhandelt. Auf Grund der sich rasant ändernden Weltlage stehen die Verhandlungen unter einem besonderen Druck, weil es auch um die Weichenstellung für eine gemeinsame Verteidigung, verstärkte Wirtschaftsförderung und weitere drängende Fragen geht. Was steht auf der EU-Agenda? Wie sind ei EU-Finanzen überhaupt organisiert? Und vor allem: Wer soll das bezahlen? Diese Fragen diskutiert Prof. Heidbreder (OVGU) gemeinsam mit Dr. Tiziano Zgaga (Universität Konstanz).

Prof. Heidbreder hat an der OVGU den Lehrstuhl für Regieren im Europäischen Mehrebenensystem sowie einen Jean Monnet Lehrstuhl inne.
Dr. Tiziano Zgaga ist Autor des Buches The Fiscal Governance of the European Union: Overcoming the Stability Paradigm? (Palgrave Macmillan, im Erscheinen)

Live Stream available, register at: eus-hilfskraefte@ovgu.de