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In the light of the elections for European Parliament, this lecture series focuses on views on European Integration within the EU member states. We want to look at the development of master narratives accompanying and supporting the individual countries' way into and stance within the European Union.

The most powerful drivers of the European Integration process were common and individual political and economic interests of the single member states. The highly individual constellations of interests, combined with the respective national historical background, led to very different "master narratives", which formed the backbone of public debate on the EU and European integration in the single member states. In this sense narratives provide a simplified image of reality. Their analysis is based on the assumption that narratives play a critical role in the construction of political behaviour insofar as they affect our perceptions of political reality.

They shape the cognitive and normative dimensions of problems in order to persuade and suggest what action should be taken, and they reflect the variety of emotional and affective dimensions of a European identity.

This lecture series attempts a survey of these different narratives across EU member states, focusing on both differences and common traits, inspired by the hope that an increased awareness of these narratives and expectations increases and improves mutual understanding within the EU.

Lectures will be held by eminent experts and scholars from prestigious Universities throughout Europe.

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Subjects and Speakers

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Inauguration:

Prof. Dr. Ludovic Thilly, Université de Poitiers,
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Introduction: European Narratives

Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Wessels, University of Cologne,
Jean Monnet Professor, CETEUS

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France

Prof. Dr. Eric Kocher Marboeuf, Université de Poitiers
Centre de recherche interdisciplinaire en histoire,
histoire de l'art et musicologie (Criham)

Germany

Prof. Dr. Jürgen Elvert, University of Cologne
Jean Monnet Chair, Historical Institute, Department
for History of European Integration

📅 16.4.2019

Italy

Prof. Dr. Elena Calandri, University of Padova,
Department of Political and Juridical Sciences and
International Studies - SPGI

Benelux

Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters, KU Leuven, Jean Monnet
Chair, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies
- Institute for International Law

📅 23.4.2019

Great Britain

Prof. Dr. Charlie Jeffery, University of Edinburgh,
Professor of Politics

Ireland

Prof. Dr. Gail Mc Elroy, Trinity College, Dublin
Professor of Political Science

📅 30.4.2019

Denmark

Prof. Dr. Christina Fiig, University of Aarhus, School
of Culture and Society/European Studies (tbc)

Greece

Prof. Dr. Christos Frangonikolopoulos, Aristoteles
University Thessaloniki, Jean Monnet Professor for
European Integration Journalism

📅 7.5.2019

Spain

Prof. Dr. Miguel Arjona Sánchez, Universidad de
Granada, Departamento de Derecho Constitucional

Austria

Dr. Peter Pichler, Universität Graz

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Portugal

Prof. Dr. Maria Raquel Freire, University of Coimbra,
Jean Monnet Chair, School of Economics

Sweden

Prof. Dr. Anna Michalski, University of Uppsala,
Department of Government

📅 21.5.2019

Finland

Prof. Dr. Henri Vogt, University of Turku,
Department of Political Science

Czech Rep./Slovakia

Prof. Dr. Lenka Rovna, Charles University, Prague
Jean Monnet Chair for European Politics

📅 28.5.2019

Baltic States

Prof. Dr. Ramūnas Vilpišauskas, Vilnius University
Centre of European Studies

Slovenia

Mag. Nejc Robida, University of Ljubljana/University
of Cologne

📅 4.6.2019

Poland

Prof. Dr. hab. Zdzisław Mach, Jagiellonian University,
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Hungary

Prof. Dr. Miklós Király, Eötvös Lorand University,
Budapest; Head of Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence

📅 18.6.2019

Cyprus/Malta

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Bulgaria

Prof. Dr. Mirela Veleva-Eftimova,
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Romania

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Croatia

Dr. Senada Šelo Šabić, Senior Research Associate,
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Economic and Political Relations

📅 2.7.2019 - Accession candidates

Serbia

Prof. Dr. Tanja Miščević, University of Belgrade,
Faculty of Political Science, head of the negotiating
team for Serbia's accession to the EU

Turkey

Prof. Dr. Ebru Turhan, Turkish-German University,
Istanbul, Institute of Social Science

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Conclusion:

Europe between Rhetoric and Reality

Prof. Dr. Timothy Garton Ash, Oxford University (tbc)