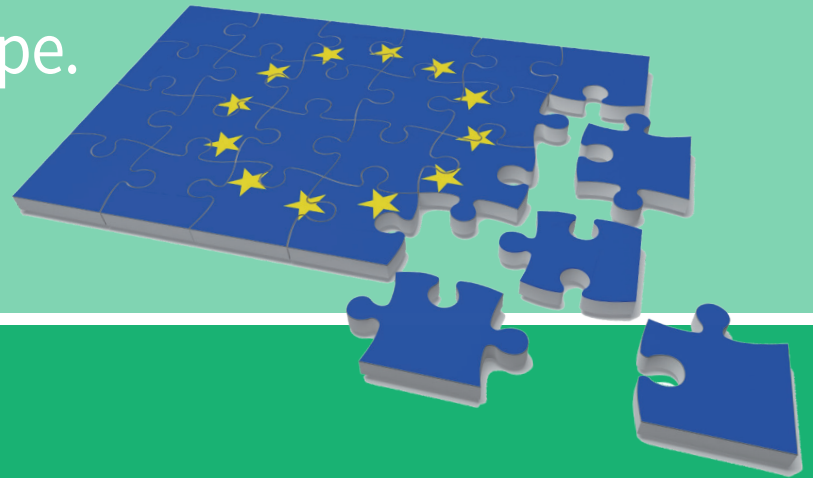


(De)Constructing Europe. Tensions of Europeanization



International conference
Rome, 20–22 March 2024

The BMBF-financed project, (De)Constructing Europe, led by an international team of scholars from the Hamburg Institute for Social Research and the German Historical Institutes in London, Rome, and Warsaw, has spent the past three years exploring new dimensions of European integration history. Particularly, the project aims to contextualize and measure the emergence, trajectory, and impact of resistance within the integration process.

The focus on resistance contributes to develop current debates within the field of European integration studies further. In this field the concept of Europeanization has recently emerged as a dynamic and flexible framework. Unlike binary classifications such as Europhile or Eurosceptic, Europeanization allows for a more nuanced understanding of integration dynamics. Recognizing the diverse array of positions throughout European integration history, Europeanization

acknowledges the interconnectedness of integration and resistance.

The conference emphasizes the pivotal roles of alternative visions and resistance in shaping European integration history. Contesting European integration cannot be grasped as the 'Other' of Europe but needs to be analysed as part of a multifaceted process, marked by conflicts on the legal, conceptual, territorial, and economic boundaries of the EEC/EU. Spanning from the post-war era to the present and encompassing diverse geographical contexts, including areas beyond Europe's traditional boundaries, the conference aims to deepen our understanding of Europeanization. By shifting focus from traditional narratives centered on the EEC/EU to a broader array of societal actors, it seeks to uncover diverse and sometimes conflicting visions of Europe that have influenced integration trajectories.

Conference venue

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Please register for in-person attendance



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Wednesday, 20 March 2024

9.30 am Registration and introduction

Democracy, Populism, and the European Parliament

10.00 am Beata Jurkowicz | Warsaw
The (in)effectiveness of Eurosceptic rhetoric: Polish political parties and their strategies

William King | London
Points of contact: The British Labour Group, constituents, and European integration

Mechthild Roos | Augsburg
Constructing a Europe for and of the people: Idealism and tension in the early European Parliament's conception(s) of integration

12.00 pm Lunch

European Economic Alternatives

1.00 pm Emmanuel Mourlon-Druol | Florence
Narrowing down the options: The multiple meanings of European fiscal governance, from programming to the Maastricht criteria, 1957–1992

Lucrezia Ranieri | Siena
"Werner and Barre's bad economy"? Italian economists and the political debate on economic and monetary integration in Europe

Katharina Troll | Hamburg
European integration re-woven: British and West-German textile employers' associations and European integration, 1950–1980

3.00 pm Coffee break

Agricultural Resistance to European Integration

3.15 pm Carine Germond | Trondheim
– Deconstructing "Green Europe": Shifting visions of the EU's Common Agricultural Policy and rural contestation

Lisbeth Matzer | Munich
The Europeanization of the region vs. the practice of 'Euroblending': Tensions in the Common Market Organization for wine

Antonio Carbone | Rome
Southern Question on a European scale: The dilemma of the Mediterranean farmers

6.30 pm *Keynote (also in livestream)*
Martin Conway | Oxford
The many Europes or the Anti-Europes? Towards a deconstructed history of European integration

8.30 pm Dinner (for participants only)

Thursday, 21 March 2024

Transnational Networks of Alternatives

9.00 am Olga Gontarska | Warsaw
Western conservatism and Polish Eurosceptic public intellectuals

Alan Granadino | Madrid
Iberian socialists and their vision of Europe as an international Third Way in the 1970s and 1980s

David Lawton | London
The transnational remaking of modern British Euroscepticism, 1975–1997

11.00 am Coffee break

Global Perspectives on a Different Europe

11.15 am James Ellison | London
The endurance of alternative visions in Britain's debate about Europe

Giuliano Garavini | Rome
The new Eurafrika: The birth of the EU and the decline of the Lomé model

Philipp Müller | Paris
Undermining European foreign policy. Business representatives in the period of decolonization

1.15 pm Lunch

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2.15 pm

3.00 pm Guided walking tour to Gianicolo

7.00 pm Dinner (for participants only)

Friday 22 March 2024

Right-wing European Alternatives

9.00 am Antonin Cohen | Paris
(De)constructing 'extreme-right' in European constructions from Interwar to Postwar

Alexander Hobe | Hamburg
Right-wing radicalism, Europe, and a European right: Veterans' associations in integration history

Andrea Martinez | Rome
A step back or forward for European integration? Italian media responses to the failure of the European Defence Community

Laura Wolters | Hamburg
Between longing and loathing: The intellectual right's ambivalent take on Europe

Final discussion

11.40 am Jan Zielonka | Venice
Concluding remarks

Open floor

