

**A VISION FOR POST-CRISIS EUROPE:  
TOWARDS WHAT KIND OF POLITICAL UNION?**

**THESEUS Conference, 17-18 October 2013  
Austrian Institute for International Affairs, Berggasse 7, 1090 Vienna**

**Thursday, 17 October 2013**

**13:00 – 13:30 Registration and Coffee**

**13:30 – 14:00 Welcome**

**Heinz Gärtner**, Austrian Institute for International Affairs, Vienna

**Thomas Suermann**, Fritz Thyssen Foundation, Cologne

**Wolfgang Wessels**, University of Cologne

Background Paper Presentation: **Laura Ventura**, TEPSA, Brussels

**14:00 – 15:30 State of the Art: Concepts and different approaches of a Political Union**

*What are the definitions and approaches for academia to deal with taking into account different disciplinary angles?*

Chair: **Gunilla Herolf**, Royal Swedish Academy of War Sciences, Stockholm

**Iain Begg**, London School of Economics

**Jean Paul Jacqué**, Strasbourg University

**Sonja Puntcher-Riekman**, University Salzburg

**Ramunas Vilpišauskas**, Vilnius University

**15:30 – 16:00 Coffee**

**16:00 – 17:30 National and Community's views and expectations for future Europe**

*What does a political union mean for nation states? What do nation states expect?  
What are the limits and constraints to set up a political union?*

Chair: **Hanspeter Neuhold**, University of Vienna

**Juha Jokela**, Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Helsinki

**Olivier Rozenberg**, Sciences Po Paris

**Višnja Samardžija**, Institute for Development and International Relations,  
Croatia

**Mirte van den Berge**, Trans European Policy Studies Association, Brussels

First Commentator: **Dorota Skusevičienė**, Vilnius University

**17:30 – 17:45 Break**

**17:45 – 19:30 Award Ceremony: Promising and Outstanding Award 2013**

**András Inotai**, Hungarian Academy of Sciences, Budapest

**Brigid Laffan**, European University Institute, Florence

**Francisco Seoane Perez**, University of Castilla-La Mancha, Cuenca

**Followed by Reception**

**Dinner (on invitation)**

Porzellan Lounge, Servitengasse 2, 1090 Wien

## Friday, 18 October 2013

**09:00 – 09:30 Coffee**

**09:30 – 11:00 Roadmap for a closer Union?**

*What are the next steps? Does more economic integration make a political union necessary? Is there a need for a European convention? What does it mean for European elections in 2014?*

**Chair: Otmar Höll**, Austrian Institute for International Affairs

**Stefano Braghioli**, University of Tartu

**Sabine Saurugger**, Sciences Po Grenoble

**Johannes Pollak**, Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna

**Funda Tekin**, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin

**First Commentator: Valentin Kreilinger**, Notre Europe – Jacques Delors Institute, Paris

**11:00 – 11:30 Coffee**

**11:30 – 13:00 Concluding Remarks: What kind of Political Union?**

**Chair: Paul Luif**, Austrian Institute for International Affairs

**Brigid Laffan**, European University Institute, Florence

**William Paterson**, Aston University, Birmingham

**Wolfgang Wessels**, University of Cologne

**13:00 – 14:30 Lunch and Departure**

### Rapporteurs:

**Thibaud Deruelle**, College of Europe, Bruges

**Joanna Ziólkowska**, College of Europe, Natolin