A DIFFERENTIATED FUTURE FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION?

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Enrico Letta |  President of the Jacques Delors Institute and former Prime Minister of Italy

Since March 2021, Enrico Letta has been Secretary of the Italian Democratic Party (PD). In October 2021 he became Member of the Italian Parliament winning a by-election. He has also been the President of the Jacques Delors Institute since 2016. Enrico Letta was Dean of the Paris School of International Affairs (PSIA) at Sciences Po in Paris from 2015 to 2021, and is the founder of the Scuola di Politiche in Italy. Prior to this, he served as Prime Minister of Italy from April 2013 to February 2014. Before becoming Prime Minister, he served as Minister for EU Affairs (1998-1999), Minister for Industry, Commerce and Crafts (2000), Minister for Industry, Commerce and Crafts and Foreign Trade (2000-2001) and Undersecretary of State to the Prime Minister of the government led by Romano Prodi from 2006 to 2008. Between 2001 and 2015 Enrico Letta was Member of the Italian Parliament, excluding between 2004 and 2006 when he was Member of the European Parliament. He also served as deputy Secretary of the Italian Democratic Party (PD) from 2009 to 2013. Enrico Letta was born in Pisa (Tuscany) and he spent the first years of his life in Strasbourg. He graduated in International Law at the University of Pisa and obtained a PhD in European Union Law at the School for Advanced Studies “Sant’Anna” of Pisa.
Meet our Moderators

Panel I: What drives differentiated integration and how does DI affect the EU as a polity?
Katrin Auel | Institute of Advanced Studies

Dr Katrin Auel is Head of the Research Group ‘European Governance, Public Finance and Labour Markets’ at the Institute for Advanced Studies in Vienna, Austria. Her research focuses on Europeanisation, democratic legitimacy in systems of multilevel governance and legislative studies with a specific interest in parliamentary communication and the role of national parliaments in the EU. More recent publications have appeared in JCES, JEPOP, P&G, JCMS, BJPIR, JEPP and CEP. Within InDivEU, she wrote, together with Anna Pixer, the Austrian country report ‘The Politics of Differentiated Integration: What do Governments Want?’ for Work Package 3.

Panel II: Deepening Eurozone integration: towards an ever more differentiated Union?
Michele Chang | College of Europe & TEPSA

Michele Chang has been Professor in the Department of European Political and Governance Studies at the College of Europe, Bruges, since 2006. Her research interests include Eurozone governance, particularly fiscal policy cooperation and the European Central Bank, and financial crises. Her most recent books are “The Political Economy of Adjustment Throughout and Beyond the Eurozone Crisis” (co-edited with Federico Steinberg and Francisco Torres) and “Economic and Monetary Union”. She is a member of the University Association for Contemporary European Studies and the European Union Studies Association (EUSA) in which she served as Vice-Chair (2013-2015) and Executive Committee Officer (2015-2017).
Panel III: What do governments, parties and citizens think of DI?

Ilke Toygür | Elcano Royal Institute & TEPSA

Dr. Ilke Toygür is Analyst of European Affairs at Elcano Royal Institute and CATS Fellow in German Institute for International and Security Studies (SWP Berlin). She also teaches 'Geopolitics of Europe' at University Carlos III of Madrid. Her main research areas include European integration, EU institutions, political parties and elections in Western Europe, geopolitics of Europe and transatlantic relations, and Turkey’s relations with the West. At the beginning of her career, she worked in Istanbul and Brussels for Economic Development Foundation (IKV), a Turkish think-tank focusing on the European Union and Turkey-EU relations. In 2016, she completed her PhD degree in Political Science in the Department of Political Science and International Relations of Autonomous University of Madrid. Before completing her PhD, she was granted the prestigious Mercator-IPC Fellowship in Istanbul Policy Center, Sabancı University. Ilke has been a Visiting Researcher in European University Institute (EUI), University of Mannheim, and Brookings Institution. She is a Fellow of Transatlantic Relations Initiative of the IE University and serves as a Board Member of Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA). Her analyses appeared in Brookings Institution, German Marshall Fund of the United States, Foreign Affairs and El País, among others. She frequently comments on current developments in Europe on international media.

Panel IV: How to build close relations with neighbouring countries while preserving the integrity of the Single Market?

Brigid Laffan | European University Institute

Brigid Laffan is Emeritus Professor at the European University Institute. Prof. Laffan was Director and Professor at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies and Director of the Global Governance Programme and the European Governance and Politics Programme at the European University Institute (EUI), Florence, until her retirement in August 2021. Laffan is recipient of numerous awards: in 2005 she was elected Member of the Royal Irish Academy and in 2010 received the Ordre National de Mérite from the President of the French Republic. Her scholarship has been recognised by the THESEUS Award for Outstanding Research on European Integration in 2012 and the Lifetime Achievement Award for contribution to the development of European Studies in 2014 by UACES. Brigid's research focuses on the dynamic of European integration.
Panel V: Are flexible implementation and experimentalist governance viable alternatives to DI to manage diversity in the EU?

Sandra Lavenex | University of Geneva

Sandra Lavenex is Professor of European and International Politics at the University of Geneva and Visiting Professor at the College of Europe. Her research centers on European and international governance and institutions with a focus on migration and refugee policy, EU external relations with third countries and international institutions, and differentiated integration. Her current research centers on two main projects: the use of preferential trade agreements in international migration governance (financed by the Swiss National Science Foundation) and external differentiated integration with a focus on third country's participation in EU decentralized agencies and networks financed by the H2020 EU-IDEA project and the Swiss National Science Foundation.
Frank Schimmelfenning | ETH Zürich

Frank Schimmelfenning is Professor of European Politics at ETH Zürich, the Director of CIS and the Director of Studies of the Master Programme in Comparative and International Studies. He is also a member of the Swiss National Research Council, an Associate of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies at the European University Institute, Chairman of the Scientific Board of Institut für Europäische Politik Berlin and a member of the Board of the Trans-European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA). His research focuses on European integration and, more specifically, integration theory, EU enlargement and Europeanization, differentiated integration, democracy promotion and democratization. In 2021, he won an ERC Advanced Grant for a project on «Bordering Europe: Boundary Formation in European Integration» (EUROBORD). Frank Schimmelfenning has published in a variety of European politics, International Relations and Political Science journals.

Bruno de Witte | European University Institute

Bruno De Witte is Professor of European Union Law at Maastricht University, co-director of the Maastricht Centre for European Law, and a part-time professor at the Robert Schuman Centre of the European University Institute in Florence. His main fields of research are the constitutional law of the European Union; relations between international, European and national law; the protection of fundamental rights in Europe; the rights of minorities, language law and cultural diversity in Europe; internal market law and non-market values; decision-making and legal instruments of EU law.
Marta Migliorati | The Hertie School & European University Institute

Marta Migliorati joined InDivEU in 2019 as part of Work Package 5, focusing on the differentiated integration (DI) of core state powers (CSP), that is policy areas that rest at the core of national sovereignty including internal security and immigration, monetary policy, and defense. Over the past two years, she has been researching about the mismatch between the formal DI set in the treaties, and different forms of “reintegration” happening at the policy level. For example, as she shows in her recent article in the Journal of European Public Policy “Postfunctional differentiation, functional reintegration: the Danish case in Justice and Home Affairs”, Denmark has a very rigid opt-out from Justice and Home Affairs (JHA) but tends to apply most of EU legislation regulating these matters. Moreover, in another article written with Philipp Genschel and Markus Jachtenfuchs, they are expanding the focus beyond Denmark by comparing different patterns of reintegration across countries and policy areas. Finally, they are working on the historical development of differentiation in the EU budget.

Micaela del Monte | European Parliament

Micaela Del Monte is the Head of the Citizens’ Policies Unit within the Members’ Research Service of the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS), the in-house research service and think tank of the European Parliament, which provides Members of the Parliament with independent and objective analysis. For the EPRS, she has written and contributed to numerous articles and reports in the field of better law making, regulatory affairs, constitutional and parliamentary law and transatlantic relations. Prior to that, she served three years as legal and policy analyst in the European Parliament office in Washington DC. She joined Parliament in 2012, after working 12 years in the European Commission where she served in a variety of positions including in the Secretariat General working on issues such as the Commission Work Programme. She holds a law degree cum laude from the University of Pisa in Italy and she has also studied asylum and migration law at the Institute of International and European Studies, University Carlos III in Madrid.
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Panel II
Deepening Eurozone integration: towards an ever more differentiated Union?

Thursday 2 December
14:30 - 16:00

Moderator: Michele Chang

Paolo Chiocchetti | European University Institute

Dr Paolo Chiocchetti is a Research Associate at the European University Institute. His research interests focus on differentiated integration, social and economic governance, Brexit, and national political systems in Western Europe. His publications include the monograph "The radical left party family in Western Europe: 1989-2015", the edited book "Competitiveness and solidarity in the European Union: interdisciplinary perspectives", and several journal articles, book chapters, and digital resources. Within the InDivEU project, he contributes to the 'synthesis and design' work package (Work Package 9) with publications on the empirical mapping, normative assessment, and policy-oriented dissemination (scenarios, e-Manual) of differentiated integration models.

Markus Jachtenfuchs | The Hertie School

Markus Jachtenfuchs is Professor of European and Global Governance at the Hertie School and Co-Director of the Jacques Delors Centre. His main research interest is the study of multilevel governance in the EU and in the international system. In 2010, Jachtenfuchs was the Pierre Keller Visiting Professor of Public Policy at Harvard Kennedy School and the Weatherhead Center for International Affairs. Before joining the Hertie School in 2006 he was Visiting Professor at the University of Greifswald and Professor of Political Science at Jacobs University Bremen. He received his PhD from the European University Institute in Florence in 1994, after studying political science in Mainz, Paris, Berlin and Bruges. He previously worked at the Mannheim Centre for European Social Research (MZES) and completed his post-doctoral thesis at the University of Mannheim in 1999.
Danuta Maria Hübner MEP| European People's Party

Professor Danuta Hübner has been a Member of the European Parliament since 2009. She previously served as the Chairwoman of the Committee on Constitutional Affairs (2014-2019) and the Committee on Regional Policy of the EP (2009-2014). Since the beginning of this legislature, Professor Hübner is a member of the Committees on International Trade (INTA) and Economic & Monetary Affairs (ECON); the Delegations to the EU-Mexico Joint Parliamentary Committee (D-MEX) and to the Euro-Latin American Parliamentary Assembly (D-EULAT); and a member of the UK Contact Group. She is also, the EPP Group Coordinator in the Committee on the Constitutional Affairs (AFCO). In addition, Professor Hübner is also the European Chair of the Transatlantic Policy Network (TPN)'s Advisory Steering Committee. Professor Hübner was the first Polish Commissioner of the European Union in 2004-2009. She is a former Minister of European Affairs and former Head of the Office of the Committee for European Integration. Since 2011, she serves as the Prime Minister of the Shadow Cabinet of the Women’s Congress, the largest social movement for women’s rights in Poland.

Irena Pereša | European Commission

Irena Pereša is the Deputy Head of Stability mechanisms, EMU deepening and legal affairs unit in the European Commission’s Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs (DG ECFIN). She holds a law degree from the University of Zagreb and an international economics degree from Johns Hopkins University SAIS. Her research focuses on macro-financial linkages, with topics such as distressed debt resolution and insolvency being of particular interest. In the Commission since 2014, she had previously worked for the World Bank, several think-tanks and NGOs. From 2018 until 2020 she was seconded to the French central bank where the scope of her work expanded to emerging markets, particularly China.
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Panel III
What do governments, parties and citizens think of DI?

Friday 3 December
9:30 - 11:00

Moderator: Ilke Toygür

Stefan Telle | European University Institute

Stefan is a research associate at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies. His work in the InDivEU project focuses on the question of what EU member states and stakeholder groups think about differentiated integration. Stefan has helped to set up the InDivEU integrated database on DI and was involved in the organisation of seven stakeholder forums across the EU. He recently published a working paper on the position of Irish governments on differentiated integration. Since joining the InDivEU project, Stefan has presented his research at multiple conferences, including the InDivEU mid-term conference, the ACES conference, and TEPSA’s Portuguese Pre-Presidency Conference.

Marta Lorimer | London School of Economics

Marta Lorimer is a Postdoctoral Research Associate in the InDivEU project. She works alongside Prof. Richard Bellamy (UCL) and Dr. Sandra Kröger (University of Exeter) on the normative foundations of differentiated integration in the European Union. She obtained her PhD from the London School of Economics and Political Science, where she is also a Guest Teacher and Visiting Fellow. Marta has held visiting positions at Forum MIDEM at TU Dresden and at the Centre d’Études Européennes in Sciences Po Paris. Her work on the far right and European integration has been published in the Journal of European Public Policy and Ethnic and Racial Studies. She has also authored a book chapter on the Rassemblement National and several blog posts on French politics.
Richard Corbett | European Parliament

Richard Corbett was an MEP from 1996-2009 and 2014-2020. During that period, he was for ten years the Coordinator for the S&D Group on constitutional questions. He was the Parliament’s co-rapporteur on the Constitutional Treaty and on the Lisbon Treaty. He was several times the rapporteur on rewriting the EP Rules of Procedure. He was the UK Labour Party’s leader in the European Parliament and a member of the Shadow Cabinet in the UK. From 2010-14 he was senior advisor to the President of the European Council Herman Van Rompuy. Prior to becoming an MEP, he worked with Altiero Spinelli on Parliament’s 1984 Draft Treaty on European Union. He later drafted proposals incorporated in the Maastricht and Amsterdam treaties, not least the first draft of what is now the EU’s Ordinary Legislative Procedure which gives the Parliament an equal say with the Council on EU legislation. He has written extensively on European affairs, including several academic textbooks. He was a visiting professor at the College of Europe in Bruges. He currently represents the European Parliament on the Common Secretariat of the Conference on the Future of Europe.

Catherine de Vries | Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam and Università Bocconi

Catherine de Vries is a Dean of Diversity & Inclusion and Professor of Political Science at Bocconi University. She is also an affiliated professor at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. Throughout her career, she has published three academic books, one of which was listed in the Financial Times’s top-5 books to read about Europe’s future. Next to her books, she has also published a large array of research articles on European politics, focusing on public opinion, elections and political parties. Catherine is Dutch by birth, but has lived in the United States and across Europe. In her working live, she cares deeply about diversity and inclusion in academia in Italy, Europe and beyond, next to being passionate about research and teaching in the field of political science and political economy. In 2013, she was selected a Young Global Leader in the World Economic Forum for her societal impact. Catherine also serves as a columnist for the Dutch Financial Times, and is a member of European Integration Committee of the Dutch Advisory Council on Foreign Affairs, and Board of Trustees of the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin.
Panel IV
How to build close relations with neighbouring countries while preserving the integrity of the Single Market?

Friday 3 December
11:30 - 13:00
Moderator: Brigid Laffan

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Michael Keating | University of Aberdeen

Michael Keating is Professor of Politics at the University of Aberdeen. He is General Secretary of the Royal Society of Edinburgh and also Fellow of the British Academy, Academy of Social Sciences and Academia Europaea. Michael has taught in universities in Scotland, England, Canada, the United States, France and Spain and from 2000 to 2010 was Professor at the European University Institute. His interests include comparative European politics, public policy, territorial politics and nationalism. From 2013 to 2020 he was founder Director of the Centre on Constitutional Change in Edinburgh and principal investigator in a series of large projects on the Scottish and Brexit referendums.
Christian Frommelt is Director of the Liechtenstein Institute and Head of Research Politics. He studied political science at the University of Innsbruck and completed his doctorate at ETH Zurich. His research focus is on the European Economic Area (EEA) and more generally on European integration of the four EFTA States Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and Switzerland. His main project analyses the institutional arrangements of relations between the EFTA states and the EU, as well as the extent and dynamics of the integration of the EFTA States. Another focus of his work is opinion research in Liechtenstein and analyses of the Liechtenstein political system in general. Prior to his appointment as Director of the Liechtenstein Institute, he was the Brexit Coordinator for the Liechtenstein Government.
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Panel V
Are flexible implementation and experimentalist governance viable alternatives to DI to manage diversity in the EU?

Friday 3 December
14:30 - 16:00

Moderator: Sandra Lavenex

Sabastiaan Princen | Utrecht University

Sabastiaan Princen is an Associate Professor in the field of European governance at Utrecht University’s School of Governance. His research focuses on issues of international and European policy-making. In recent years he has published extensively on processes of agenda-setting in the European Union, the role of policy paradigms in EU policy-making and the implementation of EU policies. Together with Herman Lelieveldt, he is co-author of the textbook “The Politics of the European Union”, which looks at the EU from a comparative politics perspective. Within the InDivEU project, he coordinated Work Package 7 on differentiation through flexible implementation, which studied whether and how offering flexibility to member states in the implementation of EU law and policies may be an alternative or complement to forms of differentiated integration.

Jonathan Zeitlin | University of Amsterdam

Jonathan Zeitlin is Professor of Public Policy and Governance, and Distinguished Faculty Professor in the Department of Political Science and the Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences (FMG) at the University of Amsterdam. He is also a member of the Political Economy and Transnational Governance (PETGOV) research programme of the Amsterdam Institute for Social Science Research (AISSR), and founding Academic Director of the Amsterdam Centre for European Studies (ACES), a Research Priority Area of the University of Amsterdam and the Faculty of Social and Behavioral Sciences.
Irena Andrassy | Permanent Representative of the Republic of Croatia to the EU

Irena Andrassy is the Permanent Representative of the Republic of Croatia to the European Union. Prior to that, she was Deputy Head of Cabinet of Commissioner Neven Mimica in the European Commission, in two mandates (Consumer Policy, International Cooperation and Development). Ms. Andrassy has worked as a diplomat in the Croatian Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs and Croatian Mission to the EU since 1999. This entailed various functions during Croatia’s EU accession process, including Legal Advisor of the Chief Negotiator and Negotiator responsible for legal issues and the Accession Treaty preparations. She has a Law Degree from the Zagreb Faculty of Law and Master of Science Degree in European Studies from the London School of Economics and Political Science.

Carsten Schierenbeck | European Commission

Carsten Schierenbeck is a member of the cabinet of European Commission Vice-President President Maroš Šefčovič, responsible for the portfolio of ‘Better Regulation and Simplification’ as well as for supporting inter-institutional relations. He has over 14 years of policy-making experience, having been team leader for inter-institutional relations and emerging industries and responsible for EU cluster policy development. His teams designed and implemented for instance innovative initiatives to connect industrial actors and channel support to SMEs. In 2020, Schierenbeck was seconded to the Permanent Representation of the Federal Republic of Germany to the EU to support the German EU Presidency, where he helping to negotiate Council Conclusions on industry and Internal Market and reach political agreement on the draft regulation of the Single Market Programme. Previously, he has undertaken research for the University of Birmingham in the UK, worked for the West Midlands regional representation office in Brussels and for an SME in property management in Germany. He holds a PhD, an MBA in International Business, a Bachelor of Commerce and a Professional Qualification in Property Management. He is a fan of agile and participatory leadership, active stakeholder engagement and building bridges between industrial, innovation, SME and regional policy. He has undertaken consultancy work and published academic articles on industrial clusters, creative industries, the automotive industry and the medical technology industry.