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## WELCOME

Dear reader,

We are pleased to launch the fourth edition of the HOMER-Newsletter. HOMER - From History to Memory Culture: Narratives of the European Council Summits between The Hague, Maastricht, and Lisbon – has successfully completed the first cycle of seminars and workshops on the Hague summit. Transnational teaching and research in a collaborate effort by the German Sport University Cologne, the University of Cologne, and the University of Maastricht has been a pleasure, integrating two countries, three universities and two disciplines has been an inspiration.

With the start of winter term 2015 the project takes up the second cycle, this time focusing on the year 1991. The Maastricht summit was a history-making act for the deepening of European integration.

The interdisciplinary seminar has already begun. 29 qualified students have been nominated comprising a broad scope of national and disciplinary backgrounds. The students met for the first time in October 2015 in Maastricht where the introductory seminar took place. Right on the historical site was probably the best place imaginable to tackle the topic. Coming up next will be the Brussels

workshop where the students come together in order to meet the eye-witnesses and experts.

You are invited to subscribe to the newsletter ([iesf@dshs-koeln.de](mailto:iesf@dshs-koeln.de)) in order to receive the next issues of the newsletter automatically. We appreciate forwarding this newsletter also to other colleagues that might be interested. Feel free to check our Website [eu-homer.eu](http://eu-homer.eu)!

On behalf of the HOMER team

*Till Müller-Schoell*

## EVALUATING THE FIRST PHASE: HOMER IN SUMMER 2015

### The Hague Summit and European narratives

The four members of HOMER organized a joint seminar on “The Hague Summit and European narratives” in this year’s summer term. A workshop in Brussels with leading experts on the European Council and contemporary witnesses was an integral part of the seminar. In the last seminar session, the participants were asked to complete an evaluation form.

In general, the outcome of the evaluation was a very positive feedback. Most students expected

beforehand to improve their methodological skills, to gain a comprehensive understanding of The Hague summit, to learn about the role of newspapers and the development of narratives, and to complement their general knowledge on EU integration in the course of the seminar. Those

students confirmed their expectations to have been fulfilled.

Furthermore, the students evaluated the interactive character of the seminar and the fact that it involved various disciplines and universities



in a very positive way. However, a higher number of Maastricht students would have contributed to an even more diversified composition of the group. Especially, the exchange and debate with the experts in Brussels was mentioned by most students and was perceived as a very enriching

element of the seminar.

Some students criticized that they would have needed more (methodological) guidance due to their lack of experience with EU studies, in particular regarding the investigation and analysis of primary sources. This aspect will be taken up in the next joint seminar in order to guarantee a sufficient support and supervision.

In sum, the first HOMER seminar was given a very good mark by the students who also provided the organizers with fruitful recommendations for the upcoming teaching activities.

#### The HOMER Project in brief:

HOMER is a research-based teaching program that seeks to identify narratives, focusing on history making summits of national leaders in the history of European integration.

#### HOMER's background:

The future of the European Union will increasingly be shaped by the perception of its history and an evolving European memory culture.

Against this backdrop, it is necessary to pay more attention to the European Council which has been the key institution in terms of history making decisions.

The project will address three critical junctures in order to analyse their impact on the development of European narratives: The almost forgotten 1969 summit of The Hague was central to the emergence of the EU and the European Council as an entity. The Maastricht summit of

1991 was a history-making act for the deepening of European integration. The 2009 summit of Lisbon opened a new age for the construction of the EU. The project assesses these summits and analyses their roles in developing a ‘master narrative’ of European integration. The main rationale of the project is to contribute to the evolving European memory culture by scrutinizing past and existing interpretations while simultaneously building on these.

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# HOMER IN WINTER-TERM 2015/2016: THE MAASTRICHT SUMMIT AND EUROPEAN NARRATIVES

Sophie Vanhoonacker/ Hartmut Marhold / Jürgen Mittag  
with Wolfgang Wessels and Kiran Patel

Today, the European Council forms the key body in the institutional architecture of the EU. The Maastricht summit in 1991 has reassured its importance, since this summit paved substantially the way to today's European Union.

The seminar will, thus, address the question whether and to which extent the Maastricht summit can be considered as a critical juncture in the history of European integration. Beyond a focus on actors, motives, negotiations and outcomes of the summit, it will assess the way the Maastricht summit was perceived at the time, and how it is remembered

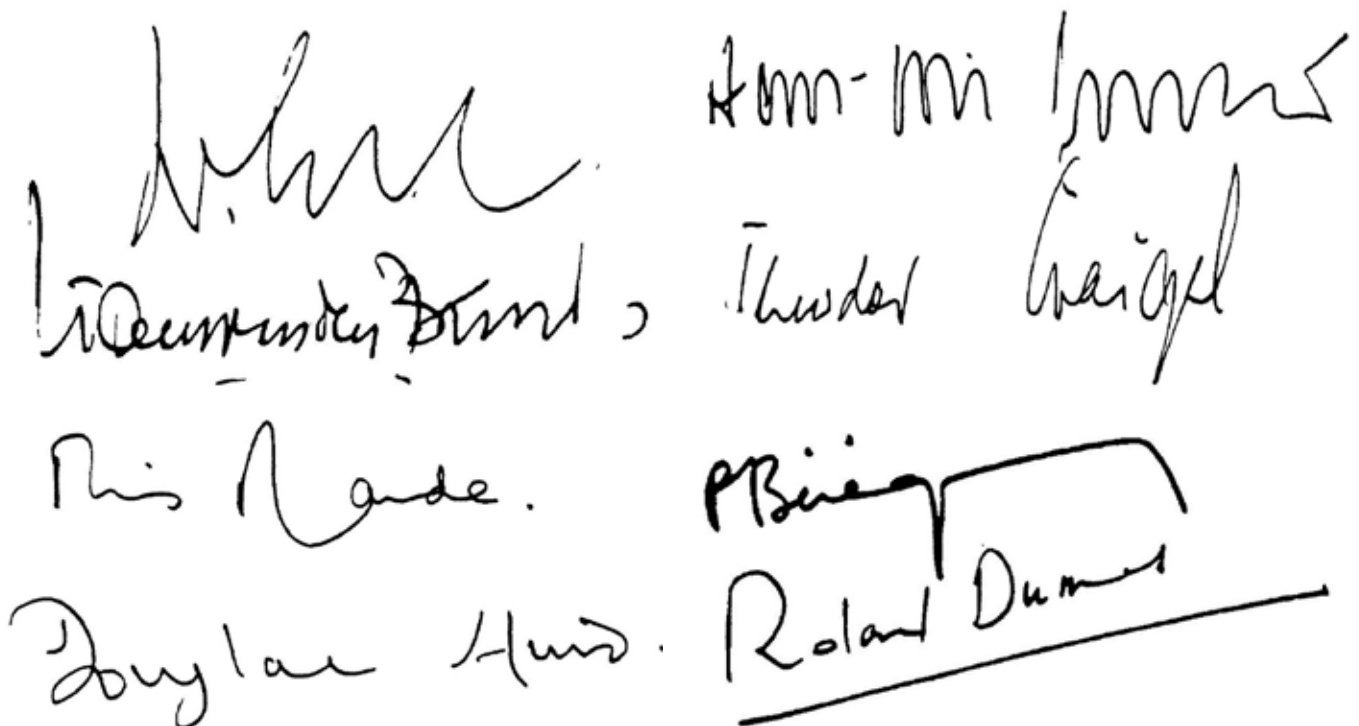
today.

What were and are the views of politicians? How do academic scholars write about it? How did the media report about it at the time, and do journalists sometimes refer to it today? On all these issues, are there differences between member states, political camps, and generations? Or do interpretations tend to converge? And, more generally, what is the place of the Maastricht summit in the wider history of EU summitry, and what is the role of summits in narratives of European integration?

The HOMER-Seminar is an interdisciplinary, research-oriented seminar

open to students from the German Sport University Cologne, Maastricht University, and the University of Cologne. The seminar will be held in English and will be credited with a Certificate on European Studies of all three Universities.

Students will work with a broad variety of sources (newspaper articles, archival material, memoirs, academic interpretations, interviews, etc.) and will contrast perceptions and narratives of the summit of the time with today's discussion.


 A collection of handwritten signatures in black ink. The signatures are arranged in two columns. The left column contains: a stylized signature, 'Wolfgang Wessels', 'This Guide.', and 'Douglas Hund.'. The right column contains: 'HOMER Seminar', 'Jürgen Mittag', 'PBing', and 'Roland Dumas' with a horizontal line underneath.

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# HOMER - Seminar 2015/16: Seminar Outline

## Session 1:

### Introduction: The Framework of the Maastricht Summit and Discourse Analysis and (European) Master Narratives, October 22th: 11am-5pm, Maastricht

- Organizational issues
- short introduction to the European Council/role of summits
- students form teams of 2 or 3 to work on one sub-dimension:

- › How do politicians refer to the Maastricht summit in their memoirs?
- › How did international newspapers report about the events at the time?
- › How and why did media write about the Maastricht summit in view of commemorating its anniversary?
- › Why do the media write differently about Maastricht summit?
- › What are the consequences of having different narratives in the member states?

- analysis of the history of the Maastricht summit

11:00am: Welcome

11:15am: Introduction to the seminar (Mittag/Vanhoonacker)

11:30am: Students give a first introduction to Maastricht summit

11:45am: Pre-history, course and impact of the summit

12:30am: Lunch break

1:45pm: Analysis of the summit from a political science perspective; reference to integration theories (Vanhoonacker)

2:15pm: Historian perspective (Mittag)

2:45pm: Comparison of both perspectives

3:15pm: Coffee Break

3:30pm: Concept of narratives (Marhold)

3:45pm: Methodological approach, discourse analysis

4:00pm: Students form teams

4:15pm: Where to find newspaper articles/Archives in Cologne and Maastricht

4:45pm: Summary and Conclusion

### **Compulsory reading on summitry and Maastricht summit 1991 to be done**

### **General reading List on summitry and Maastricht summit 1991 to be done**

### **Compulsory reading for first session:**

1. Laursen, F. (2012), 'The Treaty of Maastricht', in E. Jones, A. Menon and S. Weatherill, *The Oxford Handbook of the European Union* (Oxford: Oxford University Press), 121-134.

2. Wessels, W. (2012), *The Maastricht Treaty and the European Council: The History of an Institutional Evolution*. In: *Journal of European Integration*, Vol. 34, No. 7, 753-767.

3. Bryman, Alan, *Social Research Methods*, 4th edition (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012), 528-540.

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Caporaso, J. and Kim, M-H. (2012), 'The Maastricht Treaty at Twenty: A Greco-European Tragedy?', *Journal of European Integration*, Vol.34, No.7, 769-789.

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Geary, M., Germond, C. and Patel, K. (2013), *The Maastricht Treaty and Consequences in Historical Perspectives - Introduction*, *Journal of European Integration History*, Vol.19, No.1, 5-22.

Kohler-Koch, B. (2012), 'Post-Maastricht Civil Society and Participatory Democracy', *Journal of European Integration*, Vol.34, No.7, 809-824.

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Loth, W. (2013), 'Negotiating the Maastricht Treaty', *Journal of European Integration History*, Vol.19, No.1, 67-83.

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Mazzucelli, C. (2012), 'The Maastricht Treaty: Designing the European Union', in (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan), 147-179.

Monar, J. (2012), 'Justice and Home Affairs: The Treaty of Maastricht as a Decisive Intergovernmental Gate Opener', *Journal of European Integration*, Vol.34, No.7, 717-734.

Moravcsik, A. (1998), *The Choice for Europe. Social Purpose and State Power from Messina to Maastricht* (Ithaca, N.Y.: Cornell University Press).

Id. (1993), 'Preferences and Power in the European Community: a liberal intergovernmentalist approach', *Journal of Common Market Studies*, Vol.31, No.4, 473-524.

Rasmussen, A. (2012), 'Twenty Years of Co-decision Since Maastricht: Inter- and Intrainstitutional Implications', *Journal of European Integration*, Vol.34, No.7, 735-751.

Saunier, G. (2013), 'La négociation de Maastricht vue de Paris', *Journal of European Integration History*, Vol.19, No.1, 45-65.

Smith, M. (2012), 'Still rooted in Maastricht: EU external relations as a 'Third-generation hybrid'', *Journal of European Integration*, Vol.34, No.7, 699-715.

Thiemeyer, G. (2013), 'Economic Models in France and Germany and the Debates In the Maastricht Treaty', *Journal of European Integration History*, Vol.19, No.1, 85-103.

Varsori, A. (2012), 'The Andreotti Governments and the Maastricht Treaty: Between European Hopes and Domestic Constraints', *Journal of European Integration History*, Vol.19, No.1, 43-23.

Weiler, J. (2012), 'In the Face of Crisis: Input Legitimacy, Output Legitimacy and the Political Messianism of European Integration', *Journal of European Integration*, Vol.34, No.7, 825-841.

Wessels, W. (2012), 'The Maastricht Treaty and the European Council: The

History of an Institutional Evolution', *Journal of European Integration*, Vol.34, No.7, 753-767.

### **General reading list on European Council:**

de Schoutheete P. (2012a) *The European Council*. In: Peterson J and Shackleton M (eds) *The Institutions of the European Union*. 3rd ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 43-67.

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*General Secretariat of the Council* (2011): *The European Council. 50 years of summit meetings*, (available online)

Rittelmeyer Y-S. (2014) *The institutional consecration of the European Council: symbolism beyond formal texts. The European Council and the European Governance. The commanding heights of the EU*. Abingdon: Routledge.

Tallberg J. (2007) *Bargaining Power in the European Council*. Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies, Report No. 1 (Stockholm).

Werts J. (2008) *The European Council*, London: John Harper Publishing.

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Gilbert, M. (2008), 'Narrating the Process: Questioning the Progressive Story of European Integration', *Journal of Common Market Studies*, Vol.46, 641-662.

### **General reading list on (European) Narratives:**

Crawford, Neta C., "Understanding Discourse: A Method of Ethical Argument Analysis," *Qualitative Methods: Newsletter of the American Political Science Association Organized Section on Qualitative Methods*, 2

(2004), 22-25.

Laffey, Mark and Weldes, Jutta, "Methodological Reflections on Discourse Analysis," *Qualitative Methods: Newsletter of the American Political Science Association Organized Section on Qualitative Methods*, 2 (2004), 28-31.

### **Session 2:**

**Brussels Workshop with experts November, 6th/20th 10:30am-5.00pm, Brussels**

Panelists: Wilfried Loth (Duisburg-Essen University)

Hartmut Marhold (Centre international de formation européenne)

Jürgen Mittag (German Sport University Cologne)

Kiran Klaus Patel (Maastricht University)

Sophie Vanhoonacker (Maastricht University)

Wolfgang Wessels (University of Cologne)

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Venue: Brussels Campus of University of Maastricht

10:30am: Welcome and introduction by Sophie van Hoonacker and Hartmut Marhold

10:45am: Theses concerning narratives on the Maastricht summit

11:30am: Coffee break

11:45am: Round-table debate among panelists

1:15pm: Lunch break

2:15pm: Selected participating students react as first commentators to the round-table's discussion

2:30pm: General debate: panelists and students

3:45pm: Coffee break

4:00pm: Internal elaboration of discussion results and outlook

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**Session 3:  
Preparation of Research Outlines  
November and December 2015 (taking  
place individually with the respective  
supervisor at the different universities)**

Consultation hours with respective supervisor, discussion on research outlines

**Session 4:  
Concluding Session early January  
18st or early February, 9.00am-  
6.00pm, Maastricht  
SV/JM**

9.30am: Opening and Introduction  
9.45am: Final presentation (each 20 minutes) and discussion (20 minutes) of students' findings  
10.00am: Cartoons  
10.45am: "Low" countries

11.30am: Coffee break  
11.45am: Memoirs  
12.30pm: German/French newspapers  
1.30pm: Lunch  
2.30pm: Candidate Countries  
3.15pm: Non-EU newspapers  
4.00pm: Coffee break  
4.15pm: EU-Sources  
5.00pm: Final debate and conclusions  
5.30: Further perspectives and evaluation

## LOOKING BACK TO HOMER WORKSHOP 1

**The Maastricht Summit:  
Achievements and Narratives**

**Maastricht, 23 October 2015  
Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences,  
Grote Gracht 80-82 (Attic) Maastricht**

11:00am: Welcome and Introduction  
Prof. Jürgen Mittag, Sporthochschule  
Cologne and Prof. Sophie

Vanhoonacker, Maastricht University

11:30am: First reflection on the  
Maastricht Treaty with students  
(Context, key themes and impact)

12:30am: Lunch

1:15pm Analysing the Maastricht Treaty:  
A historical perspective

Prof. Jürgen Mittag

1:45pm Analysing the Maastricht Treaty:  
A political science perspective

Prof. Sophie Vanhoonacker

2:15pm: Discussion

2:45pm: Coffee Break

3:00pm: Discourse analysis and the  
concept of narrative  
Prof. Hartmut Marhold, University of  
Cologne

3:45pm: Identifying research sources  
Prof. Jürgen Mittag

4:15pm: Division of students into  
teams

5:00pm: Conclusion



## EVENTS

## Lecture by Wilfried Loth: November 2015 “The creation of the European Council”

In the framework of the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence ‘HOMER’, Prof Dr Wilfried Loth from the Historical Institute of the University of Duisburg-Essen will hold a lecture on the creation of the European Council on November 3rd, 2015. The event will take place in hall H113 of the “IBW”-building of the University of Cologne (Herbert-Lewin-Straße 2, 50931 Köln) at 5:45pm.

Wilfried Loth will examine – from a historian’s perspective – the founda-

tion of the European Council. In particular, he will discuss the past conceptions regarding this key institution and compare them to the actualities. The event will be organised in co-operation with the European Union Köln and will be held in German.



Prof. Dr. Wilfried Loth is a German historian and political scientist. He was Professor of Political Science at the Free University of Berlin, then Professor of Political Science at the University of Münster. From 1986 to 2014 he was Professor of Modern History at the University of Essen, from 1993 to 1997 President of the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities in Essen. His major academic interests include the history of Catholicism and of Socialism, the history of the German Empire, the history of France in the twentieth century, the history of the Cold War, and the history of European integration.

### New Book: BUILDING EUROPE

The book analyses the birth and subsequent development of the European Union, from the launch of the Council of Europe until today. It shines a light on the crises of the European integration, such as the failure of the European Defence Community, De Gaulle’s empty chair policy, or the rejection of the European Constitution, but also highlights the indubitable successes like the Franco-German reconcilia-

tion. What this study accomplishes is to illuminate the driving forces behind the European integration process.

Wilfried Loth: Building Europe. A History of European Unification, De Gruyter Oldenbourg, 89,95 €



### New Book: THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

This systematic assessment of the -often opaque- European Council looks at its characteristics, leaders and output as well as its impact on EU supranational and intergovernmental dynamics. Taking account of historical and contemporary developments up to and beyond the Lisbon Treaty, it encourages in-depth un-

derstanding of this key institution. Wolfgang Wessels: The European Council (Palgrave Macmillan), 2. Oktober 2015, £29.99.



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## New project on the European Council launched: Studying the European Council – Mastering and Disseminating Knowledge about a Key Institution

The Jean Monnet chair of Prof Wessels at the University of Cologne was selected by the European Commission to carry out a new Jean Monnet Project. The 'SUMMIT'-project (Studying the European Council – Mastering and Disseminating Knowledge about a Key Institution) is dedicated to the European Council, and aims to con-

tribute to the promotion of European Union studies by providing the latest research-based knowledge about this key institution.

The broad range of activities and products of SUMMIT includes 16 academic conferences, roundtables and seminars in various European cities as

well as the output of innovative learning material and academic articles.

The project's lifetime is from September 2015 to February 2017. Further information on the project will shortly be available at the chair's ([www.jeanmonnetchair.uni-koeln.de](http://www.jeanmonnetchair.uni-koeln.de)) and at the project's website.



## Lecture for Master students: The European Council

Prof Wolfgang Wessels will give this lecture over the winter term 2015-2016 at the University of Cologne. The objective of the lecture is to provide students with an advanced, theory-based knowledge of the role of the European Council within the EU institutional architecture. Besides the organization and functioning

of the European Council, special attention will be paid to the European Council's role as a constitutional architect, crisis manager and actor in external affairs. An institutional approach will therefore be enriched with specific policy fields.





## THESEUS Visiting professor 2015/16

Prof. Fabien Terpan will be visiting professor at the Institute for Political Science at the University of Cologne over the winter term 2015/2016. He comes from Science Po, Grenoble, and will be teaching a master course on “the politics of law in the European

Union” in English. Prof. Terpan’s inaugural lecture is at the Institute for Political Science, 28th October, 7pm. The lecture will be followed by a modest welcoming event.

## Loukas Tsoukalis and Wolfgang Streeck on the Future of the Euro-Zone

Prof. Loukas Tsoukalis, ELIAMEP, winner of the THESEUS Award for Promising Research on European Integration 2014, and Prof. Wolfgang Streeck, former director of the Max-Planck-Institute for the study of societies (MPIfG) will have a public debate on the future of the eurozone at the Fritz-Thyssen-Foundation,

Cologne, 26th October, 7pm. Strengths and weaknesses of the common currency area will be discussed with reference to the case of Greece. Participation is free of charge. Please register on the website ([www.fritz-thyssen-stiftung.de](http://www.fritz-thyssen-stiftung.de)).

## Public THESEUS-Event with ECJ-President Vassilios Skouris

Vassilios Skouris, president of the European Court of Justice (ECJ), will give a public talk at the Fritz-Thyssen-Foundation, 19th November, 7pm. The event is part of the THESEUS-program run by the Cologne Jean Monnet Chair of Prof. Wessels. Participa-

tion is free of charge. Please register on the website ([www.fritz-thyssen-stiftung.de](http://www.fritz-thyssen-stiftung.de)).



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