

# The HOMER MA-Seminar 2015/16: The Maastricht Summit and European Narratives

## Seminar Outline

### **Session 1: Introduction: The Framework of the Maastricht Summit and Discourse Analysis and (European) Master Narratives October 22<sup>th</sup>, 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 on (European) Narratives*

1. Bryman, Alan, *Social Research Methods*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012), 528-540.

2. Gilbert, Mark, "Narrating the Process: Questioning the Progressive Story of European Integration," *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 46 (2008), 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-5pm, 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

10:30: Welcome and introduction by Sophie van Hoonacker and Hartmut Marhold  
10:45: Theses concerning narratives on the Maastricht summit  
11:30: Coffee break  
11:45: Round-table debate among panelists  
13:15: Lunch break  
14:15: Selected participating students react as first commentators to the round-table's discussion  
14:30: General debate: panelists and students  
15:45: Coffee break  
16:00: Internal elaboration of discussion results and outlook

**[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 18<sup>st</sup> or early February, 9am-6pm, Maastricht**

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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  
13.30pm: Lunch  
14.30pm: Candidate Countries  
15.15pm: Non-EU newspapers  
16.00pm: Coffee break  
16.15pm: EU-Sources  
17.00pm: Final debate and conclusions  
17.30: Further perspectives and evaluation