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WELCOME

Dear reader,

HOMER is entering its next stage: the first interdisciplinary seminar has already begun. In the past months students from Maastricht University, Cologne University and German Sport University have applied for participation in the joint seminar on the Hague Summit of 1969. At the end, 25 qualified students have been nominated comprising a broad scope of national and disciplinary backgrounds. The students met for the first time in early April 2015 in Cologne where the introductory seminar took place. A highlight has been the Brussels workshop where the students again came together in order to meet the eye-witnesses and experts. Intensive debates with Wilfried Loth, Philippe de Schou-

theete and Hartmut Marhold did not just pave the way to new material but also offered new methodological insights. History is a critical discourse on the past: a reconstitution of elapsed facts and events seeking their contextualization and interpretation. Memory can be considered an ensemble of individual and collective recollections of the past. Narratives are hegemonic ways of recounting the past, remembering it and specific events. The Brussels meeting offered innovative approaches to analyse and discuss EU master narratives. In the next weeks the students will combine research on material and narratives in view of their final presentation at the end of May 2015 in Cologne.

This second edition of the HOMER newsletter informs in detail about the HOMER project and the first joint

seminar. In addition, it provides information about additional lectures at the three universities. Finally it refers to recent activities of the European Council and academic research on the European Council.

You are invited to subscribe to the newsletter (iesf@dshs-koeln.de) in order to receive each issue of this quarterly publication. We appreciate forwarding this newsletter also to other colleagues that might be interested. Up-to-date information are also provided by our Website eu-homer.eu.

On behalf of the HOMER team
Jürgen Mittag

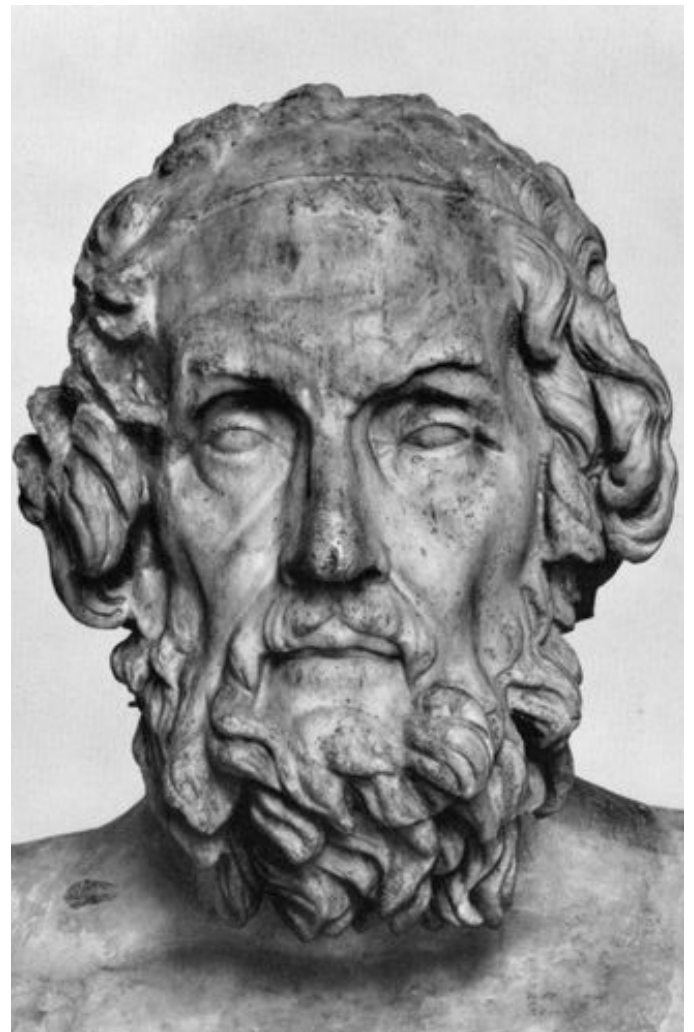
First HOMER joint seminar has started

The first session of the first HOMER joint seminar took place in Cologne on April 8th. The seminar targets Master students of the universities of Maastricht and Cologne as well as of the German Sport University Cologne. Following its international and interdisciplinary character, it gathers students from political science and sociology as well as European, sport and management studies. The course is taught by Kiran Patel, Jürgen Mittag and Wolfgang Wessels (both HOMER team members) and Hartmut Marhold (member of the HOMER advisory board).

The seminar addresses the question whether and to which extent the Hague 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 assesses the way the Hague summit was perceived at the time, and how it is remembered today. What were and are the views of politicians? How do 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 interpreta-

tions tend to converge? And, more generally, what is the place of The Hague summit in the wider history of EU summitry, and what is the role of summits in narratives of European integration? The concluding session, where the final results of the seminar will be presented, will take place in



HOMER Seminar: The Hague Summit and European Narratives

Framework

Today, the European Council forms the key body in the institutional architecture of the EU. Given its importance, it might come as a surprise that the original Treaties of Rome did not foresee such an institution, and that it only acquired its role incrementally, in the course of several decades. The almost forgotten summit of The Hague in 1969 was of high significance for paving the way for the emergence of the European Council

and of the institutional structure that characterizes today's European Union.

The seminar will, thus, address the question whether and to which extent the Hague 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 Hague summit

was perceived at the time, and how it is remembered today. What were and are the views of politicians? How do 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 Hague summit in the wider history of EU summitry, and what is the role of summits in narratives of European integration?

This is an interdisciplinary, research-oriented seminar open to students

Council/role of summits

- students form teams of 2 or 3 to work on one sub-dimension:
 - How do politicians refer to the Hague summit in their memoirs?
 - How did international newspapers report about the events at the time?
 - How and why did British, Irish, and Danish media write about the Hague summit in December

Wessels, Wolfgang, *The European Council* (Basingstoke: Palgrave Macmillan, forthcoming 2015), 1-22.

General reading list:

Bitsch, Marie-Thérèse, „Le sommet de La Haye. L'initiative française, ses finalités et ses limites“, *Journal of European integration history*, 2003, Vol. 9 (2), 83-100.

Dinan, Desmond, *Europe Recast: A History of European Union*, 2nd edition (Boulder: Lynne Rienner, 2014).

Fourastié, Jean, *Les Trente Glorieuses, ou la révolution invisible de 1946 à 1975* (Paris: Fayard, 1979).

Hiepel, Claudia, „In Search of the Greatest Common Denominator: Germany and the Hague Summit Conference 1969,“ *Journal of European Integration History*, 9 (2003), 63–81.

Ludlow, N. Piers, „An Opportunity or a Threat? The European Commission and The Hague Council of December 1969,“ *Journal of European Integration History*, 9 (2003), 11–25.

Marhold, Hartmut, „How to tell the history of European integration in the 1970s. A survey of the literature and some proposals“, *L'Europeen formation*, 2003 (3-4), 13-38.

Van der Harst, Jan, „The 1969 Hague Summit: A New Start for Europe?“ *Journal of European Integration History*, 9 (2003), 5–9.

Wessels, Wolfgang and Mittag, Jürgen, „Die Gipfelkonferenzen von Den Haag (1969) und Paris (1972): Meilensteine für Entwicklungstrends der Europäischen Union?“, in: Knipping, Franz and Schönwald, Matthias (eds.): *Aufbruch zum Europa der zweiten Generation. Die europäische Einigung 1969-1984*, WVT, Reihe Europäische und Internationale Studien, Vol. 3, Trier 2004.



from the German Sport University Cologne, Maastricht University, and the University of Cologne. 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. The introductory and final sessions will take place in Cologne, but the seminar will include a one-day workshop in Brussels.

Detailed structure:

Session 1:

April 8th, 1pm-8pm, Cologne

First part: Introduction: Completion, Widening and Deepening – The History of the Hague Summit

- Organizational issues
- short introduction to the European

2009/2014, i.e. commemorating the 40th/45th anniversary?

- Why do the media write differently about The Hague summit?
- What are the consequences of having different narratives in the member states?

- Analysis of the history of The Hague summit

Compulsory reading:

a) Judt, Tony, *Postwar: A History of Europe Since 1945* (London: Heinemann, 2005), 324-353; 453-503. or:

b) Glyn, Andrew; Hughes, Alan; Lippietz, Alain and Singh, Ajit, „The Rise and Fall of the Golden Age“, in: Marglin, Stephen and Schor, Juliet B. (eds.), *The Golden Age of Capitalism. Reinterpreting the Postwar Experience* (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1992), 39-125.

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1pm: Organizational issues
 1:15pm: Introduction to the seminar
 1:30pm: Students give a first introduction to The Hague summit
 1:45pm: Pre-history, course and impact of the summit
 2:30pm: Coffee break
 2:45pm: Analysis of the summit from a political science perspective; reference to integration theories
 3:30pm: Historian perspective
 4:15pm: Break
 5pm: Comparison of both perspectives
 5:20pm: Concept of narratives
 6pm: Methodological approach, discourse analysis
 7pm: Break
 7:15pm: Students form teams
 7:30pm: Where to find newspaper articles/Archives in Cologne and Maastricht
 7:45pm: Summary and Conclusion

Second part: Opening the Toolbox: Discourse Analysis and (European) Master Narratives

- Discussion on theory and methodology (social constructivism, discourse analysis, narratives/-tology)

Compulsory reading:

1. Bryman, Alan, *Social Research Methods*, 4th 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:

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.

Venue: University of Cologne, room "Seminarraum 3" in the building 110 "WiSo Modulbau" (Universitätsstraße 24) (1pm-6pm) and room "Hörsaal XIII" in the building "Hauptgebäude" (6pm-8pm)

Session 2: Workshop
 April 17th, 10:30am-5pm, Brussels

Panelists: Wilfried Loth (Duisburg-Essen University)

Hartmut Marhold (Centre international de formation européenne)

Jürgen Mittag (German Sport University Cologne)

KiranKlaus Patel (Maastricht University)

Philippe de Schoutheete (Former Belgian Ambassador to the EU)

Michael Shackleton (Maastricht University, Secretariat of the European Parliament)

Sophie Vanhoonacker (Maastricht University)

Wolfgang Wessels (University of Cologne)

Venue: Representation of the Land North Rhine-Westphalia, Rue Montoyer 47, Brussels

10:30am: Welcome and introduction by Jürgen Mittag, Kiran Klaus Patel and Wolfgang Wessels

10:45am: Kiran Klaus Patel and Wolfgang Wessels present theses concerning narratives on The Hague summit

11:30am: Coffee break

11:45am: Round-table debate among panelists

13:15pm: Lunch break

14:15pm: Selected participating students react as first commentators to the round-table's discussion

14:30pm: General debate: panelists and students

15:45pm: Coffee break

16:00pm: Internal elaboration of discussion results and outlook

Session 3: Research Outlines

April/May, tbc

Consultation hours with respective supervisor, discussion on research outlines

Session 4: Concluding Session

May 21st, 9.30 am-6pm, Cologne

9.30: Opening and Introduction

9.45: Final presentation (each 20 minutes) and discussion (20 minutes) of students' findings

10.00: Cartoons

10.45 : "Low" countries

11.30: Coffee break

11.45: Memoirs

12.30: German/French newspapers

13.30: Lunch

14.30: Candidate Countries

15.15: Non-EU newspapers

16.00 Coffee break

16.15 EU Sources

17.00: Final debate and conclusions

17.30: Further perspectives and evaluation

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EVENTS I

Europe-Week 2015 at the German Sport University

Within the Europe-Week from May 2nd to 10th there will be a panel discussion about "sport and development". The subject development policy and sport came only in the last decade in the focus of politicians, organizations and the public interest. Governmental and development organizations nowadays start development projects with a strong focus on sport and movement on the African Continent or in South America. Those projects have an impact on Europe.

During the panel discussion potentials and limits of this issue will be debated with Gerald Guskowski (GIZ Bonn), Siebo Janssen (Bonn), Marianne Meier (terre des hommes), Clemens Mulokozi (Jambo Bukoba), Ralph Moutchbahani (Athletic Solution) and Karen Petry (DSHS).

Tuesday, May 5th, 2015 5.30-7.30pm
Hörsaal 2, German Sport University,
Am Sportpark Müngersdorf 6, 50933 Köln



Kölner Europa-Gespräche: Fretrade Agreement TTIP between EU and the USA - what do we get from it?

Statements: **Jürgen Matthes**, Inst. der dt. Wirtschaft
Prof. em. Dr. Friedhelm Hengsbach SJ

Tuesday, May 5th 2015 from 7.30-9.30pm
Domforum Köln, Domkloster 3

Discussion:

Elmar Brok, MdEP, Group of People's Party

Fabio de Masi, MdEP, Group of European United Left

Alessa Hartmann, PowerShift-Verein für eine ökologisch-solidarische Energie- & Weltwirtschaft e.V.

Presenter: **Dr. Ralf Hell**, member of Team Europe of the European Commission

Franco-German Relations: From European engine to „lame duck“ and retour?

Lecture and discussion: **Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Wessels**

Presenter and talk-guest: **Siebo M.H. Janssen**

Tuesday, March 17th, 2015 from 7.00 - 8.30 pm
Gartensaal des Deutsch-Französischen Kulturinstituts,
Theaterstr. 67, 52062 Aachen

Organized by EUROPE DIRECT Informationsbüro Aachen und Deutsch-Französisches Kulturinstitut Aachen

HOMER Public Lecture, Cologne, June 3rd, 2015

Prof Dr Hartmut Marhold, Director of Research and Development of the Centre international de formation européenne (CIFE) and member of the HOMER advisory board, will hold a public lecture in Cologne on June

3rd, 2015. He will look back on the contemporary history of the EU since the beginning of the new century focusing on the European summits. In particular, he will provide a critical analysis of the European summit of

Nice and the European convention. The event will take in the European Documentation Centre (EDZ) at the University of Cologne at 6:30pm.

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RELATED LECTURES

German Sport University, Cologne, Jean Monnet Lectures 2015

09.06. 2015, 12 a.m. - 2 p.m.,
Lecture Hall II

Guest lecture:

Mario Woldt (Hannover): The Euro-
pean and international activities of
the German Rowing Federation

16.06.2015, 12 a.m. - 2 p.m.,
Lecture Hall II

Guest lecture:

Prof. Dr. Harm Kaal (Nijmegen): Po-
pular politics: the friendly match be-
tween sport and politics in the Nether-
lands, 1960-1980s

06.07.2015, 11 a.m., Lecture Hall I

Martin Schulz (President of European
Parliament): Perspectives and Narra-
tives of the European Union

University of Cologne, Jean Monnet Lectures 2014

Lecture by Wolfgang Wessels:
Theories and Strategies of European
Integration

09.05. 2015

Conference:

Freihandel zwischen der EU und La-
teinamerika. Chancen. Risiken. Alter-
nativen (,Free Trade between the EU
and Latin America. Opportunities. Pit-
falls. Alternatives.')

12.05. 2015

THESEUS visiting professor Emiliano
Grossmann (Sciences Po Paris):
Tensions between the evolution of
capitalism and the future of demo-
cracy

03.06.2015

Prof. Dr. Hartmut Marhold, Director
of Research and Development of the
Centre international de formation eu-
ropéenne (CIFE) and member of the
HOMER advisory board.

University of Maastricht, Jean Mon- net Lectures

Sophie Vanhoonacker, Jean Monnet
Professor of Administrative Govern-
ance

Kiran Klaus Patel, Professor of Euro-
pean and Global History

17.04.2015

Commissioner Cecilia Malstrom, EU
Trade Policy: Why should European
citizens care?

21.05.2015

Julian Priestly, former Secretary Ge-
neral of the European Parliament:
The Making of a European President'

EVENTS II

HOMER panel at the EUSA Conference 2015 in Boston

In the framework of this year's conference of the European Union Studies Association (EUSA), which took place in Boston 5-7 March 2015, the HOMER team organised a panel on "From The Hague to Everywhere. Introduction to the history of the European Council". Besides the HOMER team members Kiran Patel (Maastricht University) and Wolfgang Wessels (University of Cologne), the panel gathered further international researchers: Desmond Dinan (George Mason University), Brigid Laffan (European University Institute) and Daniela Kroll (University of Constance).

In today's European Union, the European Council plays a central role. While having no formal legislative power, it is the EU's strategic body that provides the Union with general political direction and priorities. Acting as a collective presidency, it also forms an indispensable crisis-solving body. The gap between legal and actual power makes it an unconventional institution with ambiguous characteristics and often ill-defined roles.

Against this backdrop, the panel assessed some of the history-making decisions of the European Council, and its incremental rise to becoming a (if not the!) vital power centre of the EU more generally. The panel thus combined an interest in today's functions of the European Council, particularly in the framework of the current crisis management, with an assessment of the institution's history and trajectory.

The panel proposed to define five generations of political leaders within the forty years of existence of the European Council in order to make the study of the history of this key institution more feasible. Moreover, it dealt with the importance of The Hague Summit as a starting point for the European Council's role, and the influence of the European Council in the negotiations on the Multiannual Financial Frameworks of the European Union.

Besides the debates in terms of contents, the panel introduced the audience to the work of HOMER.



HOMER workshop ,The Hague summit and European narratives' Brussels, April 17th

The first HOMER workshop takes place in Brussels on April 17th and dealt with The Hague Summit and European narratives. It addressed the summit's impact on the development of European narratives that could provide historical and cultural orientation.

A panel which takes place in the course of the workshop will gather international academics and practitioners to share their experience with the summit as narratives of transnational encounters and cooperation, and to set the debate in motion: Wilfried Loth (Duisburg-Essen University), Hartmut Marhold (Centre international de formation européenne), Jürgen Mittag (German Sport

University Cologne), Kiran Klaus Patel (Maastricht University), Philippe de Schoutheete (Former Belgian Ambassador to the EU), Sophie Vanhooacker (Maastricht University) and Wolfgang Wessels (University of Cologne).

It will be of vital interest to explore the question of how contested interpretations of this historical event are made active in the present, (thereby) both uniting and dividing European societies. How were they perceived at the time? What is their place in the wider history of European summitry? How have interpretations evolved at the time and how can our research help to communicate their pivotal role in European integration?

Master students from Cologne and Maastricht participated as well and were encouraged to directly apply their theoretical knowledge, which they have gained beforehand during the HOMER seminar, to "real world" politics and policies and to practice empirical research. The workshop is primarily based on 'participative narratives' that will be complemented and contrasted by academic views, thus creatively combining theory and practice and leading to a productive understanding of the past.



Coming up soon at the Council of the EU:

Europe through the generations

Discuss the European project with relatives and colleagues of the EU's founding fathers

Join us for a discussion with the relatives and colleagues of the EU's founding fathers. Discover how their personalities shaped the European Union and listen to behind the scenes stories of the first days of the European project.

This event is organised for young EU citizens (18 to 35) by the General Secretariat of the Council of the EU, in collaboration with the European Youth Forum. Simultaneous interpretation in Dutch, French, German, Italian and English will be provided.

Current affairs at the European Council:

Special meeting of the European Council on refugees in the Mediterranean

"Saving the lives of innocent people is the number one priority. But saving lives is not just about rescuing people at sea. It is also about stopping the smugglers and addressing irregular migration."

(President Donald Tusk)

The Special meeting of the European Council, 23 April 2015, began with a standing silence for the victims of the Mediterranean shipwreck.

EU leaders discussed the dramatic

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Speakers and special invitees

Maria Romana De Gasperi: daughter of Alcide De Gasperi, former Prime Minister of Italy

Antoinette Spaak: daughter of Paul-Henri Spaak, former Prime Minister of Belgium

Paul Collowald: journalist who worked with Robert Schuman and Jean Monnet, and was director general of information at the European Commission and the European Parliament, and director of the cabinet of the President of the European Parliament, Pierre Pflimlin

Jean-Marie Pelt: former private secretary of Robert Schuman, France's foreign minister whose declaration on 9 May 1950 prompted the crea-

situation in the Mediterranean and agreed four priority areas for action:

Fighting traffickers

EU leaders have asked Federica Mogherini, the EU High Representative to propose actions allowing to capture and destroy the smuggler's vessels before they can be used.

Other agreed measures include a step up in the co-operation against smuggling networks with the help of Europol, and the deployment of immigration officers to third countries.

Strengthening our presence at sea

The European Council agreed to triple the resources available to Triton, the EU border mission in the Central Mediterranean, and to enhance its operational capability.

tion of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC)

Jacques-René Rabier: head of cabinet for Jean Monnet in France's modernisation plan and in the ECSC high authority

Gabriel Fragnière: Swiss philosopher and professor, friend of Hendrik Brugmans, who was a Dutch intellectual and the first rector of the College of Europe

Victoria Martín de la Torre: author of the book 'Europe, a leap into the unknown'

General Secretariat, Saturday May 9th, 2015 at 2pm, Press room, Council of the EU, Rue de la Loi 175, 1048 Brussels

Further Information:

<http://www.consilium.europa.eu/en/general-secretariat/events/open-doors/founding-fathers/>

Preventing illegal migration flows

The EU wants to limit the inflow and tackle the cause of illegal migration. The cooperation with the countries of origin and transit should be reinforced, especially the countries around Libya.

EU leaders also agreed to implement a new return programme for the rapid return of irregular migrants.

Reinforcing internal solidarity and responsibility

The EU will offer more protection to refugees from conflict regions and set up a voluntary pilot project on resettlement across the EU.

EU leaders will revert to the issue at the June European Council