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International Conference

Qualified Autonomy and Federalism versus Secession in the EU and its Member States

February 26-28, 2014

**Empire Hall
Esterházy Palace, Eisenstadt, Austria**

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

18.00 **Welcome address**

Stefan August Lütgenau, Foster Europe Foundation for strong European Regions, Austria

Gerhard Steier, President of the Landtag (Parliament), Burgenland

18.15 **Opening lecture**

The Carefully Organized Separation of Czechoslovakia as a Way How to Peacefully Solve a Nation State Problem

Prof. Václav Klaus, ret. President of the Czech Republic

19.00 **Dinner (on invitation only), Palace Esterházy, Hall of Mirrors**

Thursday, February 27, 2014

8:00 **Registration**

8.30 **Introduction /Framework**

Prof. Dr. Charlie Jeffery, Academy of Government, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom

Ass. -Prof. Dr. Annegret Eppler, University of Tübingen, and European Centre for Research on Federalism Tübingen (ECRF), Germany



9.00 Drivers of Secession: Identity, Economy and Welfare

Chairs: **Mag. Stefan August Lütgenau**

Characteristics of current secession processes- a framework

Prof. Dr. Roland Sturm, *Friedrich-Alexander-University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, and Center for Area Studies, and European Centre for Research on Federalism Tübingen (ECRF), Germany*

Comparing Scotland, Flanders, Catalonia, and the UK (leaving Europe)

Prof. Dr. Michael Keating, *University of Aberdeen, United Kingdom*

Federalism as driver or brake for secession? A Legal Perspective

Dr. Karl Kössler, *EURAC, Bolzano/Bozen, Italy*

10.30 Coffee Break

11.00 Questions of Legitimacy: What citizens think

Chairs: **Prof. Dr. Charlie Jeffery**

Scotland

Prof. Dr. John Curtice, *Strathclyde University, United Kingdom*

Belgium

Prof. Dr. Marc Swyngedouw, *Catholic University Leuven, Belgium*

Catalonia, political actors

Dr. Jordi Muñoz, *Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona*

England

Prof. Dr. Richard Wyn Jones, *Cardiff University, United Kingdom*

12.30 Light Lunch

14.00 Campaigners: Advocates and Opponents of Secession, how visions are articulated

Chairs: **Dr. Mario Kölling**

Scotland

Prof. Dr. Paul Cairney, *University of Stirling*

Belgium

Prof. Dr. Dave Sinardet, *Vrije Universiteit Brussel*



Catalonia

Prof. Dr. Francesc Pellarés Porta, Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona

UK

Dr. Matthew Goodwin, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom

15.30 Coffee Break

16.00 The Central Perspective

Chairs: **Ass. -Prof. Dr. Annegret Eppler**

UK and Scotland

Prof. Dr. Charlie Jeffery, Academy of Government, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom

Belgium and Flanders

Prof. Dr. Min Reuchamps, Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium

Spain and Catalonia

Prof. Dr. Alberto López Basaguren, University of the Basque Country

17.30 General Discussion

Wrap up and Co-Moderation: Prof. Dr. Charlie Jeffery/ Ass. -Prof. Dr. Annegret Eppler

18.00 End of Day 1

19:30 Burgenland Style Dinner, Heurigen Kirnerhof, Kleinhöfleiner Hauptstraße 40, Eisenstadt

Friday, February 28, 2014

09.00 How to manage Secession I : Domestically

Chairs: **Prof. Dr. Charlie Jeffery**

Scotland

Dr. Nicola McEwen, University of Edinburgh

Belgium

Prof. Dr. Bea Cantillon, University of Antwerp, Belgium

Catalonia

Prof. Dr. Ferran Requejo, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona



10.30 Coffee Break

11.00 How to manage Secession II: EU Aspects

Chairs: **Ass.- Prof. Dr. Annegret Eppler**

Scotland

Dr. Fabian Zuleeg, European Policy Centre, Brussels, Belgium

Belgium

Prof. Dr. Peter Bursens, Antwerp

Catalonia

Prof. Dr. Eliseo Aja, Member of the Council of Legal Guaranties of Catalonia, University of Barcelona

12.30 Light Lunch

**14.00 Is there a “3rd Way”?
New models of sovereignty**

Chairs: **Dr. Mario Kölling**

New Models of Federalism

Prof. Dr. John Erik Fossum, ARENA - Centre for European Studies, University of Oslo, Norway

The Political Economy of Secession

Prof. Dr. Roland Vaubel, University Mannheim, Germany

Canada as a role model?

Prof. Dr. Alain Gagnon, University of Quebec, Montreal, Canada

Simultaneity of centripetal and centrifugal trends in the EU: In search of a theory of disintegration and secession

Ass.-Prof. Dr. Annegret Eppler, University of Innsbruck and European Centre for Research on Federalism

15.30 Wrap up
Prof. Dr. Charlie Jeffery / Ass.-Prof. Dr. Annegret Eppler

- End of the conference -

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