



Institute of Political Science

Conference

## Variety and Dynamics of Multilevel Governance in Canada and Europe

TU Darmstadt, Institute of Political Science

Canada-Europe Transatlantic Dialogue, Center for European Studies, Carleton University Ottawa\*

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**TU Darmstadt, Rundeturmstraße, S 3/20 Room 18**

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## **Aim of the Conference**

Multilevel governance has become a widely used and overarching concept to study political processes that cut across the territorial boundaries of the state. The concept has been applied in studies of federal and regionalized nation-states, of European politics and policy-making, and of international relations. It refers to processes of structural change caused by a partial shift of powers from the national to the European/international level, on the one hand, and/or to the regional or local level, on the other. In addition, the concept has also been used to describe patterns of coordination and policy-making across these various levels of governance. Empirical research has uncovered a wide variety of patterns of multilevel governance under the rubric of concepts such as network governance, subsidiarity, inter-governmentalism, open method of coordination, and different varieties of federalism and confederalism.

The conference aims at taking stock of the existing variety in patterns or modes of multilevel governance and at discussing their effects on policy transformation and structural change. Based on comparative case studies or theoretical papers, the conference seeks to advance the conceptual understanding of multilevel governance, as well as of its causes and effects. Specifically, the conference will focus on analyses relating to Canada and Europe (including their external relations), and thus will serve to extend the application of the concept beyond the field of EU studies, where it originated and is most often applied.

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## Program

*Thursday, 12 June*

13 00 Introduction

*Arthur Benz and Joan DeBardeleben*

13.15 – 14.45 **Part I: Varieties of Multilevel Governance**

*Jörg Broschek* (Wilfrid Laurier University Waterloo)

“Instances of Multilevel Politics: Canada and Europe in Comparative Perspective”

*Inger Weibust* (Carleton University Ottawa)

“Explaining Variations in Multilevel Governance Arrangements in Water Supply”

Discussant: *Achim Hurrelmann* (Carleton University Ottawa)

14.45 – 15.00 Coffee break

15.00-16.30 *Nathalie Behnke* (University of Konstanz)

“Organized Consensus: Bureaucratic Coordination of Prime Ministers' Conferences and *Bundesrat* Sessions”

*Julie Simmons* (University of Guelph)

“Accountability to Citizens? Multilevel Social Policy Governance in Canada and the EU”

Discussant: *Jared Sonnicksen* (TU Darmstadt)

16.30 – 16.45 Coffee break

16.45-18.15 *Grace Skogstad* (University of Toronto)

“Comparing Multi-Level Governance Systems in Terms of their Temporal Constitutions: The EU and Canada Compared”

*Miriam Hartlapp* (University of Bremen)

“Combining the EU Commission's powers and administration's advantage of acting from a long-term perspective”

Discussant: *Klaus H. Goetz* (University of Munich)

19.30 Dinner

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*Friday, 13 June*

9.00- 10.30

**Part II: Policy Change in Multilevel Governance**

*Adrienne Héritier* (EUI Florence) *Yannis Karagiannis* (IBEI Barcelona)

“Policy innovation through interregional contracts”

*Zdenek Kudrna, Patrick Müller* (University of Vienna)

“Global exit from the EU’s decision trap: finance and agriculture compared”

Discussant: *Björn Egner* (TU Darmstadt)

10.30-10.45 Break

10.45-12.15

**Part III: Transformation of Governance in Multilevel Settings**

*Achim Hurrelmann, Sebastian Baglioni* (Carleton University Ottawa)

“Multilevel Democracy in the EU and its Transformation in the Financial Crisis”

*Michèle Knodt* (Technische Universität Darmstadt)

“Transformation of Multilevel Governance in EU External Energy Policy“

Discussant: *Sabine Kropp* (Free University of Berlin)

12.15 – 13.45 Lunch

13.45 – 15.15

*Herman Bakvis* (University of Victoria)

“Changing Intergovernmental Governance in Canada in the Era of ‘Open Federalism”

*Ingeborg Tömmel* (University of Osnabrück)

“EU governance of governance: Flexibly steering through stable institutions”

Discussant: *Jörg Broschek* (Wilfrid Laurier University Waterloo)

15.15 - 15.30 Coffee break

15.30

**Discussion and Conclusion**

*Joan DeBardeleben and Arthur Benz*

About 17.00 end of conference