

# EXACT Report on Oberseminar (Prof. Wessels)

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The EXACT PhD course „Oberseminar - Deepened analysis of research on European integration” took place in Cologne from October 2010 to February 2011. The Oberseminar, which was conducted in the context of the Cologne Graduate School (CGS), provided PhD students with the opportunity to present their PhD research designs to Prof. Wolfgang Wessels, Jean Monnet Professor of the Department of Political Science of the University of Cologne, and fellow PhD students. Through in-depth discussions on the PhD outlines, the students got the chance to acquire helpful input, remarks, critique and improvement suggestions by the class. Moreover, all participants of the course could deepen their knowledge on current research on European integration and expand their expertise on theories and methods of EU research and their application on relevant issues concerning the academic debate on EU research.

To fulfil the course criteria, students were required to give an oral presentation on their research project (see table below). Moreover, each student had to prepare a detailed comment on the presentation of fellow students.

As a special offer to the PhD students, Visiting Scientists of the EXACT programme, were requested to hold a presentation on current up-to-date research in EU affairs. Through the presentations of experienced international academics, the PhD students obtained valuable insights into post-doctoral academic work at academic as well as professional institutions. Accordingly, Prof. Ramses Wessel of the University of Twente, the Netherlands, Prof. Alfred Tovias of the Hebrew University Yerusalem, Israel, Dr. Anne Faber of the Europa-Universität Viadrina in Frankfurt (Oder) presented current examples of their own research. Alfred Tovias for instance held a guest lecture on free trade in services in the context of the Barcelona process.

As a résumé of the course programme, the PhD students agreed that they received beneficial feedback on their own research while simultaneously enhanced significantly their knowledge about other theoretical and empirical approaches to study EU politics.

### Schedule and content of presentations held

Date	Presenter	Topic	Comments by
12/10/10	Manuela Riedel	Minority Protection in the EU Enlargement Process	Tobias Kunstein
26/10/10	Funda Tekin	Differentiated Integration at Work	Oliver Höing
03/11/10	Tatjana P. Rava	Emperor's New Clothes? The EU Security and Multilateralism	Marco Siddi
10/11/10	Marlene Gottwald	Human security on the EU foreign policy agenda, Strategic concepts of EU conflict prevention and crisis management	Nicole Koenig
17/11/10	Julia Lieb	Institutional Change in European Diplomacy	Funda Tekin
24/11/10	James Nyomakwa-Obimpeh	A Study of the Policy Making Processes Underpinning the Economic Partnership Agreements (EPAs) between the EU and the ACP Countries	Simon Stroß
07/12/10	Jean Paul Jacqué	The European Council	n.a.
15/12/10	Dana Depo  Vanessa Boas	The Eastern Dimension of the European Union and the Potential Impact of the Lisbon Treaty  The EU as a normative foreign policy actor in Central Asia	Vanessa Boas  Dana Depo
16/12/10	Ramses Wessel	Guest lecture	n.a.
21/12/10	Prof. Bagci	Neue Türkische Aussenpolitik unter neuen regionalen und globalen Parametern	n.a.
12/01/11	Miguel Haubrich Seco  Leonhard den Hertog	Exporting Patterns of Governance and Regional Integration? Assessing the effectivity of EU interregional policy.  The interplay between EU development cooperation and its immigration measures: towards coherence or divergence?	Tatjana P. Rava  James Nyomakwa-Obimpeh
26/01/11	Alfred Tovias	Guest lecture	n.a.
02/02/11	Simon Stroß  Niklas Helwig	Ensuring coherent policy formulation in EU external action? The role of formal and informal institutional procedures  Leader or laggard? The High Representative and the	Miguel Haubrich Seco  Leonhard den Hertog

		institutionalisation of leadership in CFSP	
<b>09/02/11</b>	Marco Siddi  Ebru Turhan	Divided history, divisive foreign policy? The role of national identity construction in the formulation of EU external action towards Russia. Interests vs. Norms: The 1989, 1997/99 and 2004 European Council Decisions on Turkey	Niklas Helwig  Thomas Traguth
<b>16/02/11</b>	Anne Faber	Guest Lecture	n.a.
<b>23/02/11</b>	Nicole Koenig  Andrew Byrne	EU humanitarian aid and coherence dilemma: a case study on the European response to the complex emergency in Chad An External View of External Action	Marlene Gottwald  tbd