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## **VIENNA LECTURE ON THE EUROPEAN UNION**

Monday, 17 October 2011, 17:00

**By Gary Marks**

*Frije Universiteit Amsterdam*

*The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill*

### **Europe and Its Empires: From Rome to the European Union**

Multilevel governance can be understood as an attempt to reap scale while adapting government to local and regional self-rule. This analysis engages scale and community where they are most in tension: in empires. Empires are interesting for a political scientist precisely because they confront, in an extreme way, a tension that exists in any polity composed of multiple communities. Just as an astronomer might look for clues to the life of stars by examining supernovae, so empires provide natural experiments in the life of large, diverse, polities.

Moderated by: Gerda Falkner

*Director of EIF*

*Professor, University of Vienna*

The event will take place in the Sitzungssaal der ÖAW,  
Dr. Ignaz Seipel-Platz 2, 1010 Wien

Lecture to be followed by a discussion and a wine & cheese reception

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