

**Vienna Lecture on the European Union**

**The Increasing Institutional Power of the  
European Parliament and EU Policy Making:  
How much New Intergovernmentalism?**

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**Lecture:** **Adrienne Héritier**, Professor Emeritus,  
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**Abstract:** The lecture will focus on the strategies which the EP applied across time in order to extend its institutional power. This increased institutional power allows the EP to wield more influence on policy making. The presentation will focus on the EP's increase of power in legislation, the nomination and investiture of the Commission, the budgetary process as well as the substantive area of economic governance in the context of the Euro crisis.

To put the rise of the EP's influence in relation to the power wielded by the other institutional actors, in particular member states and the European Council, it discusses arguments of the so-called 'New intergovernmentalism'.

**Commentators:** **Thomas Jaeger**, Professor of European Law,  
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**Sophie Lecheler**, Professor of Communication Science with  
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**Josef Melchior**, Director of Studies, Institute for Political  
Science, University of Vienna

**Moderator:** **Gerda Falkner**, Head, Institute and Platform for European  
Integration Research, University of Vienna

This lecture will be held in English, questions can also be asked in German. The event will be followed by a small reception.

Registered and unregistered participants are welcome but we kindly ask for your registration at [eif@univie.ac.at](mailto:eif@univie.ac.at) or +43 1 4277 22401.