





Inter-departmental Workshop (bilingual)

EU Enlargement 2004, 10 Years after: Politics and Law

Monday, 5 May 2014, 17:00 Aula, Campus of the University, Hof 1.11, Spitalgasse 2-4, 1090 Vienna

Lecture:

"The EU's Eastern Enlargement: Success and Challenges from a Political Science Perspective"

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Abstract:

The EU's eastern enlargement has been hailed as a major success for the EU's ability to promote democracy, the rule of law, and regulatory alignment in post-communist Europe. However, there has been skepticism about whether this success is sustainable after accession, and whether it can be replicated in remaining accession candidates in the Western Balkans and Turkey, and in the EU's eastern neighbourhood. The lecture assesses the EU's continued ability to influence domestic change in new member, candidate, and neighbouring states. Why has the power of conditionality – albeit more limited than before – remained surprisingly strong? Additionally, which meaning does the EU's enlargement have for the so-called old member states and for the EU as a whole?

Statements and comments:

"Bedeutung der Erweiterung für das Europarecht und die Rechtsicherheit in der EU": Verica Trstenjak (Faculty of Law, Department of European, International and Comparative Law, University of Vienna)

"Bedeutung der Erweiterung für die praktische Rechtsanwendung": Marcella Prunbauer-Glaser (former President of the Council of Bars and Law Societies of Europe, CCBE)

"Das Ansehen der EU in Osteuropa nach 2004": Dieter Segert (Faculty of Social Sciences, Department of Political Science, University of Vienna)

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

Event will be followed by a reception. Registered and unregistered participants are welcome; we kindly ask for your registration at eif@univie.ac.at or $+43\ 1\ 4277\ 22401$.

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