

**Vienna Lecture on the European Union**

**Differentiated Integration after Brexit**

*(see abstract overleaf)*

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*(near U3 stop Kardinal-Nagl-Platz)*

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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.

## **Abstract**

Since the mid-1980s, differentiation has become a core feature of European integration. The member states have typically and successfully used differentiated integration to overcome failure of unanimous agreement and ratification in negotiations on accession and new integration. Recently, however, the focus has shifted to negotiations on differentiated *disintegration* in reaction to withdrawal referendums (such as the Brexit referendum) and proposals for differentiated reform of *existing* integrated policy areas (the Eurozone, Schengen, and defense policy). Frank Schimmelfennig argues that differentiated integration is less suitable and more difficult under these new circumstances.