

POL-IEE BOOK PROJECT: EU COUNCIL PRESIDENCIES IN TIMES OF CRISES

Second workshop, Brussels, 30 January 2023

Institut d'études européennes (Kant room), 39 avenue Franklin Roosevelt, CP172 1050 Brussels

9:15 Welcome and introduction

Ramona Coman, Olivier Costa, and Vivien Sierens

9:30 – 12:30 - The Presidency of the Council in the EU political system

Chair: Olivier Costa; Discussant: Ramona Coman

Uwe Puetter – Theorising the presidency of the Council

François Foret and Yann-Sven Rittelmeyer – Presiding in the shadows. The rotating Council Presidencies as structures of opportunity for the legitimization of the European Union

Martin Westlake and Oriane Gilloz – Evolving relations between the European Council and the Council of the European Union since the implementation of the Lisbon Treaty

11:00 – 11:15 Break

Chair: Ramona Coman; Discussant: Olivier Costa

Wolfgang Wessels and Lucas Schramm – EU Council Presidencies and the European Council Presidency: cooperation and competition beyond the formal rules

Vivien Sierens and Thijs Vandenbussche – The changing relations between the Council of the European Union and the European Parliament in times of crisis: between continuity and changes

12:30-13:30 – Lunch break

13:30 – 16:15 - The Council presidency in action

Chair: Vivien Sierens; Discussant: Ramona Coman

The presidency of the Council – Managing differentiated integration in times of crisis - Michele Chang and Raquel Ugarte Díez

How democratic is the (co-)legislator when most needed? A journey into the internal working of the Council during the Covid crisis - Antoine Misonne and Sofia Vandenbosch

How does the Council legitimise the EU's response to international crises? The role of emotions in the Foreign Affairs Council's discourse on Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014 and Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022 – Seda Gürkan

15:00 – 15:15 Break

Chair: François Foret; Discussant: Vivien Sierens

Dealing with the rule of law dissensus in the Council of the EU. Insights from Article 7 TEU hearings - Ramona Coman and Pauline Thinus

Does the Council Presidency still have an influence? The case of the 2022 French Presidency - Olivier Costa and Aurélien Mornon-Afonso

16:15 – 16:30 Break

16:30- 17:30 The organizational challenges of the Presidency

Chair: Ramona Coman; Discussant: Olivier Costa

Rotating Presidencies, Rotating Sponsors? Corporate Sponsorship of EU Council Presidencies since the Lisbon Treaty – Benjamin Bodson and Alberto Alemanno

EU The Entourage of the Presidencies in Times of Polycrisis: Tensions in the Engine Room? Evolving relationship dynamics between permanent representatives, political advisors, and civil servants within the Council – Oriane Gilloz

Emanuele Rebasti, « The legal nature of the Council Presidency or a practitioners' perspective on the role and challenges of the Council Presidencies in their context »

Conclusion: Ramona Coman, Olivier Costa and Vivien Sierens