

Workshop “Transnational Cooperation and Competition in European Science and Technology”

- Organizer: DFG Research Group “Cooperation and Competition in the Sciences” at LMU Munich, Helmuth Trischler (Deutsches Museum / LMU Munich) and Darina Volf (Collegium Carolinum / LMU Munich)
- Venue: Kerschensteiner Kolleg, Deutsches Museum, Museumsinsel 1, 80538 Munich, Germany
- Date: 16-17 March 2023



The workshop brings together scholars working on history and politics of science and technology in Europe. It will focus on the political, social, economic, organizational and epistemic effects of Europeanization in the field of science and technology. Europeanization is understood in a wider sense as convergence and increasing interconnectedness of science and technology across Europe, including integration efforts in the former Eastern bloc as well as pre-1989 collaboration transcending the so-called Iron Curtain.

The workshop will discuss processes of transnational cooperation, networking and integration of research policies at European level shaped scientific practices, knowledge production and technological innovation in the last fifty to sixty years. It will also discuss, however, to what extent European science and technology have been affected by opposing processes of de-Europeanization, nationalizing tendencies and competition between individual European nations.

Program

Thursday, 16 March 2023

13:30–14:00 Welcome and Introduction

14:00–16:00 Session 1: A Collaboration-fostering Machine? Perspectives on the European Research Council

Chair Helmuth Trischler

Lucas Brunet and Ruth Müller (TU Munich): Europeanizing Social Sciences and Humanities? Transnational and Interdisciplinary Evaluation Practices in the European Research Council

Thomas König and Elaheh Mohammadi (Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna): Creating a European Knowledge Culture: The Case of the ERC

Barbara Hoenig (University of Graz): The Case of the European Research Council: Scientific Elite-formation in the European Research Area

16:00–16:30 Coffee Break

16:30–17:50 Session 2: Collaboration and Competition behind and across the „Iron Curtain“

Chair Darina Volf

Martin Bemann (University of Freiburg / University of Giessen): Cooperation and Competition within the Environmental Protection Research of the Council for Mutual Economic Assistance in the 1970s and 1980s

Siegfried Evens (KTH Stockholm): Transnational Cooperation and Competition in European Nuclear Safety Policy

18:00–19:00 Conference Dinner at Kerschensteiner Kolleg

19:00 Keynote by Johan Schot (Utrecht University): Transforming Public and Private Investments in Science & Technology for Addressing the Sustainable Development Goals – Europe in Perspective

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9:00–10:20 Session 3: Patterns of Trans-European Collaboration in the Social Sciences
Chair Andreas Wirsching (Leibniz Institute for Contemporary History / LMU Munich)

Reiner Fenske (TU Dresden): German “Development Studies” between
Decolonization and Europeanization, ca. 1960–1980

Kristoffer Kropp (Roskilde University): European Social Science? One the Role and
Function of Social Science in EU Research Policy

10:20–10:40 Coffee Break

**10:40–12:00 Session 4: Big Projects and Big Programs in European Science and Technology
between Collaboration and Competition**
Chair Kärin Nickelsen (LMU Munich)

Katarina Cramer (Lund University) and Nicolas Rüffin (WZB Berlin): The
EUropeanization of Research Infrastructure Policy

David Irion (LMU Munich): Europeanization by the Back Door? The Framework
Programmes of the European Communities in the 1980s

12:00–12:30 Wrap-up and Concluding Discussion

Chair Helmuth Trischler and Darina Volf