



# The 30th anniversary of the Maastricht Treaty

The past, present and future  
of European integration

**Maastricht,  
The Netherlands**

**28-29 September 2022**

Organised by  
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## INTRODUCTION

Signed by twelve countries in Maastricht on 7 February 1992, the Treaty on European Union reshaped Europe's socioeconomic landscape on a continental scale. This seminal agreement laid the foundations for the continuation of historically unprecedented peace and was built on the idea that fostering economic and monetary cooperation would translate into welfare and shared prosperity among the citizens of Europe.

In this context, the Maastricht Treaty should be regarded as a revolutionary instrument; one to end the European divide by integrating countries in order to secure stability and balance in social, economic and monetary spheres. European unification, while maintaining diversity, took place through cross-border consensus on shared values and unique market and economic freedoms.

Three decades later and 15 member states larger, present-day circumstances mandate the revision of the 1992 European social contract. Unprecedented existential uncertainties coupled with economic downturn have led to the urgent need to evaluate whether the existing institutional design still fits its purpose. The latter is most apparent in the recent example of nation-centred coronavirus pandemic solutions which were placed ahead of, currently suspended, aspirations towards European convergence. Numerous challenges must be overcome to ensure that national tensions do not overwhelm supranational prospects.

From the rise of divisive populism, unequal living standards and benefits utilisation, unbalanced growth and stratification of the European social fabric; the current challenges demonstrate that activating the escape clause is not an optimal way of addressing a crisis. Therefore, the reconstruction of the European backbone based on solidarity, inclusivity and synergic cross-border collaboration is a necessary precondition for safeguarding the sustainability of this most admirable European social project.

Due to long-term disagreements being overlooked, the Maastricht Treaty currently represents an ambitious scheme that remains largely unfulfilled. This has rendered the EU unable to cope with ongoing calamities. However, regardless of its challenges, shortcomings and imperfect design, the Maastricht Treaty is an unrivalled multilateral blueprint for global governance. Hence, the reform of the Maastricht Treaty can help preserve a European way of life and chart a unique pathway of how countries can create a global sustainable framework of governance.

In light of this, Maastricht University and Studio Europa Maastricht are organising an interdisciplinary academic conference commemorating the Maastricht Treaty - a paramount milestone of European collaboration.

The conference will facilitate critical, but constructive, academic dialogue on the Maastricht Treaty's legacy through sessions in the following areas:

- Decision-making and legal considerations
- Re-examining convergence and homogeneity
- Solidarity and identity
- Peace, security and criminology
- Social and trade affairs
- Democracy, populism and authoritarianism
- Democratisation, politicisation and citizenship
- Union of digital innovation and the digital euro
- Wages, prices and European enterprises
- Fiscal sovereignty challenges and recent developments

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### Date

Wednesday 28 September &  
Thursday 29 September 2022

### Venue

European Institute of Public Administration,  
Maastricht, the Netherlands

### Organised by

Studio Europa Maastricht and  
Maastricht University



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## WEDNESDAY, 28 SEPTEMBER

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| <b>09:00-09:30</b>      | <b>Registration and refreshments</b>  |   |
| <b>09:30-10:00</b>      | <b>Welcome address</b>  |    |
|                         | Speakers: Prof Clemens Kool   |   |
| <b>10:00-11:30</b>      | <b>Session 1: Fiscal sovereignty challenges</b>   |    |
|                         | Chair: Dr Anita Pelle   |   |
| <b>PRESENTERS</b>       |   |   |
| Dr Moira Catania        | Forms of fiscal governance in the euro area – what role is there for the delegation approach?                         |   |
| Dr Ad van Riet          | Governing the varieties of sovereign risk in EMU: the rise of state-contingent public policies                        |   |
| Dr E. Makrevska Disoska | The impact of the euro in boosting EU trade - gravity model   |   |
| Dr Ivan Rubinić         |   |   |
| Dr Nikos Stravelakis    | Estimating causality between trade and budget balances, fiscal expansion and austerity                                |   |
| <b>10:00-11:30</b>      | <b>Session 2: Decision-making and legal considerations</b>  |    |
|                         | Chair: Dr Aneta Spendzharova  |   |
| <b>PRESENTERS</b>       |   |   |
| Dr Philip Bajon         | 'Soft law' and 'hard interest': informal decision-making in the European community and the EU                         |   |
| Jacob van de Beeten     | Maastricht and the end of integration through law   |   |
| Jesse Claassen          | The (un)willingness of national courts to refer preliminary questions to the European Court of Justice                |   |
| Dr Marijn van der Sluis | The unfortunate success of the Maastricht Treaty  |   |
| <b>11:30-12:00</b>      | <b>Coffee break</b>   |   |
| <b>12:00-13:30</b>      | <b>Session 3: Questioning convergence and homogeneity</b>   |    |
|                         | Chair: Dr Andrei Rădulescu  |   |
| <b>PRESENTERS</b>       |   |   |
| Dr John Lewis           |   |   |
| Matt Swannell           | The heterogeneous effects of freedom of movement agreements   |   |
| Dr Andrei Rădulescu     | Thirty years after the Treaty of Maastricht – unprecedented challenges for Euroland                                   |   |
| Dr Anita Pelle          | The colourful patchwork of relations between post-socialist EU member states and the euro                             |   |
| Ketevani Kapanadze      | Checkmate! Losing with borders, winning with centres: the case of European integration                                |   |
| <b>12:00-13:30</b>      | <b>Session 4: Solidarity and identity</b>   |  |
|                         | Chair: Dr Koen van Zon  |   |
| <b>PRESENTERS</b>       |   |   |
| Dr Ivan Rubinić         |   |   |
| Prof K. Czabanowska     | Sustainable European health project: insights from the COVID-19 pandemic and the European cross-country inequalities  |   |
| Costanza Marcellino     | EU political efficacy differentials and European identity: a quantitative analysis before and after COVID-19 outbreak |   |

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| Dr Theresa Kuhn     | Common institutions, diverging identities? Supranational institution building, identity formation and the future of European integration |
| Dr Clemens M Rieder | On supranational solidarity and national identity  |

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| <b>13:30-14:30</b>        | <b>Lunch break</b>   |   |
| <b>14:30-16:30</b>        | <b>Session 5: Peace, security and criminology</b>                                  |  |
|                           | Chair: Dr Ivan Rubinić   |   |
| <b>PRESENTERS</b>         |  |   |
| Dr Sabine Mengelberg      | A Global or Fort Europa?   |   |
| Dr Brian Moss             | Protecting whom and what exactly? EU handling of official misconduct               |   |
| Dr Stefan Immerfall       | Looking backwards, moving forward - limits and borders of the European integration |   |
| Dr Math Noortmann         |  |   |
| Dr Juliette Koning        | Organising cross-border crime control: policies, practices, and partnerships       |   |
| Natasja Nikolic-Brankovic | Russian influence in Serbia: risks and opportunities for the region                |   |

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| <b>14:30-16:30</b>      | <b>Session 6: Social and trade affairs</b>  |  |
|                         | Chair: Dr Kalpana Tyagi   |   |
| <b>PRESENTERS</b>       |   |   |
| Dr Francesco Laruffa    |   |   |
| Dr Arnaud Lechevalier   | Promoting inclusive and sustainable competitiveness? A long-term perspective on the influence of neoliberalism on "social Europe" |   |
| Dr Steffen Künn         | Health implications of housing programs: evidence from a population-wide weatherisation program                                   |   |
| Dr K. J. Hazakis        | Analysing the logic of new European trade policy: is there a paradigm shift?  |   |
| Dr Nino Papachashvili   |   |   |
| Dr Marine Tavartkiladze |   |   |
| Dr Tamta Mikaberidze    | Non-tariff measures in Georgia-EU trade: institutional harmonisation and challenges   |   |

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| <b>16:30-17:00</b> | <b>Coffee break</b>  |   |
| <b>17:00-18:00</b> | <b>Virtual keynote lecture</b>                             |  |
|                    | <b>Rising inequality and the democratisation of Europe</b> |   |
|                    | Moderator: Prof Mathieu Segers                             |   |

**Prof Thomas Piketty**

Thomas Piketty is a Professor at the School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences (EHESS) and at the Paris School of Economics & Co-director, World Inequality Lab and World Inequality Database

## THURSDAY, 29 SEPTEMBER

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## 09:30-10:00 Second day registration

10:00-11:30 **Session 7: Democracy, populism and authoritarianism**   
Chair: Dr Ivan Rubinić

## PRESENTERS

- Despina Gavresi  
Dr Anastasia Litina
- Past exposure to macroeconomic shocks, populist attitudes in Europe and their long-run persistence on European identity
- Melika Mahmutović and Prof Marko Lovec  
Nicola Abate
- Calling at the Maastricht Treaty: learning from the opposition  
What is to be done? Burning questions of the unfinished journey of the European (constitutional) democracy
- Dr Dmytro Panchuk
- Nature vs. nurture: public support for authoritarianism in Europe

10:00-11:30 **Session 8: Democratisation, politicisation & citizenship**   
Chair: Prof Christine Neuhold

## PRESENTERS

- Dr Koen van Zon
- A community in search of citizens: European integration between democratisation and politicisation, 1950s-1990s
- Despina Gavresi  
Dr Anastasia Litina  
Dr K. Papastathis  
Sofia Tsitou  
Dr Skerdilajda Zanaq
- The cultural determinants of COVID-19, funded by the Hellenic Foundation for Research and Innovation
- Anders Heger
- Democratic legitimacy of European decision-making and the future of European integration: east-central European perspectives
- Dr Alvaro Oleart
- The political construction and genealogy of the 'citizen' turn in the EU: (dis)intermediation and (de)politicisation in the Conference on the Future of Europe

## 11:30-12:00 Coffee break

12:00-13:00 **Keynote lecture: The fragility of the eurozone: endemic or temporary?**   
Moderator: Prof Clemens Kool**Prof Paul De Grauwe**

Professor at London School of Economics and Political Science and professor emeritus at KU Leuven University

## 13:00-14:00 Lunch break

14:00-15:30 **Session 9: Union of digital innovation and the digital euro**   
Dr Alvaro Oleart

## PRESENTERS

- Dr Alexandra Campmas  
Nadina Lacob  
Floris Kleemans
- What shapes the potential of a digital euro?  
Past lessons and future technologies: towards a crises-prone euro currency system
- Dr Kalpana Tyagi
- European Union, as a union of digital innovation

14:00-15:30 **Session 10: Wages, prices and European enterprises**   
Chair: Dr Eiji Okano

## PRESENTERS

- Dr Eiji Okano
- Understanding the gains from wage flexibility in a currency union: the fiscal policy connection
- Dr Bas van Aarle  
Dr Joep Konings  
Aaron Putseys
- Wage-price dynamics and the energy crisis: a Value at VAT analysis for Belgium and a comparison with Germany, France and the Netherlands
- Dr Anne ter Braak
- Why do retailers charge different prices for identical products across countries?
- Bettina Meinhart
- How EU membership affects foreign direct investment: differences between EU15 and CEE countries

## 15:30-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-17:30 **Session 11: European recent developments**   
Chair: Dr Nino Papachashvili

## PRESENTERS

- Niklas Steinert
- The endogeneity of optimum currency areas in light of European intra-industry trade patterns and business cycle synchronicity
- Nazarii Lypko
- Reassessment of the 'optimum currency area' theory in the European Union
- Augustin Ignatov  
Carmen Enciso  
Eduardo G. Baptista  
Eugenia Gyamfi  
Greg Azzola
- Do highways promote European regional cohesion?
- Comparing trajectories: the evolution of European judicial dialogue practices between the Corte Costituzionale, BVerfGE and CJEU

17:30-18:00 **Closing remarks: Dr Ivan Rubinić** 

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Situated in the charming city of Maastricht – at the heart of the Meuse-Rhine Euroregion – the venue is easily accessible from Brussels and other European capitals. You can travel to Maastricht via several airports in the Netherlands, Belgium and Germany.

### **About Studio Europa Maastricht**

Studio Europa Maastricht is a centre of expertise for Europe-related debate and research founded in 2018 and supported by the partners of the Maastricht, Working on Europe programme: Maastricht University, the Province of Limburg and the City of Maastricht. Together we aim to position Maastricht, the capital of Limburg, as a meeting place for citizen dialogue and debate and establish a centre of excellence for research on Europe and European integration.

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