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## MAXCAP Midterm Conference

April 22-24 2015

Istanbul, Turkey

**April 22 2015, Wednesday**  
**Venue: Crowne Plaza Hotel**

**9:00-9:15** Registration and Coffee

**9:15** Welcoming Remarks

Meltem Muftuler-Bac, MAXCAP partner and conference host

**9:15-9:30** Preliminary discussion on MAXCAP

Antoaneta Dimitrova and Tanja Börzel, Project Co-coordinators

**9:30 -9:45** Address from the European Commission

Zoltan Krasznai, European Commission DG for Research  
"25 years after the fall of the Iron Curtain"

**9:45-11:15** Panel 1: Modes of Integration and their Effect on governance in the EU

*Chair:* Frank Schimmelfennig, ETH, MAXCAP Partner

*Discussant:* Dan Kelemen, MAXCAP Advisory Board

- Tanja A. Börzel, Freie Universität Berlin, MAXCAP partner, "Modes of political integration and effects on state building and the rule of law"
- Adam Fagan, Queen Mary University of London, MAXCAP Partner, "Judicial Independence in the Western Balkans: The EU's New Approach, Judicial Reform and Changing Practices?"
- Julia Langbein, Freie Universität Berlin, and Visnja Vukov, European University Institute, MAXCAP partners, "The developmental impact of the EU integration regime: Insights from the automotive industry in Europe's peripheries"
- László Bruszt, European University Institute, MAXCAP partner "Making states for the Single Market - European integration and the reshaping of economic states in the peripheries of Europe"

**11:15-11:30**

**Coffee Break**



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**11:30 -13:00**

*Panel 2: Researching  
the Impact of Enlargement on the EU's Internal Integration Capacity*

*Chair:* Bernard Steunenbergh, Leiden University, MAXCAP Partner

*Discussant:* Tolga Bolukbasi, Bilkent University

- Dimiter Toshkov, Leiden University, MAXCAP partner, “The Effects of the Eastern Enlargement on the Decision-Making Capacity of the European Union”
- Asya Zhelyazkova, ETH, MAXCAP partner, “Beyond uniform integration: Researching the effects of enlargement on the EU's legal system”
- Ulrich Sedelmeier, London School of Economics, MAXCAP Partner, “Conscious Decoupling? Researching the gap between formal and behavioural compliance in the EU's post-communist new member states”
- Georgi Dimitrov and Stoycho Stoychev, Sofia University Kliment Ochridski, MAXCAP Partner, “An Analytical Tool for Measuring Social-Political Distances Between EU Member States and Candidates for Membership”

**13:00-14:00**

***LUNCH***

**14:00-15:30**

*Panel 3: Developmental Effects of Integration*

*Chair:* Tanja A. Börzel, Freie Universität Berlin, MAXCAP partner

*Discussant:* Klaudijus Maniokas, ESTEP, MAXCAP Advisory Board

- László Bruszt and Zsuzsa Munkacsı, European University Institute, MAXCAP partners, “Exploring the relationship between meeting EU economic conditionality and developmental outcomes”
- Isik Ozel, Sabanci University, MAXCAP Partner, “Quo vadis? Broader Europe, European neighborhood policy and regulatory harmonization”
- Brooke Luetgert, Sabanci University, MAXCAP Partner, “A Comprehensive Analysis of the Enforcement and Application of European Union Law”
- Antoaneta L. Dimitrova, Leiden University, MAXCAP partners, “What can the EU do to promote rule of law in members and neighbors?: Lessons from Bulgaria and Romania”

**15:30-16:00**

***Coffee Break***



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**16:00-17:30**

**Panel 4: Unintended Consequences, Unrealised**

**Effects, and Back-sliding: Sub-optimal Outcomes of EU Conditionality in Candidate and Potential Candidate Countries**

*Chair:* Julia Langbein, Free University of Berlin, MAXCAP Partner

*Discussant:* Malinka Jordanava, European Policy Center, MAXCAP Advisory Board

- Adam Fagan and Indraneel Sircar, Queen Mary University of London, MAXCAP Partner, “Hirschman reloaded: sub-optimal policy outcomes of EU conditionality in the Western Balkans”
- Eli Gateva, Queen Mary University of London, “The Unexpected Consequences of the Cooperation and Verification Mechanism for EU Governance”
- Meltem Müftüleri-Baç, Sabancı University, MAXCAP Partner, “Credibility of EU conditionality and back-sliding on judicial reforms in Turkey”
- Sean Parramore, Queen Mary University of London, “Lessons (not) learned? The EU anticorruption strategy in the Western Balkans”

**17:30 -19:00**

**Steering Committee and Advisory Board Meeting**

**19:30**

**Dinner**



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***April 23 2015, Thursday***

***Crowne Plaza Hotel***

**9:00-9:15**

**Registration and Welcome Coffee**

**9:15-11:45**

**Panel 5: Understanding Enlargement and its Limits:  
Public Opinion and Discourses from 6 Countries**

*Chair:* Frank Schimmelfennig, ETH, MAXCAP Partner

*Discussant:* Pierre Mirel, Honorary Director General, European Commission

- Antoaneta Dimitrova and Elitsa Kortenska, Leiden University, MAXCAP Partner, “Q methodology and EU enlargement: views from 6 member states”
- Emre Hatipoglu, Meltem Muftuler-Bac, Sabanci University, MAXCAP Partner, “Turco Scepticism and EU enlargement”
- Antoaneta Dimitrova, Elitsa Kortenska, Bernard Steunenberg, Leiden University, MAXCAP Partner, “Comparing discourses about past and future EU enlargements”
- Tanja Hafner-Ademi, Balkan Civil Society Development Network, MAXCAP partner, “The effects of Europeanization and on social acceptance of the process in the Western Balkans”

**10:45-11:00**

***Coffee Break***

**11:00 -12:30**

**Panel 6: Designing the Enlargement Process: Strategies and  
negotiations past and present**

*Chair:* Adam Fagan, Queen Mary University of London, MAXCAP Partner

*Discussant:* Milada Vachudova, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill

- Meltem Muftuler-Bac and Aylin Ece Cicek, Sabanci University, MAXCAP Partner “A Comparative Analysis of the European Union's Accession negotiations for Bulgaria and Turkey: Who gets in when and how?”
- Georgi Dimitrov and Stoycho Stoychev, Sofia University Kliment Ohridski, MAXCAP Partner, “The Bulgarian Route Through the EU Integration Maze: The Specificity of Bulgaria's ‘Integration Strategy’ and Its Implementation”
- Arzu Kıbrıs and Meltem Muftuler-Bac, Sabanci University, MAXCAP partner, “Maximizing Integration Capacity: The role of limited information in the European Union enlargement strategy”
- Antoaneta Dimitrova, Leiden University, MAXCAP Partner, “How much room for strategy: institutional constraints in the enlargement process”

**12:30-13:30**

***Lunch***



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**13:30–14:45**

**Panel 7: Synthesis, Lessons, Limits and Prospects  
of Enlargement**

*Chair:* Ulrich Sedelmeier, London School of Economics, MAXCAP partner

*Discussant:* Heather Grabbe, MAXCAP advisory board member

- Frank Schimmelfennig, ETH Zurich, MAXCAP partner
- Pierre Mirel, Honorary Director General, European Commission

**15:00-16:00**

***Transfer to the SEED, Sabanci Museum***

**16:45-19:00**

**Public Roundtable and Policy Briefing for MAXCAP**

*Moderator:* Meltem Muftuler-Bac, Sabanci University, MAXCAP Partner and workshop convenor

- Tanja A. Börzel, Freie Universität Berlin, MAXCAP co-coordinator
- Antoaneta Dimitrova, Leiden University, MAXCAP co-coordinator
- Milada Vachudova, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill
- Pierre Mirel, Honorary Director General, European Commission.
- Zoltan Krasznai, MAXCAP Project Officer, Directorate-General Research, European Commission

**19:15-21:30**

***Reception and Dinner at the Sabanci Museum***



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*April 24 2015, Friday  
Crowne Plaza Hotel*

**9:00-9:30**

**Coffee and Welcome**

**9:30-11:30**

**Final Wrap Up of the Workshop with MAXCAP  
Partners and Future Planning**

**12:00**

**Lunch**



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## **Participants**

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2. Julia Langbein (Free University Berlin)
3. Kaja Kreutz (Free University Berlin)
4. Antoaneta Dimitrova (University of Leiden)
5. Bernard Steunenbergh (University of Leiden)
6. Dimiter Toshkov (University of Leiden)
7. Eli Kortenska (University of Leiden)
8. Pierre Mirel (European Commission)
9. Zoltan Krasznai (European Commission)
10. Frank Schimmelfennig (ETH, Zurich)
11. Milada Vachudova (University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill)
12. Asya Zhelyazkova (ETH, Zurich)
13. Georgi Dimitrov (University of Sofia, Bulgaria)
14. Stoycho Stovchev (University of Sofia, Bulgaria)
15. Anna Plachkova (University of Sofia, Bulgaria)
16. Tanja Hafner- Ademi (Balkan Civil Society Development Network)
17. Adam Fagan (Queen Mary University of London-LSE)
18. Eli Gateva (Queen Mary University of London)
19. Sean Parramore (Queen Mary University of London)
20. Ulrich Sedelmeier (London School of Economics)
21. Cora Lacatus (London School of Economics)
22. Malinka Jordanova (European Policy Centre)
23. Laszlo Bruszt (European University Institute)
24. Visnja Vukov (European University Institute)
25. Emre Bayram (European University Institute)
26. Heather Grabbe (Open Society Foundation)
27. Klaudijus Maniokas (ESTEP)
28. Dan Kelemen (Rutgers University)
29. Simonida Kacarska (European Policy Centre, Skopje)
30. Biljana Stojanoska (Balkan Civil Society Development Network)
31. Daniela Chodorowska (Free University Berlin)
32. Bidzina Lebanidze (Free University Berlin)
33. Tolga Bolukbasi (Bilkent University)
34. Saime Ozcurummez (Bilkent University)
35. Jonathan Webb (University of Sheffield)
36. Meltem Muftuler-Bac (Sabanci University)
37. Ahmet Evin (Sabanci University)
38. Isik Ozel (Sabanci University)
39. Brooke Luetgert (Sabanci University)
40. Emre Hatipoglu (Sabanci University)
41. Arzu Kibris (Sabanci University)
42. Damla Cihangir (Sabanci University)
43. Ipek Demirsu (Sabanci University)
44. Aylin Ece Cicek (Sabanci University)
45. Selcen Oner (Bahcesehir University)
46. Rahime Suleymanoglu-Kurum (Suleyman Sah University)
47. Osman Zeki Gokce (Sabanci University)
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50. Munevver Cebeci (Marmara University)
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