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**In the light of the elections for European Parliament, this lecture series focuses on views on European Integration within the EU member states. We want to look at the development of master narratives accompanying and supporting the individual countries' way into and stance within the European Union.**

The most powerful drivers of the European Integration process were common and individual political and economic interests of the single member states. The highly individual constellations of interests, combined with the respective national historical background, led to very different "master narratives", which formed the backbone of public debate on the EU and European integration in the single member states. In this sense narratives provide a simplified image of reality. Their analysis is based on the assumption that narratives play a critical role in the construction of political behaviour insofar as they affect our perceptions of political reality.

They shape the cognitive and normative dimensions of problems in order to persuade and suggest what action should be taken, and they reflect the variety of emotional and affective dimensions of a European identity.

This lecture series attempts a survey of these different narratives across EU member states, focusing on both differences and common traits, inspired by the hope that an increased awareness of these narratives and expectations increases and improves mutual understanding within the EU.

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# Narratives of Europe Narratives for Europe

What do people in the EU member states really think of Europe and European Integration?  
How did their thinking change over time?  
What are the underlying narratives in the different member states?  
Let experts from all over Europe explain!

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## Subjects and Speakers

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### Inauguration:

Prof. Dr. Ludovic Thilly, Université de Poitiers,  
Head of Executive Board of the Coimbra Group  
Prof. Dr. Axel Freimuth, Rector of the University of  
Cologne

### Introduction: European Narratives

Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Wessels, University of Cologne,  
Jean Monnet Professor, CETEUS

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### France

Prof. Dr. Eric Kocher Marboeuf, Université de Poitiers  
Centre de recherche interdisciplinaire en histoire,  
histoire de l'art et musicologie (Criham)

### Germany

Prof. Dr. Jürgen Elvert, University of Cologne  
Jean Monnet Chair, Historical Institute, Department  
for History of European Integration

📅 16.4.2019

### Italy

Prof. Dr. Elena Calandri, University of Padova,  
Department of Political and Juridical Sciences and  
International Studies - SPGI

### Belgium

Prof. Dr. Jan Wouters, KU Leuven, Jean Monnet  
Chair, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies  
- Institute for International Law

📅 23.4.2019

### Great Britain

Prof. Dr. Charlie Jeffery, University of Edinburgh,  
Professor of Politics

### Ireland

Prof. Dr. Gail Mc Elroy, Trinity College, Dublin  
Professor of Political Science

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### Denmark

Prof. Dr. Marlene Wind, University of Copenhagen,  
Department of Political Science

### Greece

Prof. Dr. Christos Frangonikolopoulos, Aristoteles  
University Thessaloniki, Jean Monnet Professor for  
European Integration Journalism

📅 7.5.2019

### Spain

Prof. Dr. Miguel Arjona Sánchez, Universidad de  
Granada, Departamento de Derecho Constitucional

### Austria

Dr. Peter Pichler, Universität Graz

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### Portugal

Prof. Dr. Maria Raquel Freire, University of Coimbra,  
Jean Monnet Chair, School of Economics

### Sweden

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### Finland

Prof. Dr. Henri Vogt, University of Turku,  
Department of Political Science

### Czech Rep./Slovakia

Prof. Dr. Lenka Rovna, Charles University, Prague  
Jean Monnet Chair for European Politics

📅 28.5.2019

### Lithuania

Prof. Dr. Ramūnas Vilpišauskas, Vilnius University  
Centre of European Studies

### Slovenia

Mag. Nejc Robida, University of Ljubljana/University  
of Cologne

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### Poland

Prof. Dr. hab. Zdzisław Mach, Jagiellonian University,  
Krakow. Head of Centre for European Studies

### Hungary

Prof. Dr. Miklós Király, Eötvös Lorand University,  
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📅 18.6.2019

### Croatia

Dr. Senada Šelo Šabić, Senior Research Associate,  
Institute for Development and International  
Relations, Zagreb, Department for International  
Economic and Political Relations

### Bulgaria

Prof. Dr. Mirela Veleva-Eftimova,  
Sofia University St. Kliment Ohridski, Jean Monnet  
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### Cyprus/Malta

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### Romania

Prof. Dr. Gabriela Carmen Pascariu, University Iasi  
"Alexandru Ioan Cuza", Jean Monnet Chair (tbc)

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### Serbia

Prof. Dr. Tanja Miščević, University of Belgrade,  
Faculty of Political Science, head of the negotiating  
team for Serbia's accession to the EU

### Turkey

Prof. Dr. Ebru Turhan, Turkish-German University,  
Istanbul, Institute of Social Science

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### Conclusion:

### Europe between Rhetoric and Reality

Prof. Dr. Timothy Garton Ash, Oxford University (tbc)