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***Integration at a Crossroads: The Future of the EU and
German European Policy***

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Thursday, 30 September 2021

11:00-12:00 **Meeting of Academic Advisory Board of IEP** (members only)

12:00-14:00 *Break*

14:00-14:15 **Words of Welcome**

Dr. Werner Hoyer, President of the European Investment Bank, Luxembourg, President of IEP, Berlin

Dr. Funda TEKIN, Director, IEP, Berlin

14:15 -15:30 **Panel I – “Making European democracy more vibrant: The Conference on the Future of Europe”**

Making European democracy more vibrant entails a more participative democracy in which EU citizens and civil society are actively involved. The Conference on the Future of Europe (CoFoE) should not only promote the dialogue between EU institutions and EU citizens, but also allow the latter to get more involved in EU politics thus achieving increased social cohesion. Due to the pandemic, the Conference had to be postponed and the role of digital media in shaping democratic processes has become all the more important. The Conference aims to provide citizens the opportunity to contribute their ideas about what the EU should look like in five or ten years. This implies that political and institutional reforms resulting from that process need to be part of the picture.

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Michèle KNODT, Technical University of Darmstadt, Chairwoman of Arbeitskreis Europäische Integration (AEI)

Dr. Katrin BÖTTGER, Director, IEP, Berlin

Axel DITTMANN, Director for EU Institutional Affairs, Brexit and EU Coordination, German Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

Dr. Nicoletta PIROZZI, Head of Programme on European Union and Institutional Relations Manager, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

Dr. Linn SELLE, European Movement Germany, Berlin

15:30-16:00 *Break*

16:00-17:15 **Panel II – “Differentiated Integration as a Policy Choice” (organised in the framework of the H2020 project EU IDEA)**

The numerous crises that stemmed from the COVID-19 pandemic have shaken the foundations of the European integration project once more. The following aspects will be discussed: (1) how political elites’ preferences of differentiated integration (DI) as a policy choice change across countries (EU IDEA project); (2) how liberal economic values increase support for DI among individual citizens (EU3D project); as well as (3) a discourse analysis on governments’ positions on DI from the 1990s until today (InDivEU project).

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Sandra LAVENEX, Université de Genève (UNIGE), Geneva

Jim CLOOS, TEPSA Secretary General, Brussels

Prof. Dr. Dirk LEUFFEN, University of Konstanz (EU3D)

Dr. Funda TEKIN, IEP, Berlin (EU IDEA)

Dr. Stefan TELLE, Research associate, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute (EUI), Florence (InDivEU)

17:15-17:30 *Break*

17:30-18:30 **“Book Slam” Aperitivo (Networking with a glass of wine or aperol)**

Moderator: Dr. Funda TEKIN, Director, IEP, Berlin

Friday, 1 October 2021

9:30-9:45 **Welcome**

Prof. Dr. Frank SCHIMMELFENNIG, Chairman of the Academic Advisory Board, IEP Berlin; ETH Zurich

Dr. Funda TEKIN, Director, IEP, Berlin

9:45-11:00 **Panel III “Prepared for the Future? Forging a health- and climate-resilient Europe in a post-pandemic world”**

In the face of the pandemic, member states in the EU needed to work on common priorities in order to implement a coherent strategy despite their many different interests and cultures. Against this unprecedented European mission, it is all the more important to investigate specific trends affecting the EU’s future and its role on the global stage. In view of ongoing climate change challenges as well as the growing demand for more multilateral cooperation in the global health field, it is time that the EU strengthens its action in both sectors. In doing so, it is important for the EU to seek multilateral solutions and attempt to mediate between diverging positions.

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Gonzalo ESCRIBANO, Director of the Energy and Climate Change Programme, Real Instituto Elcano and Spanish Open University (UNED), Madrid

Prof. Dr. Christian CALLIESS, LL.M. Eur, Free University Berlin

Dr. Eva KRACHT, Ministry for Environment, Nature Conservation and Nuclear Safety, Berlin

Prof. Dr. Gaby UMBACH, European University Institute (EUI), Florence

11:00-11:30 *Break*

11:30-12:45 **Panel IV “Economic Recovery and Solidarity”**

The COVID-19 crisis has affected our societies in profound and multifaceted ways. Far beyond the public health threat, the crisis has caused economic dislocations as well as social disruptions testing political processes and institutions. In particular, specific measures taken by national governments to contain the virus as fast and effectively as possible put a strain on multiple economic strands testing the solidarity between EU member states.

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Sandra ECKERT, Aarhus Institute of Advanced Studies

Prof. Dr. Friedrich HEINEMANN, ZEW – Leibniz Centre for European Economic Research

Prof. Dr. Claudia KEMFERT, German Institute for Economic Research DIW, Berlin

Sabine STÖHR, Director for EU Financial Framework and EU Policies, German Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

Dr. Fabian ZULEEG, Chief Executive and Chief Economist, European Policy Centre (EPC), Brussels

12:45-13:00 **Conclusion and Outlook**

Prof. Dr. Johannes POLLAK, Chairman of the Executive Board of IEP Berlin; Webster
Vienna Private University

Dr. Katrin BÖTTGER, Director, IEP, Berlin