

**Invitation: Online Conference | Foreign Perspectives on European Identity**

**29 – 30 November 2021**

Internal disputes over the adherence to common values and global challenges demanding unified EU positions, have re-ignited debates over questions of shared identity and the EU's evolving capacity to act on the global stage, credibly, and in unison.

Moving beyond the traditional scope of a mostly intra-European discourse, this format seeks to integrate foreign perspectives from around the world, to approach answers to the fundamental question of what unites - rather than divides - Europeans, the EU and its member states.

To what extent can the European Union be considered a state-like actor? How do perceptions of the EU's cultural, political, and legal identity influence its legitimacy and room for maneuver? And has the EU recently lost credibility as a global standard-bearer for value-based policy in the world?

The University of Hamburg and its partners cordially invite you to the two-day online conference

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**via ZOOM**

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The conference brings together distinguished international experts from different academic backgrounds. It is part of a series of European conferences – the [Hamburg-Vigoni Forum](#) - launched by the University of Hamburg in cooperation with Europa-Kolleg Hamburg, the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at University of Hamburg and Villa Vigoni, the German-Italian Centre for European Dialogue.

**PROGRAMME**

*Monday, 29 November 2021*

- 13:30 CET:** **Welcome address by Prof. Markus Kotzur and Eva Leptien, University of Hamburg**
- 13:45-15:30 CET:** **The EU as an international actor:  
Classifying statehood and justifying state behavior**  
Keynotes by Prof. Henk **Botha**, Stellenbosch University, Prof. **Liu Lirong**, Fudan University, and Prof. Chin-peng **Chu**, National Dong Hwa University  
**Moderator:** Eva **Leptien**, University of Hamburg
- 16:00-17:30 CET:** **Perspectives on cultural, political and legal identity.  
One Europe and many Europeans?**  
Keynotes by Prof. J.H.H. **Weiler**, New York University, and Prof. Eli **Salzberger**, University of Haifa  
**Moderator:** Prof. Markus **Kotzur**, University of Hamburg

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To round off the conference day and to enable further exchange on the content discussed, participants and speakers are afterwards invited to a virtual networking session via the digital platform WonderMe. Access data will be provided during the conference.

*Tuesday, 30 November 2021*

- 13:30-15:30 CET:** **Losing leadership? Perceptions of the EU with regards to environmental/climate policy and the enforcement of human rights**  
 Keynotes by Prof. Ingo **Sarlet**; Pontifícia Universidade Católica do Rio Grande do Sul, and Prof. R. Daniel **Kelemen**, Rutgers University  
**Moderator:** Manuela **Niehaus**, University of Hamburg
- 16:00-17:45 CET:** **Looking in, looking out and looking further**  
 Keynotes by Prof. Alberto **van Klaveren**, Universidad de Chile, and Dr. Anne **Dienelt**, Research Fellow and Lecturer, University of Hamburg  
**Moderator:** Dr. Holger **Niemann**, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg
- 17:45 CET:** Closing remarks, Prof. Markus **Kotzur**, University of Hamburg

We are looking forward to your **registration** [via this link](#). The conference language is English.

