

ROUNDTABLE

EP-EUI ROUNDTABLE: THE DEVELOPMENT OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION: CRISIS AS OPPORTUNITY?

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Seminar Room

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■ INTRODUCTION

One of the most widely held and least challenged assumptions in the history of the European project is that crises have been instrumental in propelling deeper political and economic integration. Why is the idea of “crisis as opportunity” so central to the narrative of EU history? What impact have crises really had on the EU’s development? What were the policy implications of “crisis as opportunity” for the EU during the tumultuous decade since 2008?

■ PROGRAMME

13.00 - 13.15

Welcome and introductory remarks

Anthony Teasdale | Director General of EPRS

13.15 - 13.45

Deconstructing the Development of European Integration: Crisis as Opportunity?

Desmond Dinan | Visiting Fellow, EPRS and Professor of Public Policy, George Mason University

13.45 - 14.30

Roundtable discussion

Desmond Dinan | Visiting Fellow, EPRS and Professor of Public Policy, George Mason University

Andrew Duff | President of the Spinelli Group; Visiting Fellow, European Policy Centre; Liberal Democrat MEP 1999-2014

Brigid Laffan | Director, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute (*via video link from the EUI*)

Luuk van Middelaar | Professor of Foundations and Practice of the European Union and its Institutions, Europa Institute, Leiden University

Moderator: **Gaby Umbach** | Strategy and Coordination Unit, EPRS

14.30 - 15.00

Questions and contributions from the floor