

Workshop

The Meaning of Sovereignty in a Transnational World

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Sala Europa - Villa Schifanoia, Via Boccaccio 121 - Florence

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Introduction

Sovereignty is one of the most important concepts in International Relations but its precise meaning is not immutable. Some scholars have argued that sovereignty is effectively “over”, with a professor having declared that it’s time, past time, to bury sovereignty. Others dismiss what they see as the chimera of sovereignty and taking back control, preferring an idea of pooled sovereignty – as exemplified by the EU. However, there are also those traditionalists who emphasize the ongoing practical importance of sovereignty – e.g., in the context of a properly functioning military force. Recent events in Ukraine have brought sovereignty right back into the spotlight. The workshop at Villa Schifanoia on 17 March 2022 – St Patrick’s Day – will bring together international experts to look at sovereignty from a range of different perspectives, thereby enhancing our understanding of this foundational idea.

Programme

- 09.00 - 09.10 Introductory remarks
- Erik Jones** | European University Institute
- Michael Sanfey** | European University Institute
- 09.10 - 10.25 Chair / Moderator: **Michael Sanfey** | European University Institute
- The Tragedy of Ukraine and the Future of EU Strategic Sovereignty
 Zaki Laïdi | Senior Adviser to the High Representative and Vice President of the Commission
- Sovereignty and China
 Rana Mitter | University of Oxford
- Sovereignty, Geopolitics, and Counter-Terrorism
 Suzanne Raine | University of Cambridge
- 10.25 - 11.40 Chair / Moderator: **Michaela Terenzani** | The Slovak Spectator
- Sovereignty and Protracted Conflicts in the Middle East and North Africa
 Irene Fernández-Molina | University of Exeter
- Sovereignty and Outer Space
 Anél Ferreira-Snyman | UNISA
- Sovereignty and Neo-Liberalism
 Paolo Gerbaudo | Scuola Normale Superiore
- 11.40 - 11.55 Coffee Break
- 11.55 - 12.55 Chair / Moderator: **Paulo Variz** | Bank of Portugal
- Sovereignty, Geopolitics, and Taxation
 Pascal Saint-Amans | OECD/SciencesPo Paris
- Sovereignty, Power, and Global Governance
 Michael Sanfey | European University Institute
- 12.55 -14.00 Lunch
- 14.00 - 14.30 Keynote speech
- Ivan Krastev** | Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia and Institute of Human Sciences, Vienna
- 14.30 - 15.30 Chair / Moderator: **Lubna Khan MD** | Baylor College of Medicine, Houston Tx
- Sovereignty – The Biography of A Claim
 Peter H Russell | University of Toronto
- Sovereignty – Its Uses and Abuses in Politics
 Miguel Morgado | UCP Lisbon
- The Problem of Sovereignty in Globalized Times
 Christian Volk | Humboldt-Universität Berlin
- 15.30 - 15.45 Coffee Break

- 15.45 - 16.45 Chair / Moderator: **Ivone Moreira** | UCP Lisbon
- France and Sovereignty
Anne-Elisabeth Moutet | Telegraph/ARTE
- Sovereignty and EU Law
Ronan McCrea | UCL
- Why the Ukraine Crisis is Not About Sovereignty
Gideon Rachman | Financial Times
- 16.45 - 18.00 Chair/ Moderator: **Michael Sanfey** | European University Institute
- The Strife About Sovereignty
Giovanni Giorgini | University of Bologna
- Sovereignty and Elites
Darel E Paul | Williams College, Mass
- Sovereignty: Does Kant still have something to say to us?
Susan Shell | Boston College
- 18.00 - 18.10 Closing Remarks