

Developing a database of EU history policymakers and institutions? Discussing challenges and pitfalls

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This workshop aims to open a discussion to better understand the interest and feasibility of creating a database of policymakers and institutions in EU history. Several projects currently work on gathering substantial data on policymakers, committees and institutions of the European Economic Community (EEC) and European Union (EU), but also beyond with international institutions (Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), North Atlantic Treaty Organisation (NATO)...). This data collection is important but also uncoordinated and most importantly not comprehensive. By gathering scholars who currently work on related projects, this workshop will discuss the interest and feasibility of extending and systematising such ongoing efforts. The morning sessions will provide an opportunity to present ongoing projects so that all participants know where each other stand. The closed afternoon session will specifically discuss, in a free-flowing exchange among all invited participants, the challenges and pitfalls of developing a database of EU history policymakers and institutions.

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9:00-9:05 Welcome and Introduction: **Emmanuel Mourlon-Druol** (EUI)

9:05-11:00 Panel I – *International organisations*
Chair: **Katja Seidel** (University of Westminster)

Madeleine Herren-Oesch (Universität Basel): From LONSEA to FOCAL: the long path to the use of databases in global history

Haakon Ikonomou (University of Copenhagen): Digital prosopography: the case of *VisuaLeague* and prospects for the NATO and OECD administrations

Marine Pierre (University of Copenhagen): Prosopography as a tool to understand MEPs strategies on Turkey (1979-2009) and as an approach to construct international organizations histories (NATO/OECD)

11:00-11:30 *Coffee break*

11:30-12:45 Panel II – *The EEC and the EU*
Chair: **Myriam Piguet** (Université de Genève)

Pierre Alayrac (EUI): Looking for economists in a haystack. Research challenges in EU archives

Emmanuel Mourlon-Druol (EUI): Rationale and panorama of the data gathered in EURECON on European policymakers and Economic and Monetary Union, 1957-1992

12:45-14:00 *Lunch*

14:00-16:00 [Closed session] Discussion among all invited participants, moderated by **Emmanuel Mourlon-Druol** (EUI), and based on the short concept note precirculated

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