

Programme

Spring Conference, 22-23 March 2011

Democracy on Hold? The Politics of the Eurozone Crisis

The challenges facing the European Union today are unprecedented. In response to the continuing debt crisis, and the associated risk that several eurozone economies will collapse, the Union has induced several of its Member States to enact severe policies of economic austerity. Furthermore, the costs inflicted by the euro crisis are not just economic in nature. Serious political costs also follow from the way in which the crisis is being handled.

The measures being undertaken have provoked severe social and political instability within the Union. The trust of citizens in EU institutions has been declining since the crisis began. In addition, the eurozone crisis is changing the way in which the Union works, by shifting power among its institutions. It is the governments of the Member States, assembled in the European Council, which have firmly taken charge of the efforts to resolve the crisis—not the Commission or the European Parliament.

These developments raise many questions, such as: How is EU democracy being affected? Has the crisis put democracy on hold? Or does the response to it rather demonstrate a pragmatic European style of muddling through? Also, what will it take to restore confidence in the European political system? Is stronger fiscal cooperation necessary? Or maybe even a political union, with tax and budgetary policies being decided in common? Or will such measures sooner provoke populism and euroscepticism? The theme for this conference, then, is the political impact of the eurozone crisis.

The organising committee welcomes the submission of papers, from a wide range of theoretical, empirical, and methodological perspectives. These may address all aspects of EU politics—not just those highlighted by this year's theme.

Organising committee: Thomas Persson (chair), Sverker Gustavsson, Christer Karlsson, Moa Mårtensson, Åsa Viksten Strömbom

Tuesday, March 22, 2011

09:00-10:00 Registration and coffee

Museum Gustavianum

10:00-10:05 Welcome address

Museum Gustavianum: Auditorium Minus

Thomas Persson (Chairman of SNES)

10:05-11:00 Keynote Speech 1: "Reflektioner kring eurokrisen"

Museum Gustavianum: Auditorium Minus

Gunnar Wetterberg (Samhällspolitisk chef, SACO)

11:00-12:00 Parallel workshops, session 1

University Main Building: Room 1, 2 and 8

12:00-13:30 Lunch / SNES Board meeting

Restaurant Hyllan

13:30-14:15 Keynote Speech 2: "Dilemmas of democracy and sovereignty: the long march toward economic governance in the EU"

Museum Gustavianum: Auditorium Minus

Nicolas Jabko (Johns Hopkins University)

14:15-15:00 Roundtable 1: "The Politics of the Eurozone Crisis"

Museum Gustavianum: Auditorium Minus

Hans Agné (Stockholm University)

Åsa Hansson (Lund University)

Nicolas Jabko (Johns Hopkins University)

Chair: Sverker Gustavsson (Uppsala University)

15:00-15:30 Coffee Break

Museum Gustavianum

15:30-17:00 Parallel workshops, session 2

University Main Building: Room 1, 2 and 11

17:30-18:00 PhD Special Meeting

Skytteanum: Gyllenhielm Library

19:00 Conference Dinner

Linneaus Garden

Wednesday, March 23, 2011

09:00-10:00 Parallel Workshops, session 3
University Main Building: Room 1, 2 and 8

10:00-10:30 Coffee Break
University Main Building: Café Alma

10:30-12:00 Parallel Workshops, session 4
University Main Building, Room: 1, 2 and 8

12:00-13:30 Lunch
Saluhallen: Restaurant Hyllan

13:30-15:00 Roundtable 2: "Eurokrisen och demokratin"
Museum Gustavianum: Auditorium Minus

Ulla Andersson (v)

Erika Bjerström (SvT)

Björn Elmbrant (Dagens Arena)

Mats Hallgren (SvD)

Johnny Munkhammar (m)

Chair: Willy Silberstein

15:00 Conference Closes