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**FEDERALISM AS DECISION-MAKING:
CHANGES IN STRUCTURES, PROCEDURES AND POLICIES**



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Wednesday, 11 September 2013

13.00 – 15.00 EURAC, Seminar Room 8

Meeting of the Executive Committee of the IACFS (finger food & refreshments)

15.00 – 18.00 EURAC, Seminar Room 8

Directors' Meeting of the IACFS member centers

18.30 *Departure from EURAC for Welcoming Event at Laimburg Province Winery*

20.00 Guided Tour, Wine Tasting and Welcoming Buffet on invitation of

Dr. Luis Durnwalder, President of the Autonomous Province of Bolzano/Bozen - South Tyrol

Thursday, 12 September 2013

Venue: EURAC Conference Hall, Drususallee 1, Bolzano/Bozen

08.15 Registration

08.30 – 09.00 Welcome Addresses

Werner Stuflesser, President of the European Academy (EURAC)

Francesco Palermo, Director of the EURAC Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism

President of the International Association of Centers for Federal Studies (IACFS),
elected during the directors' meeting

SESSION I FEDERALISM THEORY

Chair: Elisabeth Alber, EURAC-Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism

09.00 – 09.20

Federalism and Identity: Reflections on the American Experience, *G. Alan Tarr*
(Center for State Constitutional Studies, Rutgers University)

09.20 – 09.40

Multi-level Governance and the Reconfiguration of Political Space: Theoretical Considerations
Pertaining to Multinational Federalism, *Alain-G. Gagnon* (Université du Québec à Montréal)

09.40 – 10.00

Characteristics of Subnational Democracy in Federal States, *Annegret Eppler*
(European Centre for Research on Federalism, University of Tübingen)

10.00 – 10.40 Discussion

10.40 – 11.10 Coffee Break (@Conference Hall Foyer)

SESSION II PARTICIPATION PROCEDURES: Multilevel Governance

Chair: Paulina Borowska, EURAC-Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism

11.10 – 11.30

Intergovernmental Persuasion in Policy Implementation Under Coercive Federalism,
John Kincaid (Meyner Center for the Study of State & Local Government, Lafayette College)

11.30 – 11.50

Functional and Dysfunctional Governance in Executive Federalism: The Australian Case,
Alan Fenna (The John Curtin Institute of Public Policy, Curtin University)

11.50 – 12.20 Discussion

12.20 – 13.10

Country briefings: some evidence as to “(Sub)national Institutional Innovation and Participatory Democracy” (Canada – *Ronald Watts*, UK – *Michael Burgess*, Belgium – *Frédéric Lépine*)

13.15 – 14.45 Light Lunch @EURAC Main Foyer (upstairs)

SESSION III

PARTICIPATION PROCEDURES: Asymmetries and Identities

Chair: Karl Kössler, EURAC-Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism

15.00 – 15.20

Decision-Making in Post-conflict Multilevel Governments: the Emergence of a “Devolution” Model, *Nico Steytler* (Community Law Centre, University of the Western Cape)

15.20 - 15.40

Autonomies Within Indian Federalism, *Ajay Kumar Singh*
(Centre for Federal Studies, Hamdard University)

15.40 – 16.00

Genesis of the Russian Federalism and Regional Policy in the Post-Soviet Time, *Viacheslav Seliverstov* (Institute of Economics and Industrial Engineering, Siberian Branch of the Russian Academy of Sciences)

16.00 – 16.40 Discussion

16.40 – 17.30

Country briefings: some evidence as to “(Sub)national Institutional Innovation and Participatory Democracy” (Swiss Confederation – *Nicolas Schmitt*, Austria – *Peter Bußjäger*, Italy – *Elisabeth Alber* and *Alice Valdesalici*)

17.45 Departure from EURAC main entrance to the South Tyrolean Archeology Museum, Ötzi, the Iceman (20 minutes’ walk)

18.15 – 19.15 Ötzi, the Iceman. Guided Tour, EURAC Institute for Mummies and the Iceman

19.30 Bus from Ötzi Museum to Runkelstein Castle

20.00 Dinner at Runkelstein Castle (return to hotels: 22.30)

Friday, 13 September

Venue: EURAC Conference Hall, Drususallee 1, Bolzano/Bozen

SESSION IV

PARTICIPATION PROCEDURES: Intergovernmental Relations

Chair: Alice Valdesalici, EURAC-Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism

08.45 Group Picture in EURAC inner yard

09.00 – 09.20

Participation in Intergovernmental Decision-Making Processes: Central Government-Autonomous Communities Relations and Autonomous Communities-Local Entities Relations, *Mercè Corretja* and *Mireia Grau* (Institut d’Estudis Autònoms, Barcelona)

09.20 – 09.40

Intergovernmental Decision-Making in Financial Affairs in Germany: Institutions, Formal and Informal Rules, and Peculiarities, *Gisela Färber* (German Research Institute for Public Administration, Speyer)

09.40 – 10.00

Fiscal Federalism and Federal Decisions: the Case of Argentina and its Evolution in the Last Two Decades, *Miguel Angel Asensio* (Institute of Federalism of the National Academy of Law and Social Sciences of Córdoba)

10.00 – 10.40 Discussion

10.40 – 11.10 Coffee Break (@Conference Hall Foyer)

**SESSION V
COMPARING POLICY AREAS**

Chair: Jens Woelk, EURAC-Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism, University of Trento

11.10 – 11.30

National Development Plan – Vision 2030: A Case Study of South Africa's Federal Decision-Making, *Phindile Ntliziywana* and *Derek Powell* (Community Law Centre, University of the Western Cape)

11.30 – 11.50

Challenging Institutional Models: the Case of Environmental Protection, *Mariachiara Alberton* (EURAC-Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism)

11.50 – 12.20 Discussion

12.30 – 14.00 Light Lunch @EURAC Main Foyer (upstairs)

Chair: Francesco Palermo, EURAC-Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism, University of Verona

14.10 – 14.30

Public-Security Decision-Making Across Nine Democratic Federations, *André Juneau* and *Christian Leuprecht* (Institute of Intergovernmental Relations, Queen's University)

14.30 – 14.50

Varieties of Decentralization and Economic Growth: New Evidence in OECD Countries, *Andrea Filippetti* (National Research Council – CNR, Institute for the Study of Regionalism ISSIRFA)

14.50 – 15.20 Discussion

15.20 – 16.00 Final remarks, *Francesco Palermo* and the newly elected IACFS-President

16.15 – 18.00 Guided Walking City Tour (meeting point: EURAC main entrance)

18.00 Departure for Oberbozen (from Walther Square, city centre)

18.30 Aperitivo and Tyrolean Dinner at Patscheiderhof Signat (return to hotels: 22.30)

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