

***Sticking together in tough times?* – Kick-off-Conference of the Research Funding Call „*Cohesion in Europe*“ as part of the German EU Council Presidency**

- *Date and Time: 12 November 2020; 15 h – 16.30 h*
- *Location: Online Event, Livestream: www.bmbf.de/livestream (Link active from November 12th)*
- *Host: Prof. Dr. Daniel Thym, LL.M. – Chair of Public, European and International Law, University of Konstanz, representing the Research Institute Social Cohesion (RISC)*
- *Conference Language: English*

1. Welcome and introduction:

Thomas Rachel, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister of Education and Research

2. Keynote "*Europe as a transnational space of interaction*"

“As Lévi-Strauss reminds us, societies consist of people who communicate, whose mutual communication with each other is significantly denser than with outsiders, and who are aware of this fact. Can Europe compete with this? There are in fact reasons why this possibility should not be dismissed.”

Prof. Joep Leerssen, Chair of Modern European Literature at the University of Amsterdam

3. Collaborative Research in Europe: Presentation of exemplary projects among the BMBF-funding call „*Cohesion in Europe*“

- *Individual presentation:*
FANZinE – Football as basis for social cohesion in Europe.
Prof. Dr. Arne Niemann – University of Mainz, Institute of Political Science
- *Dialogue:*
JUROP - Youth and EUrope: Between Cohesion and Polarization. A study of European and EU-related attitudes and behaviors among young people and its underlying processes.
Prof. Dr. Peter Noack /Dr.'in Katharina Eckstein – University of Jena, Institute of Psychology
Partner from the project: Prof. Martyn Barrett – University of Surrey (UK), Emeritus Professor of Psychology
- *Individual presentation:*
ZER - Does religion contribute to cohesion in Europe? An evaluation on social capital building in religious organisations against the background of flight and migration.
Jun.-Prof. Dr. Alexander Unser – University of Dortmund, Institute of Catholic Theology
- *Dialogue:*
ProConEu - Friends and foes of the European Union: The consequences of the increasing gap in and for Europe
Dr. Daniela Braun – University of Munich, Geschwister Scholl Institute of Political Science
Partner from the project: Assistant Professor Dr. Eftichia Teperoglou – University of

Thessaloniki, School of Political Sciences

- *Individual presentation:*
EUNIDES - European and national identification: Causes, forms, and consequences for increasing and decreasing solidarity
Prof. Dr. Christopher Cohrs – University of Marburg, Institute of Psychology

4. Conclusion

The Conference is followed by an internal Networking-Event for the 19 funding projects after a short break of 15 minutes.