



International Conference

**Qualified Autonomy and Federalism versus Secession in the EU and its
Member States**

February 26-28, 2014

**Empire Hall
Esterházy Palace, Eisenstadt, Austria**

Draft Programme

Wednesday, February 26, 2014

18.00 **Welcome address**

Stefan August Lütgenau, Foster Europe Foundation for strong European Regions, Austria

18.15 **Opening lecture**

The Carefully Organized Separation of Czechoslovakia as a Way How to Peacefully Solve a
Nation State Problem

Václav Klaus

19.00 Complementary Dinner (on invitation only)

Thursday, February 27, 2014

8.30 **Introduction /Framework**

*Prof. Dr. Charlie Jeffery, Academy of Government, University of Edinburgh, United
Kingdom*

*Dr. Annegret Eppler, University of Tübingen, and European Centre for Research on
Federalism Tübingen (ECRF), Germany*



9.00 Drivers of Secession: Identity, Economy and Welfare

Characteristics of current secession processes- a framework

Prof. Dr. Roland Sturm, *Friedrich-Alexander-University of Erlangen-Nürnberg, and Center for Area Studies, and European Centre for Research on Federalism Tübingen (ECRF), Germany*

Comparing Scotland, Flanders, Catalonia, and the UK (leaving Europe)

Prof. Dr. Micheal Keating, *University of Aberdeen, United Kingdom*

Federalism as driver or brake for secession? A Political Science Perspective

PD. Dr. Andreas Heinemann-Grüde, *Head of Bonn International Centre of Conversion, Germany*

Federalism as driver or brake for secession? A Legal Perspective

Dr. Karl Kössler, *EURAC, Bolzano/Bozen, Italy*

10.45 Coffee Break

11.00 Questions of Legitimacy: What citizens think

Scotland

Prof. Dr. John Curtice, *Strathclyde University, United Kingdom*

Belgium

Prof. Dr. Marc Swyngedouw, *Catholic University Leuven, Belgium*

Catalonia, the public opinion

José Pablo Ferrándiz, *Vicepresident Metroscopia*

Catalonia, political actors

Jordi Muñoz, *Universidad Autónoma de Barcelona*

UK

Prof. Dr. Richard Wyn Jones, *Cardiff University, United Kingdom*

12.30 Light Lunch

14.00 Campaigners: Advocates and Opponents of Secession, how visions are articulated

Scotland

Prof. Dr. Paul Cairney, *University of Stirling*

Belgium

Prof. Dr. Dave Sinardet, *Vrije Universiteit Brussel*



Catalonia

Prof. Dr. Francesc Pellarés Porta, Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona

UK

Dr. Matthew Goodwin, University of Nottingham, United Kingdom

15.30 Coffee Break

16.00 The Central Perspective

UK and Scotland

Prof. Dr. James Mitchell, University of Edinburgh, United Kingdom

Belgium and Flanders

Prof. Dr. Min Reuchamps, Université catholique de Louvain, Belgium

Spain and Catalonia

Prof. Dr. Alberto López Basaguren, University of the Basque Country

17.30 General Discussion

Wrap up and Co-Moderation: Prof. Dr. Charlie Jeffery/ Annegret Eppler

18.00 End of Day 1

Friday, February 28, 2014

09.00 How to manage Secession I : Domestically

Scotland

Dr. Nicola McEwen, University of Edinburgh

Belgium

Prof. Dr. Bea Cantillon, University of Antwerp, Belgium

Catalonia

Prof. Dr. Ferran Requejo, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona

10.30 Coffee Break



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11.00 How to manage Secession II: EU Aspects

Scotland

Dr. Fabian Zuleeg, *European Policy Centre, Brussels, Belgium*

Belgium

Prof. Dr. Peter Bursens, *Antwerp*

Catalonia

Prof. Dr. Eliseo Aja, *Member of the Council of Legal Guaranties of Catalonia, University of Barcelona*

12.30 Light Lunch

**14.00 Is there a “3rd Way”?
New models of sovereignty**

New Models of Federalism

Prof. Dr. John Erik Fossum, *ARENA - Centre for European Studies, University of Oslo, Norway*

The Political Economy of Secession

Prof. Dr. Roland Vaubel, *University Mannheim, Germany*

Canada as a role model?

Prof. Dr. Alain Gagnon, *University of Quebec, Montreal, Canada*

Simultaneity of centripetal and centrifugal trends in the EU: In search of a theory of disintegration and secession

Ass.-Prof. Dr. Annegret Eppler, *University of Innsbruck and European Centre for Research on Federalism*

**15.30 Wrap up
Prof. Dr. Charlie Jeffery /Dr. Annegret Eppler**

- *End of the conference** -

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