

WORKSHOP 9

9. The Role of Transnational Experts in European Integration: Recharging the Debate

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The workshop seeks to contribute to the understanding of the politics of expertise in EU agenda setting, policy-making processes and governance, in particular with regard to *transnational* expert communities. It provides a platform for discussion on the various roles experts and expert knowledge play in the EU integration trajectory, cutting through diverse policy fields and political agencies. The issue of transnational private expert knowledge and the multi-faceted roles expert play in the policy process constitute a crucial point of debate for European Integration scholars. The transnational character of these expert committees or groups, most notably their interlinkages with global policy networks and their shared cognitive and value schemes, render them an important instance of political agency in the EU.

The workshop invites researchers working on topics linked to the politics of expertise in EU policy making and governance. The objective of the workshop is to go beyond generic discussions on the politics of expertise by recharging the debate between various perspectives, both from an IR as well as an EU studies perspective, on the role of expert knowledge *on the basis of recent empirical studies*. It seeks to engage scholars from a variety of sub-disciplines such as (but not exclusively) comparative politics, international relations, political sociology, critical political economy, political psychology, and European Union studies more generally with a focus on regulatory governance.