



**Multidisciplinary Research Workshop**  
**3rd term 2016-2017**  
**22-23 May**  
**Seminar room 2, Badia Fiesolana**

**“The Return of Economic Nationalism?”**

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To judge by the headlines, the age of liberal economic integration is over. From the UK's decision to leave the EU to surprise re-nationalizations of key services in some of its new member states, from the US Republicans' demands for greater isolation to the protests against the Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership on both sides of the Atlantic, the calls to protect national economic interest are making a grand comeback.

This workshop will explore the origins and consequences of this return of the nationalist discourse in economic policy-making. Championed mostly from the far right, the mix of appeals for greater economic autonomy, sovereignty from the transnational capital and social justice has raised a daunting challenge not only to the liberals but also to the left. To what extent are these representative of broader political realignments? Which legal and political claims are being marshalled to legitimate certain interests over others? What are the forces and the coalitions that are behind the new turn to economic nationalism? And most importantly, to what extent have they actually challenged the current liberal regime governing the exchange of goods and capital?

The issues outlined above lie at the intersection of political science, economic sociology, and law, and to address them this workshop proposes to bring together researchers from a variety of disciplinary backgrounds. In addition to contributions dealing with the current wave of economic nationalism, we also welcome participants who can add a historical dimension to our understanding of this problem.

SPS researchers can gain 10 credits by presenting ongoing research on one of the panels, acting as panel discussant, or submitting a paper on the topic and questions raised at the workshop.

Please register [online](#).

## Programme

22 May

### **13:30-13:45 Introduction**

### **13:45-15:15 Session I. National interests and transnational bargains**

- Laszlo Bruszt (SNS): Defining national interests in the Disunited States of Europe  
Discussant: Vera Scepanovic (EUI)
- Dorothee Bohle (EUI, SPS) “Europe’s debt crisis and varieties of economic nationalism”  
Discussant: Vera Scepanovic (EUI, MW)
- Damjan Kukovec (EUI, MW): Economic Law, Inequality and Hidden Hierarchies on the EU Internal Market  
Discussant: Dorothee Bohle (EUI, SPS)

### **15:15-15:30 Coffee break**

### **15:30-17:00 Session II. National interests and coalitions**

- Garry Winslett (EUI, MW): Zero-Sum Fears: Nationalism and Trade Opposition:  
Discussant: Christina La Cour (EUI, SPS)
- Marek Naczyk (Oxford University): Central European Business Elites and the Rise of Economic Patriotism Since the Crisis  
Discussant: Vera Scepanovic (EUI, MW)

**18:00**

### **Keynote lecture**

**Ben Clift (Warwick) *The Return of Economic Nationalism? Trump, Brexit, Le Pen and the Political Economy of Economic Patriotism***

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**09:00-10:45 Session III. What do people want? Economic nationalism and popular movements**

- Line Rennwald (EUI, MW): Electoral Realignment and the Changing Welfare State Agenda of Populist Radical Right Parties  
Discussant: Christina La Cour (EUI, SPS)
- Julia Rone (EUI, SPS): TTIP – an attempted genocide of the European peoples?": The diffusion of protest against TTIP from the left to the right  
Discussant: Line Rennwald (EUI, MW)
- Adrian Zimmermann (EUI, VF): The International labour movement's resistance against economic nationalism during the Great Depression of the 1930s  
Discussant: Dorothee Bohle (EUI, SPS)

**10:45-11:00 Coffee break**

**11:00-12:30 Session IV: State and nation. National interests in government policy**

- Fabio Bulfone (EUI, SPS): The State Strikes Back: Industrial Policy, State Power and the divergent performance of Telecom Italia and Telefonica  
Discussant: Christina La Cour (EUI, SPS)
- Vera Scepanovic: Economic nationalism in hyper-integrationist economies: can you have nationalism and eat it too?  
Discussant: Marek Naczyk (Oxford University)

**12:30-13:30 Lunch**

**13:30-15:00 Roundtable discussion: Approaches to the study of economic nationalism**