

International Conference

Ideas, Concepts and Policies of Sovereignty in the Age of the Cold War, 1945-1990

**March
27-28
2025**

University of Marburg
Pilgrimstein 12
Rooms 201 & 205

The conference is organized by the subproject C01 "Extended Security – Changes of Statehood after 1970" of the Collaborative Research Center 138 "Dynamics of Security".

Logistics

Conference Venues

Most plenary and panel sessions will be held at **Pilgrimstein 12**, with specific room assignments detailed in the program. The room layout is as follows:

- **Second floor:** Rooms 201 and 205

The keynote lecture, which will take place on the evening of the first day, will be held in Room B008 of the **university library lecture hall**.

Food & Drinks

Catering during the conference, except for the reception on Day 1, will take place in **Room 205, Pilgrimstein 12**. Coffee, tea, water, and snacks will be provided during coffee breaks in **Room 201**. For lunch, we have arranged a catering service including vegan-vegetarian options.

The keynote lecture on the evening of the first conference day will be followed by a reception offering drinks. After that, you are welcome to have dinner with us in a local restaurant.

Directions

The nearest airport to the conference's location is Frankfurt International (FRA). From the airport, you can reach Marburg via train. You can find a suitable connection and buy your train tickets online via the [DB website \(www.bahn.de\)](http://www.bahn.de) or [DB Navigator App](#) or at the local train stations' ticket machines using cash and card payment.

In case you are travelling on Line RB41, please note that the train is divided in Giessen. While one section of the train continues towards Siegen, please make sure you are in the carriage that continues towards Treysa via Marburg.

Upon your arrival at Marburg main station, you can reach the conference venues either by a **1km (15-minute) walk** (see map below) or via the following bus lines:

- **Line 1** towards *Eisenacher Weg*
(Stops: Volkshochschule / Erwin-Piscator-Haus / Rudolphsplatz)
- **Line 2** towards *Cappel Cappel Gleiche*
(Stops: Elisabethkirche / Volkshochschule / Erwin-Piscator-Haus / Rudolphsplatz)
- **Line 3** towards *Cappel Moischer Straße*
(Stops: Elisabethkirche / Volkshochschule / Erwin-Piscator-Haus / Rudolphsplatz)
- **Line 4** towards *Eisenacher Weg*
(Stops: Elisabethkirche / Volkshochschule / Erwin-Piscator-Haus / Rudolphsplatz)
- **Line 5** towards *Dietrich-Bonhoeffer-Straße*
(Stops: Volkshochschule / Erwin-Piscator-Haus / Rudolphsplatz)

- **Line 7** towards *Universitätsklinikum*
(Stops: Elisabethkirche / Volkshochschule / Erwin-Piscator-Haus / Rudolphsplatz)
- **Line 383** towards *Bad Endbach-Schlierbach*
(Stops: Elisabethkirche / Volkshochschule / Erwin-Piscator-Haus / Rudolphsplatz)

In order to find bus connections to the conference venues or your accommodation, we recommend using the [RMV website](http://www.rmv.de) (www.rmv.de) or its app [RMVgo](#). You can buy your bus tickets on the website, the app, at the RMV ticket machines, and from the driving staff on the bus.

During your travel, WiFi is available at Frankfurt International Airport, onboard the ICE trains and most ticket machines. In Marburg, you can connect to the free “CityWiFi”, which is available at many bus stops including the main station. Upon arrival at the conference location, we will further provide you with the access data to the conference WiFi.

Organizing Team

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Bus stops: [Bus stop icon]

Bus route: [Solid yellow line]

Walking route: [Dotted yellow line]

Train Station
Marburg (Lahn)

Elisabethkirche

Conference Location:
University Library

Conference Location:
Pilgrimstein 12

Volkshochschule

Erwin-Piscator-Haus

Welcome Hotel Marburg:
Pilgrimstein 29

Rudolphsplatz



Accommodation

During your stay in Marburg there is a room booked for you at Welcome Hotel Marburg, Pilgrimstein 29. Accommodation includes a continental breakfast.

Guests may check-in from 15:00 onwards, and on the day of departure, check-out is required by 11:00.

You may store their luggage at the Hotel if they arrive before the designated check-in times.

Address for your GPS:

Welcome Hotel Marburg
Pilgrimstein 29
D-35037 Marburg

Public underground parking (no parking places at the hotel):

Lahn-Center
Biegenstraße 12
D-35037 Marburg

What does parking cost?

1,50€ the first hour, each additional 1,00€, up to a maximum of 16,00€ per 24 hours of continuous parking. (valid only if you pay at the Welcome Hotel reception).

Parking costs are refundable.

Conference Program

Day 1

March 27, 2025

13:00-14:00 **Registration & Lunch**

14:00-14:30 **Welcome & Opening Address**

Speaker: Eckart Conze

Room
201

14:30-16:00 **Sovereignty and European Integration**

Room
201

Chair: Sarah Wilder-Fehl

Paper 1: Marcel Spannenberger (Marburg):
“Shifting Sovereignty? The Werner Plan and the First Attempt on Economic and Monetary Union in the 1970s”

Paper 2: Juliane Clegg (Stuttgart):
“Sovereign Sterling: Britain, European Monetary Policy, and the Quest for an Independent Pound”

Paper 3: Victor Jaeschke (Munich): “A ‘Sui Generis’ International Actor? The European Community’s Foreign Policy, State Sovereignty and the End of the Cold War”

**16:00-
16:30** **Coffee Break**

**16:30-
17:45** **Sovereignty in West and East
European Energy Politics**

Room
201

Chair: Benjamin Brendel

Paper 1: Mauro Elli (Milan): “Policies of Sovereignty and the Sterilization of the Supranational Solution in the Controversy on the Euratom Patent Policy”

Paper 2: Péter Hevö (Budapest):
“Sovereignty Discourses around the Danube Dams among Eastern Bloc Countries”

18:15 **Keynote**

Library
Lecture
Hall

Rüdiger Graf (ZZF Potsdam):

**“The Concept of Sovereignty and Its
Uses in History and Historiography”**

**19:30-
20:30** **Reception**

20:30 **Conference Dinner**

Restaurant Valente, Steinweg 2, Marburg

Day 2

March 28, 2025

**8:30-
9:00** **Coffee**

**9:00-
10:30** **Sovereignty, Normative Orders,
and Conflict Resolution**

Room
201

Chair: Marcel Spannenberger

Paper 1: Volker Prott (Birmingham):
“Breaching Sovereignty: Foreign
Interventions and International Conflict
Management in the Cold War”

Paper 2: Sarah Wilder-Fehl (Marburg):
“Sovereignty and International Criminal
Law at the United Nations: Defining the
Crime of Aggression 1967-1974”

Paper 3: Christian Methfessel (Munich):
“Negotiating International Norms in Times
of Transition: The Congo Crisis (1960-63)
and the Bosnian War (1992-95)”

**10:30-
11:00** **Coffee Break**

**11:00-
12:30**

Perceiving, Asserting, and Staging Sovereignty

Room
201

Chair: Benjamin Brendel

Paper 1: Claude Ewert (Luxemburg):
“(Mis)Perceptions of Shared Sovereignty in
Cold War Europe”

Paper 2: Ioannis Brigkos (Vienna):
“Challenging the Myth of Subservience:
Reassessing Greek Foreign Policy under the
Colonels' Dictatorship, 1967-1974”

Paper 3: Chang Liu (Heidelberg): “Staging
Sovereignty: Cultural Politics and the
Geopolitical Implications of Kris Phillips’
1987 Performance in China”

**12:30-
13:30**

Lunch Break

**13:30-
15:00**

Sovereignty in Divided Germany

Room
201

Chair: Eckart Conze

Paper 1: Sebastian Gehrig (Sheffield): “One,
Two, Many Sovereignities? German-German
Cold War Conflicts over Legal Statehood,
1949-1989”

Paper 2: Simon Graham (Sydney):
“Constructing Sovereignty through
Internationalism: East German Efforts to
Contest Limited Recognition at the UN,
1968–73”

Paper 3: Lukas Mengelkamp (Marburg):
“Sovereignty and the Alternative Defense
Debate in West Germany During the Cold
War”

**15:00-
16:00**

Closing Remarks

Speaker: Benjamin Brendel

Room
201



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