

International Conference

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

University of Marburg
(Germany)

March 27-28, 2025

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Rooms 201 & 205
Pilgrimstein 12

Conference Program

Day 1

March 27, 2025

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

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

Speaker: Eckart Conze

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

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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

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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

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