



IMMIGRANT INTEGRATION AND MULTILEVEL GOVERNANCE: EXPLORING THE ISSUES

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9:00 Welcome and Opening Remarks

- Dr. Gunilla Fincke, Director, Research Unit of the Expert Council of German Foundations on Integration and Migration (3 min)
- Felix Knuepling, Head, Programs and Partnerships, Forum of Federations (3 min)
- Eric Walsh, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Canada, Berlin (3 min)

Keynote

- Dr. Ole Schröder, State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of the Interior, Federal Republic of Germany
“Germany, an Integration Country and a Federal State: The Advantages and Challenges of Federal Structures for Integration Policy” (15 min)

9:30 Session 1: Immigrant Integration in Multilingual Federations

Moderator: Dr. Gunilla Fincke, Director, Research Unit of the Expert Council of German Foundations on Integration and Migration

Presenters

- Belgium: Prof. Dr. Marco Martiniello, Research Director of the National Fund for Scientific Research and Professor at the University of Liège (20 min)
- Spain: Prof. Dr. Ricard Zapata-Barrero, Universitat Pompeu Fabra (20 min)
- Switzerland: Dr. Nicole Wichmann, Université de Neuchâtel (20 min)

11:00 Break

11:30 Session 2: The Role of Cities in Federal Systems

Moderator: Dr. Mark Speich, Chief Executive Officer, Vodafone Foundation

Presenters

- Prof. Dr. Michael Jones-Correa, Cornell University (20 min)
- Irena Guidikova, Head of Cultural Policy, Diversity and Intercultural Dialogue Division, Council of Europe (20 min)
- Birte Steller, Head, Hamburg Welcome Center (20 min)

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Session 3: Intergovernmental Agreements and Processes

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Georg Milbradt, Member of Board of Directors, Forum of Federations

Presenters

- Canada: Iain Reeve, Researcher, Queen's University (Canada) (20 min)
- Germany: Dr. Holger Kolb, Senior Researcher, Research Unit of the Expert Council of German Foundations on Integration and Migration (20 min)
- Prof. Dr. Karin Weiss, Head of the Policy Principles Directorate, Ministry for Integration, Family, Children, Youth and Women, Rhineland-Palatinate (20 min)

16:00 Session 4: Policy Coherence: An Emerging Challenge?

Moderator: Prof. Dr. Oliver Schmidtke, University of Victoria (Canada)

Panellists

- Prof. Dr. Keith Banting, Queen's University
- Dr. Tiziana Caponio, University of Turin
- Prof. Dr. Rinus Penninx, University of Amsterdam
- Prof. Dr. Phil Triadafilopoulos, University of Toronto

17:30 Concluding remarks

- Dr. Holger Kolb, Senior Researcher, Research Unit of the Expert Council of German Foundations on Integration and Migration
- Dr. Leslie Seidle, Senior Program Advisor, Forum of Federations