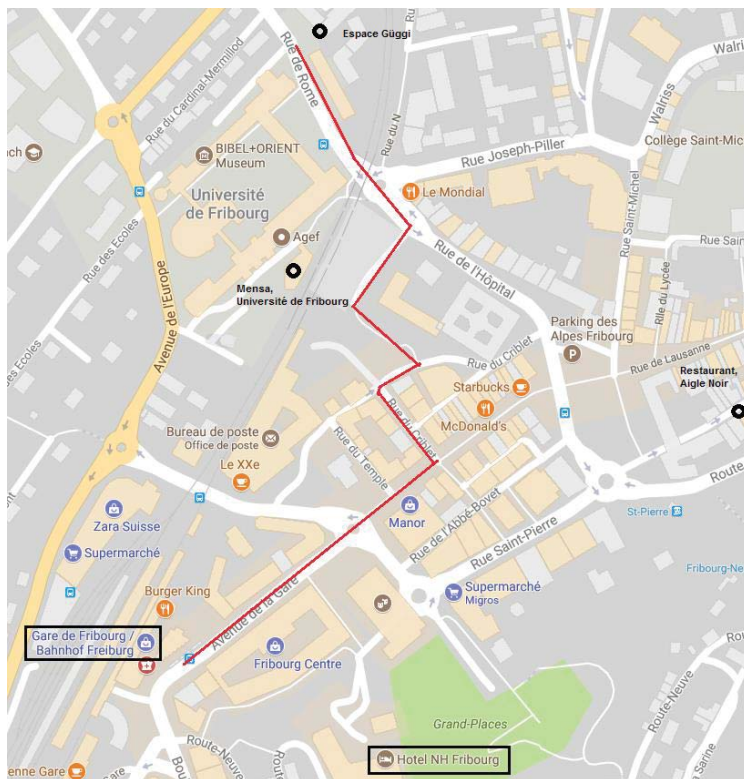


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*(Conference venue: entrance through the front door, the room is located at the basement level)*



## European (Dis)Integration

### ECSA-CH 2017 Annual Conference

*University of Fribourg*  
30.11.2017-01.12.2017

Room 0101 – Espace Güggi (niv. -1)

Rue de Rome 6

1700 Fribourg

The notion of “integration” has long fascinated scholars of the European Union (EU), and this has been true across all disciplinary boundaries. While the union was meant to become “evercloser”, the ways to get there have been progressively conceived to be more or less differentiated, both on the inside and on the outside, and even at the periphery. Following the post-2005 constitutional disenchantment and the recent string of crises, it has become urgent to take stock and reflect critically on the nature, scope and legitimacy of the European integration project. Post-Brexit, talk of “disintegration” has actually become common, and EU scholars need to get their minds around what this could mean concretely. More generally, proposals to de-construct and reconstruct the European project need discussing as there should be no dearth of creative and constructive thinking in 21st Century European studies. The search for alternatives should not be discredited as a critique of the European project (Joerges/Kreuder-Sonnen 2016: 27). Needless to say: Swiss EU scholars are ideally situated to contribute to this debate given the idiosyncratic form of “integration” Switzerland has been pursuing with the EU since the late 1990s.

The conference intends to reflect the best of current Swiss multi-disciplinary research in European studies (whether in law, political and social sciences, history, philosophy or economics) and to foster dialogue between those different perspectives on the EU.



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**Thursday, 30.11.2017**

16:00 **ECSCA Members Annual Assembly**

17:00

**Keynote Conference**

17:15 **A Little Noticed European Problem: Over-Constitutionalization**

19:00 Prof. Dieter Grimm (Yale Law School & Wissenschaftskolleg zu Berlin)

19:30 Dinner (*ECSCA Conference Speakers and Members only*)

Restaurant de l'Aigle Noir, Rue des Alpes 10, 1700 Fribourg (see map on the last page)

**Friday, 01.12.2017**

08:15 Welcome coffee

08:30 **Opening Words**

Prof. Samantha Besson (University of Fribourg)

**European (Dis)Integration after Brexit**

08:45 **Brexit: Negotiating Differentiated Disintegration**

Prof. Frank Schimmelfennig (ETH Zurich)

09:45 **European (Dis)Integration : The Case of Scotland within Brexit**

Prof. Nicolas Levrat (University of Geneva)

10:45 Coffee break

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**Friday, 01.12.2017 (continuing)**

11:15 **Ugly Divorce or Staying Friends? The Politics of Responding to Disintegration Referendums**

Prof. Stefanie Walter (University of Zurich)

12:15 Lunch (Mensa, University of Fribourg; see map on the last page)

**European (Dis)Integration and Democracy**

13:15 **Inequality and European Integration**

Felix Karstens (Ph.D. cand. - ETH Zurich)

14:15 **Governance by Numbers and its Discontent: Comprehending the EU's New Economic Governance Regime and its (Intended) De- and (Unintended) Re-Politicization effects**

Dr Ludwig Zurbriggen (Hochschule Luzern) & Prof. Roland Erne (University College Dublin)

15:15 Coffee break

15:45 **Questioning the EU's 'Transformative Power': Democratic Deconsolidation in Eastern Europe**

Dr Natasha Wunsch (ETH Zurich)

16:45 **Towards Transnational Voting in Europe!?**

Prof. Joachim Blatter (University of Lucerne)

17:45 **Closing Words**

Prof. Samantha Besson (University of Fribourg)

18:00 End of conference