



Scientific Program Workshop “Delegation and Multi-level Governance”

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Aims and scopes

The objective for this workshop is to study the question of the delegation of power from the point of view of different social sciences: a political viewpoint and an economic viewpoint.

The workshop aims to highlight the ex ante mechanisms that culminate in the creation of institutions and independent agencies, and to understand the consequences of the choices that have been made, in terms of both political and economic efficiency.

The workshop will address the reasons that can be given to delegate powers to autonomous institutions (central banks or independent agencies). It will follow by discussing the tension between delegation of power and democracy: Is the delegation of an economic policy instrument to an independent institution compatible with democracy? And what are the conditions that promote this compatibility: monitoring, transparency, accountability, etc.?

While the discussion will cover other case studies, special attention will be given to the multilevel framework of European governance: Does the existence of different levels of governance in the EU (at the regional, national, and European level) entail further incentives to delegate? Does it create additional accountability problems?

Included in the work program of the European network of excellence CONNEX, and more particularly in that of Research Group 6, this workshop seeks to foster the reflections of those participating in the network, as well as beyond, on the transformations of the European political and economic space.

Welcome coffee (9.45 am)

1st session: Why or why not delegate? (10.00-12.30 am)

Giandomenico Majone (European University Institute): “Delegation of Powers and the Fiduciary Principle”

Renaud Dehousse (Sciences Po): “Lisbon or the costs of non-delegation”

Jérôme Creel, Eloi Laurent (OFCE) and *Jacques Le Cacheux* (OFCE, University of Pau): “Lisbon at 5: a Mid-term critical assessment”

Discussants: *Benoît Mojon* (European Central Bank)
David Stasavage (London School of Economics)

Concluding comments: *Bernard Manin* (Sciences Po)

2nd session: How to Control? (2.30- 6.00 pm)

Mark Thatcher (London School of Economics): "Controlling non-majoritarian institutions: the case of independent regulatory agencies in Europe"

Yannis Papadopoulos (University of Lausanne): "Accountability in network and multilevel governance"

Discussant: *Pasquale Pasquino* (Sciences Po)

Coffee break (4.00 pm)

Ellen Vos (University of Maastricht): "Keeping independent European agencies under control"

Eloi Laurent (OFCE) and *Jacques Le Cacheux* (OFCE, University of Pau): "Integrity and efficiency in the European Union Constitutional Treaty"

Discussant: *Iain Begg* (London School of Economics)

Closing speeches

Marco Buti (European Commission)

Jean-Paul Fitoussi (OFCE and Sciences Po)