THE SWEDISH NETWORK FOR EUROPEAN LEGAL STUDIES
HAS THE GREAT PLEASURE
OF INVITING YOU TO A CONFERENCE ON:

The Future of Europe:
Political and Legal Integration Beyond Brexit

November 16-17, 2017
Stockholm

|Scandic Hasselbacken, Hazeliusbacken 20, Stockholm|
The year 2017 is critical for the future of European integration with a planned European Council in December 2017, which may already decide on the new orientation of the European Union. What direction will be taken and what vision will be chosen? In its White Paper on the Future of Europe (1st of March 2017), the Commission proposed five non-exclusive options for the future of Europe. Although they can be criticized for many different reasons, they have the merit of showing the flexibility of the European project, and opening a democratic debate on the visions for Europe. As put by the Commission, the five scenarios are illustrative in nature to provoke thinking. They are not detailed blueprints or policy prescriptions. Likewise, they deliberately make no mention of legal or institutional processes – the form will follow the function.

The aim of this conference is not only to debate the political vision of Europe, but also to discuss the issue of legal integration beyond Brexit. In this respect, two key areas are selected for further discussion: rule of law and security; looking more specifically at legal questions related to the protection of the rule of law and the expansion of security within and beyond AFSJ and CFSP. Rule of law and security are not only paradigmatic for the future of Europe but are also closely connected to a particular vision of Europe based on ‘integration through law’. This vision has been strongly contested and revisited in the last years. But the question still remains: what is the place of legal integration in the future of Europe?
Program

Day 1: Thursday, 16 November

13.00  Arrival and registration
       Scandic Hasselbacken

13.30  Opening address and welcome note
       Professor Antonina Bakardjieva Engelbrekt, Chairman of the Network,
       Stockholm University,

13.45  Panel 1: Theories of Integration and Rule of Law
       Chair: Professor Xavier Groussot

       Quo Vadis Europa? Four paths of development and their likelihood.
       Professor Adrienne Héritier, European University Institute

       European (Des)Integration in Theory and Practice: Lessons From History
       Professor Jurgen Neyer, Chair of European and International Politics,
       University of Viadrina, Frankfurt am Oder

15.00  Coffee
Panel 2: Integration and Rule of Law: The National Challenge
Chair: Professor Jane Reichel
Commentator: Associate Professor Jörgen Hettne

A Union based on the rule of law?
Professor Monica Claes, Maastricht University

Institutional Alcoholism in Eastern Europe. Cultural Elements of the Rule of Law
Professor András Jakab, University of Salzburg

A Tale of Challenges to Legal Integration – A Danish Perspective
Professor Ulla Neergaard, Copenhagen University

Rule of law in contemporary Finland - Is it just a "rhetorical balloon" and what are the national challenges?
Professor Juha Raitio, European Law, University of Helsinki

17:30  End of day 1

Day 2: Friday, 17 November

Panel 3: Integration and Rule of Law: The Security Challenge
Chair: Dr. Marja-Liisa Öberg
Commentator: Dr. Eduardo Gill-Pedro

The National Security Challenge to EU Legal Integration
Professor Anna Jonsson Cornell, Uppsala University

Discursive constituent power and European integration
Research Fellow Massimo Fichera, University of Helsinki

The widening and deepening of the EU’s security agenda: the constitutional challenges ahead
Dr. Claudio Matera, University of Twente

10:45  Coffee
11:15  **Panel 4: The Institutional Challenge and the Future of Europe**  
Chair: Professor Joakim Nergelius

*Inter-institutional balance of power in a post-Brexit world*  
Professor Paul Craig, Oxford University

*Legal Integration at its Limits: Towards a New Interpretative Approach in EU Law*  
Professor Christina Eckes, University of Amsterdam

12:30  **Lunch**

13:30  **Continuing panel 4**  
Chair: Professor Ulf Bernitz

*Interplay of EU and Member State Constitutionalism*  
Professor Kaarlo Tuori, University of Helsinki

*The future of differentiated integration and the obstacle of Treaty change*  
Professor Bruno de Witte, European University Institute

14:30  **Closing discussion**  
Moderator: Professor Maria Bergström

15:00  **End of day 2**

The conference is free of charge.  
For registration please fill in the form at  