The concept of ‘solidarity’ is fundamental to the European project. While pro-European intellectuals had long applied it as a more or less abstract reference, the concept crystallized into a solid cornerstone of European unity after the Second World War. The notion of a European solidarity union was essential to validating the integrative process and had always been a more or less abstract reference, the concept crystallized into a solid cornerstone of European unity after the Second World War.

Our conference will examine various manifestations and interpretations of the solidarity concept in the course of the 19th and 20th centuries. How did the pioneers of European unity define and conceptualize ‘European solidarity’? Which forms of international solidarity were actually practiced in Europe? And what were the limits of the ‘European solidarity union’? In so doing, the conference will address a highly topical and political problem: How much solidarity does the European enterprise need?

Thursday, 23.06.2016 .....................................................
12:00 p.m. Registration
12:25 p.m. Welcoming Remarks
Dietmar Süß (University of Augsburg)
12:30-12:45 p.m. Introduction
Florian Gremer (University of Augsburg): Approaches to the Contemporary History of European Solidarity
12:45-215 p.m. Session 1: Political Ideas of European Solidarity
• Giuseppe Fasoli (University of Salerno): The Europe of the Peoples in the ‘Prophecy’ of Mazzini
• Silvana Sicariotta (University of Salerno): Political Ideas of European Solidarity and the Shaping of Public Discourse: The Case of ‘Les États-Unis d’Europe’
• Richard Descarte (University of East Anglia): Eduard Herrtage and Notions of European Solidarity: An Interrogation
Chair and Discussant: Günther Kronenbitter (University of Augsburg)
Coffee Break
2:45-4:15 p.m. Session 2: Intellectuals and Concepts of European Solidarity in the 19th and Early 20th Century
• Amoz Giadai (Institut National des Langues et Civilisations Orientales, Paris): Pan-Latinism in the European Space: Between Solidarity and Rivalries
• Matthew D’Auria (University of East Anglia): Classical Sociology between National, Cosmopolitan and European ‘Solidarity’
• Tara Windsor (Trinity College Dublin): ‘Un internationale Solidarität’: Thomas Mann’s Idealism of Europe and the International PEN Club after the First World War
Chair and Discussant: Marcello Gisonni (University of Lugano)
4:15-5:30 p.m. Session 3: Conceptions of European Solidarity During the World Wars
• Jan Vermeer (University of East Anglia): Notions of Solidarity and Integration in Times of War: The Idea of Europe, 1814-1918
• Johannes Dafinger (University of Klagenfurt): Shaw Solidarity, Live Solidarity – The Nazi Europe as a ‘Family of Peoples’
Chair and Discussant: Martina Steber (University of Konstanz)
5:30-7:45 p.m. Keynote
Gerard Delanty (University of Sussex): Solidarity and European Identity: Contradictions and Future Possibilities
University of Augsburg, Law Faculty, Universitätsstraße 24, HS 1010
8:00 p.m. Dinner
Ristorante Il Porcino, Salomon-Idler-Straße 24B

Friday, 24.06.2016 .....................................................
9:00-10:15 a.m. Session 4: European Solidarity in the Thinking of Leading Politicians after 1945
• Mathias Hauerus (University of Cambridge): ‘The Greater the Relative Success of Germany, the Longer the Memory of Auschwitz Will Last’: Concepts of ‘Solidarity’ in Helmut Schmidt’s European Thought 1945-62
• Frederik Schotters (University of Duisburg-Essen): Mitterrand’s Europe – Functions and Limits of ‘European Solidarity’ in French Policy during the 1980s
Chair and Discussant: Peter Pichter (University of Graz)
Coffee Break
10:45 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Session 5: European Solidarity and its Limits in 1960s Politics
• Eva Oberlofekamp (Institute of Contemporary History, Munich): Expressions and Limits of European Solidarity with West Germany during its Fight Against Left-Wing Terrorism in the 1970s
• Henning Türk (University of Mainz): The Limits of Solidarity – The EC Countries, the Washington Energy Conference and the Foundation of the International Energy Agency 1974
Chair and Discussant: Cathie Carmichael (University of East Anglia)
Lunch
2:00-4:15 p.m. Session 6: Solidarity as a Guiding Concept for Trade Unions and in European Social Policy
• Christian Roy (Centre International de Formation Européenne, Nice): European Vital Minimum and Guaranteed Income: Ordre Nouveau’s Pro-War Personalist Scheme for Continent-Wide Solidarity and its Federalist Legacy
• Severin Cramm (University of Hildesheim): Organised Solidarity? On the Cooperation of European Trade Unions after 1948
• Karin Fertih (EHESS Paris) / Heike Wieters (Humboldt University of Berlin): The Dead Live Longer? The Emergence of European Social Policy in Transnational Constellation, 1950-1970
• Marialuisa Lucia Sergio (Istituto Italiano di Studi Germanici, Rome): The Christian Democratic Solidarity Concept and European Social Policy: New Socio-Economic Challenges at the Turn of the 1970s
Chair and Discussant: Dietmar Süß (University of Augsburg)
Coffee Break
4:45-6:00 p.m. Session 7: European Solidarity in Eastern Europe
• Olena Farka (University of East Anglia): ‘Solidarity of the Shaken’ or ‘a Revolution in Compassion’: The Concept of Solidarity in Eastern Europe in the 1980s-1990s
• Federico Leonardi (Vita-Salute San Raffaele University, Milan): Energy or Form? Europe according to Jan Patočka
Chair and Discussant: Marcin Róg (University of Augsburg)

Saturday, 25.06.2016 .....................................................
6:00-7:15 p.m. Keynote
Wolfgang Schmäke (University of Vienna): European Solidarity: A History
8:00 p.m. Conference Dinner
Riegele Biergarten, Früchtstraße 26, 88185 Augsburg

Saturday, 25.06.2016 .....................................................
9:00-10:30 a.m. Session 8: Transnational Solidarity and the European Position in the (Post-) Colonial World
• Jeff Roquin (Independent Scholar, Chicago): Crashing the States-System: The Triumph of International Law and ‘Humanity’ in the Making and Unmaking of Continental Solidarity, 1870-1920
• Christian Methfessel (University of Erlft): European Solidarity for the Sake of Imperial Expansion, Colonialism for the Sake of European Solidarity: English Left-Woman Public Debates on Colonial Wars and Imperialist Interventions around 1900
• Anna Konieczna (University of Oxford): Europe, South Africa and Transnational Solidarities: The Western European Anti-Apartheid Movements, 1959-1990
Chair and Discussant: Daniel Maul (University of Oslo)
Coffee Break
11:00 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Session 9: Migration, Development Aid and European Solidarity
• Brian Shove (University of Gothenburg): Socialist Solidarity for Migrants? Socialists and the Free Movement of Workers in the Early European Communities, 1953-64
• Jenny Pleen (University of Augsburg): The Dilemma of European Aid to Developing Countries: Act of Solidarity or Means of Forestalling Migration?
Chair and Discussant: Peter A. Kraus (University of Augsburg)
12:15-12:45 p.m. Final Discussion and Concluding Remarks

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