



## Englisches Seminar

## Institute of Governance

# 23<sup>rd</sup> Freudenstadt Symposium on European Regionalism: Europe at the Crossroads: Integration or Disintegration

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## Invitation

We would like to invite you to take part in the 23rd Freudenstadt Symposium on Regionalism. In the year marking the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of organised social democracy in Germany and a bit more than a year before the Scottish Referendum for Independence, and against the backdrop of the on-going Euro crisis, we'll meet again at this year's Freudenstadt discussing regional perspectives on debt, policy options and changing identities in Europe. Integration or Disintegration – are countries and regions moving further together or move apart?:

- ❖ **Consequences of the Euro crisis:** The banking and the debt crises have thrown the European currency, stability and solidarity into turmoil. Austerity versus growth? More Europe versus less Europe? Core versus periphery? Will the Euro survive? The role of France, Germany and the UK - How do the citizens and regions respond?
- ❖ **Europe and Sustainability: technology, policy and innovation:** Boosting sustainable development - energy conservation & renewable energy ('Energiewende'), infrastructure & mobility, and a reduction of the costs of living; laying the foundations through training & education, languages & culture, citizens' participation & regional cooperation.
- ❖ **Beyond the Referendum: constitutional futures in context:** Recent and current constitutional developments in Scotland, Wales, England and Ireland: 'The State of the Union', including build-up to the Scottish Independence Referendum of September 2014 and beyond.

We are expecting speakers and participants - politicians, diplomats, academics & students, writers & journalists, businessmen, activists and individuals - from across Europe for a weekend of presentations, informal discussions, good food, and walks in the Black Forest – hallmarks of Freudenstadt for the past twenty years. And we can also celebrate the famous Stadtfest on Germany's largest town square...



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### Further Information

#### Organisers:

Prof. Christopher Harvie and Eberhard Bort in conjunction with the FRITZ-ERLER FORUM BADEN-WÜRTTEMBERG (see contact info below).

#### Venue:

Our symposium takes place at the remarkable Zollernblick hotel and conference centre of Tübingen University (Waldhotel Zollernblick, Lauterbad, 72250 Freudenstadt), <http://www.zollernblick-lauterbad.de/>.

#### Conference Fees:

The all-inclusive fees of £110 or €130 (full board, drinks are extra) should be paid in advance (Deutsche Bank, Tübingen, BLZ 640 700 24, Account Nr. 1434968, or to Bank of Scotland, Edinburgh, Sort Code 80-02-24, Account Nr. 0048 9970 or by cheque - only in Sterling - made out to Prof. Harvie, Universität Tübingen). Note: please pay by 20 June 2013, full fee payable for cancellations after 20/06/13.

#### Registration and Programme:

Please register indicating your full name, affiliation and contact details via email to [christopher.harvie@uni-tuebingen.de](mailto:christopher.harvie@uni-tuebingen.de), under the heading "**Freudenstadt Registration**". The programme will follow in mid-June.

#### How to get to Freudenstadt:

If booked ahead of time, connections to Stuttgart airport (40 minutes away by hourly train) aren't expensive and deals may be available on Eurostar to Freudenstadt Hauptbahnhof via Karlsruhe or Stuttgart. A pick-up from Freudenstadt Hauptbahnhof will be arranged if you tell us your expected time of arrival.

Alternative Airports are Basel-Mulhouse and Memmingen. For trains you can consult [www.bahn.de](http://www.bahn.de).

**For any further inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact us (see the details below).**

We are looking forward to seeing you in Freudenstadt on July 5-7, 2013.

*Chris Harvie and Paddy Bort*