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**“Governing from the centre:
the influence of
the federal/central government
on subnational governments”**

September 29 – October 1, 2011

**Hosted by the
German Research Institute of Public Administration Speyer
(FöV / GRIPA)**

Friday, September 30th, 2011

Conference Room (Guest House)

- 9:00 a.m. Welcome / Opening of the Conference
Chair: Alan Tarr
 (Center for State Constitutional Studies, Rutgers University, USA)
- 9:15-9:55 a.m. Michael Burgess, Frédéric Lépine
 (Centre for Federal Studies, University of Kent, UK / CIFE, France)
[“What is the Federal Centre?”](#)
- 9:55-10:35 a.m. Mercè Corretja Torrens
 (Institut d’Estudis Autònoms, Generalitat de Catalunya, Spain)
[“The Cooperation in the Public Administration as a Mechanism of Centralisation in Spain”](#)
- 10:35-10:50 a.m. Coffee break
Chair: Jutta Kramer
 (Deutsches Institut für Föderalismusforschung, Germany)
- 10:50-11:30 a.m. Stelio Mangiameli
 (Istituto di Studi sui Sistemi Regionali Federali e sulle Autonomie, Italy)
[“Governing from the Centre: The Influence of the Federal/Central Government over Subnational Governments. The Italian case. General report.”](#)
- 11:30-12:15 p.m. John Kincaid
 (Center for the Study of Federalism at the Meyner Center for the Study of State and Local Government, Lafayette College, USA)
 “States in Revolt: The Constitutional Crisis Precipitated by President Obama’s National Health-Care Legislation”
- 12:15-1:45 p.m. Lunch



- Chair:* Antonio María Hernández
(Instituto di Federalismo, Argentina)
- 1:45-2:25 p.m. Christian Leuprecht, Ronald Watts
(Institute of Intergovernmental Relations, Queen’s University, Canada)
“Modelling the conditions of the intervention of the central government in subnational affairs?”
- 2:25-3:05 p.m. Hans-Peter Schneider
(Deutsches Institut für Föderalismusforschung, Germany)
“The Berlin Republic – Germany: A Federal State without Federalists”
- 3:05-3:20 p.m. Coffee break
- Chair:* Beniamino Caravita di Toritto
(Associazione Osservatorio sul Federalismo e i Processi Di Governo, Italy)
- 3:20-4:00 p.m. Nicolas Schmitt
(Institut für Föderalismus, Universität Freiburg, Switzerland)
[“Governing from the Center: The case of Switzerland”](#)
- 4:00-4:40 p.m. Yonatan Fessha
(Faculty of Law, University of the Western Cape, South Africa)
“Federal-state relations in Ethiopia“
- 4:40-4:50 p.m. Break
- Chair:* Ronald Watts
(Institute of Intergovernmental Relations, Queen’s University, Canada)
- 4:50-6:00 p.m. *Round table:*
“Public debt crisis and the centralization of powers?”
Key note: Gisela Färber
(German Research Institute of Public Administration, Germany)



Saturday, October 1st, 2011

- Chair:* Michael Burgess
(Centre for Federal Studies, University of Kent, UK)
- 9:00-9:45 a.m. Nico Steytler, Jaap De Visser, Robert Williams
(Community Law Centre, University of the Western Cape, South Africa)
[“Unfunded mandates: Directing subnational governments”](#)
- 9:45-10:30 a.m. Miguel Ángel Asensio
(Instituto de Federalismo, Argentina)
[“Constitution and Fiscal Constitution. Central Government Influence on the Federal System in Argentina”](#)
- 10:30-10:50 a.m. Coffee break
- Chair:* John Kincaid
(Center for the Study of Federalism at the Meyner Center for the Study of State and Local Government, USA)
- 10:50-11:35 a.m. Giancarlo Pola
(Centro Interuniversitario di Finanze Regionale e Locale, University of Ferrara, Italy)
[“Italy: Financial implications of the transition to fiscal federalism. Fears and hopes”](#)
- 11:35-12:20 p.m. Kira Baranova
(German Research Institute for Public Administration, Germany)
[“Reform of Fiscal Federalism and Unfunded Mandates in Russia”](#)
- 12:30 p.m. End of the conference, lunch buffet

