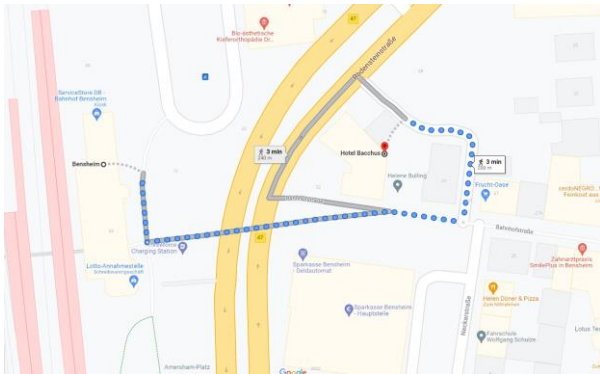

Conference Location

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Directions to Hotel Bacchus

The Hotel Bacchus is located in the town center. Bensheim is an ICE station and there are direct connections to Frankfurt (Main) main station. It takes only 3 minutes to walk from the station to the hotel.



For a train connection from Frankfurt Airport or the main train station, see the following page:
<https://www.bahn.de/p/view/index.shtml>

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Kick-off Workshop

How Europeans Understand Reciprocity, Fairness and Cohesion (HEUREC)

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Workshop Program

HEUREC Kick-Off

Perceptions of fairness and reciprocity are crucial for the cohesion and solidarity of modern societies and the legitimacy of governance. The HEUREC project takes this basic insight to the European level and studies citizens' conceptions of fairness and reciprocity in the European Union (EU). There are numerous relevant studies already, such as on patterns of European-political attitudes, support and trust as well as identities, to gauge European cohesion, its levels and differences in various member states and socio-economic groups. Our project can build upon this wealth of insights, but goes beyond previous research in several ways.

The focus lies on selected concepts pivotal to cohesion, i.e. fairness, reciprocity and solidarity, and how they are perceived and mediated in the EU. Moreover, these understandings are explored through focus group discussions, to be conducted in different EU member states: (a) three Northern European countries (Finland, Germany, the Netherlands); (b) three countries of the East (Latvia, Lithuania and Slovakia); and (c) three Southern European countries (Greece, Portugal and Spain). Our partners and research associates will organize focus groups in these nine countries to reconstruct the reasoning of different groups of people when they answer among themselves questions of (a) how fairness, reciprocity and solidarity can and should be achieved in the EU; and (b) which are, at the moment, the major problems for achieving them, with a particular view to political institutions.

Our kick-off workshop not only brings together the project research associates, coordinators and partners. Moreover, we are joined by a series of guest scholars who provide impulses for our exchange on the key concepts and approaches.

Tuesday, 28 September 2021

10:00 – 11:00	Welcome and Introduction
11:00 – 11:30	Coffee break
11:30 – 13:00	Transnational solidarity in Europe <i>Christian Lahusen</i> (Universität Siegen) <i>Ben Crum</i> (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch break
14:00 – 16:00	Narratives of European solidarity <i>Hans-Jörg Trenz</i> (Scuola Normale Superiore, Pisa/Florence) <i>Hubert Heinelt & Björn Egner</i> (TU Darmstadt) <i>Johanna Kuhlmann</i> (Universität Bremen) & <i>Sonja Blum</i> (Fernuniversität Hagen)
16:00 – 16:30	Coffee break
16:30 – 17:30	European solidarity: Beliefs and attitudes <i>Sofia Vasilopoulou</i> (University of York)
17:30 – 18:00	Aperitif break
18:00 – 19:00	Keynote: Solidarity – Concept and Conceptions <i>Rainer Forst</i> (Goethe-Universität Frankfurt / Thomas-Mann-Haus, Pacific Palisades)
19:00	Workshop dinner

Wednesday, 29 September 2021

9:00 – 10:30	Using focus groups to study solidarity in Europe <i>Tanja Pritzlaff-Scheele</i> (Universität Bremen) <i>Johannes Kiess</i> (Universität Siegen)
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:00	Analyzing texts from focus groups <i>Sabine Bartsch</i> (TU Darmstadt)
12:00 – 12:30	Preliminary summary
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 15:00	Country presentations (I) Finland <i>Jonas Schauman</i> Greece <i>Petros Karpathiou</i> Latvia <i>Inese Abolina</i> Lithuania <i>Inga Gaizauskaite</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Coffee break
15:30 – 17:00	Country presentations (II) Netherlands <i>N.N.</i> Portugal <i>João Moniz</i> Slovakia <i>Jan Krotký</i> Spain <i>Ricardo Dacosta</i>
17:00	End of workshop and walk through the vineyards
