

CSD lecture announcement (20-01-2015):

Dear all, tomorrow (20-01-2015) in our IoG meeting (VIP room, starts at 12.40) prof. dr. Oliver Treib will present an extension and more detailed analysis of his paper "The voter says no, but nobody listens: causes and consequences of the Eurosceptic vote in the 2014 European elections" which was published in the "Journal of European Public Policy" in 2014. This article provides an overview of the ideologically highly diverse Eurosceptic camp in the European Parliament and addresses the causes and consequences of the Eurosceptic vote. Based on an analysis of aggregate election results and opinion-poll data, it argues that the electoral success of Eurosceptic parties cannot be dismissed as a mere protest vote against unpopular governments. Instead, fundamental worries about the effects of European Union (EU) policies and dissatisfaction with mainstream politics lie at the heart of the Eurosceptic success. The selection of Jean-Claude Juncker as President of the Commission, backed by overwhelming majorities in the European Council and the European Parliament, suggests that Eurosceptics, despite their considerable electoral support, will continue to be excluded from the EU's corridors of power. This strategy of exclusion provides the ideal breeding ground for an even stronger Eurosceptic backlash in five years' time. Prof Oliver Treib Professor in comparative politics and research methods („Vergleichende Policy-Forschung und Methoden empirischer Sozialforschung“) and Geschäftsführender Direktor des Instituts für Politikwissenschaft at the University Of Muenster. I hope to meeting you all! Henk van der Kolk.