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is an interdisciplinary discussion platform for developing ideas and solutions for economic, social and ecological problems in Europe. The focus lies on European solutions and international policy coordination. Substantially, strategies of European Policy should be orientated towards their contribution to quality of life and an increase in well-being, as measured in the sense of "Beyond GDP targets". The aim is to provide integrative, open solutions that not only bring advantages to individual countries (as opposed to "my country first") but also to the overall cultural heterogeneity of Europe. Europe is a peace project which should thwart populist, nationalist and xenophobic tendencies through cooperation, economic dynamics and social responsibility. It has a responsibility to team up with its neighbors and to help shape globalization along fundamental European values. Empirical and interdisciplinary evidence provides the basis for reforms, which are pluralistic, bottom up, and based on the support of the population, new actors and youth. Cooperations with other organizations and platforms of comparable attitude exist and are highly welcome!

Who we are Karl Aiginger, Heinz Handler, Anna Kanduth, Vanessa Koch, Nina Nanning, Alina Pohl and Stefanie Sieberer draw up concepts and coordinate, complemented by a core group of 20 experts in economics, social and political science. A Policy Board, a Scientific Board and a Student Board complement our expertise.

Current and Past Research Topics

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Social Europe (RT 2/2020) The inequality in Europe is larger than averaging national data reveal. Regional inequality which had decreased for several decades, is rising again, not least due to intra-European migration, the rise of metropolitan areas and the upcoming of "forgotten regions". Due to the double crisis of Corona plus recession, existing inequalities are more persistent, and new inequalities emerge, across jobs, regions and skills. Ever more important is not only to finance the disadvantaged, but to reduce the sources of inequalities, from preschool to schools, home office and digitalization.

Financing after the crisis (RT 1/2020) The new Multiannual Framework (2021-27) should decide how much and what should be financed by the European Community. The double health crisis plus recession made on the one hand the decision process even more difficult, at the other side new resources are mobilized by fiscal and monetary policy, on the national as well as the European level. The project analyses the new resources made available and is critical to old priorities like the high expenditures for agriculture and the low priority for sustainability and reduction of inequality and partnerships with European neighbors. This research topic will be work in progress for some time, and not end at a specific date, due to the development of the crisis and the complex decision process in this challenging period.

Europe´s Potential to take the Lead in Fighting Climate Change (RT 2/2019) We analysed strengths and weaknesses of current plans of EU member states as well as the European Commission to achieve the climate goals of Paris 2015. The fight against climate change has replaced the migration issue as a top priority for European citizens and in the political agenda as reflected in the attempt to launch a European Green Deal by the New Commission. Global warming, its speed and consequences, and human behaviour as a major cause of it are now undoubtedly scientifically proven. Current strategies, although improved and upgraded, are far from sufficient. This is also true for the EU, for the climate plans of European countries, for Austria and, of course, increasingly for countries that negate climate change either traditionally or recently due to populist regimes, as has happened in the USA, Brazil and Australia. An ambitious future-oriented strategy will reduce health and repair costs and promote employment and high competitiveness in the leading countries. European technology, adapted to local conditions and preferences, could also be used in other regions.



Information

European Elections 2019: Demands for Renationalization, Programs and Influence on New Strategy (RT 1/2019)

The initial situation before the European elections in 2019 is characterized firstly by the US withdrawal from globalization, multilateralism and climate policy, and secondly by China's attempt to regain its former supremacy and to take over technology leadership in key areas of the future. Thirdly, the starting point before the European elections and new tendencies towards totalitarianism and disregard for human rights will be examined and counterstrategies identified, which will be reflected in the electoral programs and will influence Europe's future strategy. This Research Topic is supported by the Future Fund of the Republic of Austria.



Education as the Key to Welfare, Integration and European Partnership Policy (RT 1/2018)

The topic will, on the one hand, cover the consequences of education and innovation for a new Partnership Policy and, on the other hand, view it as an essential element for increasing well-being in Europe, connecting the EU with its citizens and taking the lead in globalization and digitalization. This Research Topic is supported by the Future Fund of the Republic of Austria.



European Partnership Policy (EPP): Fostering Dynamics and Fighting Root Causes of Migration (RT 3/2017)

A policy design to promote political and economic stability in the European neighbourhood (Africa, the Middle East, the Black Sea area, Post-Soviet Union), to increase its economic dynamics, strengthen good governance and stimulate endogenous firms and technologies through a cooperative approach. The new policy builds on existing initiatives and strengths of the neighbouring countries, counteract populist and nationalist movements as well as disruptive emigration.



Europe Taking the Lead in Responsible Globalization (RT 2/2017) As the world's largest economic area, given the retreat of the US from globalization, and the quest for leadership by China with its different socio-political model, Europe should switch to a more active role, which gives the chance to promote social and environmental standards as well as European values. A vision of a "responsible globalization" is delineated.

More or Less Europe? (RT 1/2017) Europe-wide regulations can actually lead to a greater scope of action at the national level. Innovative, problem-specific solutions can then be developed based on national priorities due to the fact that international restrictions and leakage effects are eliminated. We demonstrate this in the case of tax regimes, fiscal and climate policy, and for globalization.

Cooperations

Cooperations with a number of organizations and platforms exist and are highly welcome! We welcome Partners supporting us to improve the European model and to jointly oppose nationalist and xenophobic trends. A special concern of the Policy Crossover Center is the involvement of youth. The younger generation will decide Europe's future and hence decide upon nationalist versus open solutions.



Membership

PCC members will exclusively receive reading and book recommendations, publications on our Research Topics, invitations to expert discussion rounds and have exclusive access to our Member Area on the homepage, where you can find current references to relevant topics (EU Budget, European Green Deal consequences of the Corona crisis, Social Europe). We offer three types of membership (membership fee refers to a period of 1 year): Standard Membership/Persons* (150 €); Institutional Membership (1.000 €); Supporters (10.000 €). For students, the first year is free. If you are interested, please contact vanessa.koch@querdenkereuropa.at.

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We look forward to exciting discussions on the future of Europe!