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Vorwort

Die Europäische Union (EU) verkörpert einen weltweit einzigartigen Werte- und Wirtschaftsraum, der trotz aktueller Entwicklungen (Stichwort: Brexit) attraktiv für neue Mitgliedstaaten bleibt. Mit der Mitgliedschaft in der EU sind seitens neuer Mitgliedstaaten allerdings ganz unterschiedliche Erwartungen, Hoffnungen und Befürchtungen verbunden. Sie hängen jeweils von den gemachten historischen Erfahrungen, spezifischen Kulturelementen und Prägungen zusammen, die sich nur schwer über einen Kamm scheren lassen. Die entsprechenden Debatten drehen sich hierbei nicht selten um den schillernden Begriff der „Souveränität“. Doch nicht nur die Vollmitgliedschaft in der EU hat Folgen für die Souveränität der jeweiligen Staaten, sondern ggf. weitere „Kooperations- und Anbindungsformate“.

Im vorliegenden Werk untersucht Christoph Kleineberg am Beispiel von Island, welche Auswirkungen verschiedene Kooperations- und Anbindungsformate auf das Thema der Souveränität haben. Island hat bekanntlich im Jahre 2009 die Mitgliedschaft in der EU beantragt, diesen Antrag aber im Jahre 2015 zurückgezogen. Seitdem werden unterschiedliche Szenarien der Kooperation und Anbindung zwischen der EU und Island diskutiert. Diese Entwicklung spiegelt auch das Ringen Islands um seine „europäische Zukunft“ wider, in dem die Frage nach der Souveränität seit jeher eine zentrale Rolle spielt.

Christoph Kleineberg hat mit seiner Untersuchung Pionierarbeit geleistet, die insbesondere auch von einem Forschungsaufenthalt in Island sehr profitiert hat. Die Arbeit zeigt, dass die Souveränitätsfrage auch bei künftigen Erweiterungsrounds bzw. besonders engen Kooperations- und Anbindungsformaten von höchster Bedeutung sein wird und es hierbei auch entscheidend darauf ankommen wird, die jeweiligen kulturellen, politischen und regionalen Besonderheiten zu beachten.

Prof. Dr. Jörg Philipp Terhechte

Foreword

The European Union (EU) embodies a globally unique value and economic area that remains attractive for new member states despite current developments (keyword: Brexit). However, new member states have very different expectations, hopes and fears associated with EU membership. They depend in each case on the historical experiences made, specific cultural elements and imprints, which are difficult to lump together. The relevant debates often revolve around the shimmering concept of “sovereignty”. However, not only full membership in the EU has consequences for the sovereignty of the respective states, but also other “cooperation and connection formats” where applicable.

In this work, Christoph Kleineberg uses the example of Iceland to examine the impact of various cooperation and connection formats on the issue of sovereignty. As is well known, Iceland applied for membership in the EU in 2009 but withdrew this application in 2015. Since then, different scenarios of cooperation and connectivity between the EU and Iceland have been discussed. This development also reflects Iceland's struggle for its “European future,” in which the question of sovereignty has always played a central role.

Christoph Kleineberg has done pioneering work with his study, which has also significantly benefited from a research stay in Iceland. The work shows that the question of sovereignty will also be of paramount importance in future enlargement rounds or particularly close cooperation and connectivity formats. It will also be crucial here to take account of the respective cultural, political, and regional particularities.

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Acronyms

AFL	Union of General and Special Workers in East Iceland (translated)
ALDA	Association for Sustainability and Democracy in Iceland (translated)
Brexit	Process of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland leaving the European Union
CAP	Common Agricultural Policy
CFP	Common Fisheries Policy
CFSP	Common Foreign and Security Policy
DSB	Dispute Settlement Body
DSU	Dispute Settlement Understanding
CETA	Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement
EC	European Community
ECHR	European Convention on Human Rights
ECJ	European Court of Justice
ECtHR	European Court of Human Rights
EEA	European Economic Area
EEC	European Economic Community
EEZ	Exclusive Economic Zone
EFTA	European Free Trade Association
ENP	European Neighbourhood Policy
EPC	European Political Community
ESA	European Free Trade Association Surveillance Authority
EU	European Union
Europol	European Police Office
FIT	Union of Industrial and Technical Branches in Iceland (translated)
Frontex	European Agency for the Management of Operational Cooperation at the External Borders of the Member States of the European Union
GATT	General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade
GDP	Gross-Domestic Product
INCOTERMS	International Commercial Terms
ISK	Icelandic Króna
MERCOSUR	Mercado Común del Sur (in English: Common Market of the South)
NAFTA	North American Free Trade Agreement
NATO	North Atlantic Treaty Organization
NTB	non-tariff barriers (to trade)
SIS	Schengen Information System
TAC	Total Allowable Catches
TBT	Technical Barriers to Trade
TEU	Treaty on the European Union
TFEU	Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union
TTIP	Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership
UN	United Nations
UK	United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland
USA/US	United States of America
WTO	World Trade Organisation

