

## EUROPEAN STUDIES

### Jean Monnet awarded to European Studies at the OvGU for the second time

Professor Dr. Eva Heidbreder has been awarded a Jean Monnet Chair as the chair for governance in the European multi-level system at the Otto von Guericke University in Magdeburg. The **Jean Monnet Chair in Interactive Multilevel Democracy** deals with the democratic design of the EU at all levels of government.



Jean Monnet Chairs are awarded by the European Commission in a competitive process to promote teaching, research and public debate about the European integration process. Jean Monnet Chairs are designed to deepen the teaching of EU studies and to provide depth courses on EU issues in areas that are increasingly in demand in the labor market.

The Jean Monnet Chair at OvGU, IMUDE, promotes three central goals:

- ▶ Innovative teaching approaches and IMUDE-related content promote excellence, interdisciplinarity and internationality in teaching. The Jean Monnet Chair builds on the recent reforms of the BA and MA in European Studies programs and provides concrete formulations to improve the quality and scope of the courses. These efforts are flanked by an additional vocational training module.
- ▶ Research on the conditions of active citizenship in the cross-border democracy of the EU will produce concrete research results on the main theme. The starting point are publications that form the scientific basis for the analysis of the most recent democratization and participation initiatives and offer practical instructions for those interested.
- ▶ The Joint Coordination Point will develop formats for public debates to enable regular interactive dialogue between scientists, policy makers and citizens. The activities of the third mission, which open up the university to a broader public, are of great importance given the increasing anti-democratic and anti-EU electoral behavior.

Read the explanations of our study program director, Professor ›**Dr. Heidbreder**

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