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TUESDAY 10TH June 2003

- 10.00 – 10.30 *Registration and Coffee*
- 10.30 – 10.40 **Introduction:** Prof. C. Jeffery, Deputy Director of the Institute for German Studies, University of Birmingham
- 10.40 – 11.00 **Keynote:** Councillor Sir Albert Bore, President of the Committee of the Regions
- 11.00 – 12.30 **Panel 1: Regional Authorities and the Debate on the Future of Europe**
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Dr. Andreas Kiefer, Land Salzburg
Prof. Charlie Jeffery, University of Birmingham
- 12.30 – 13.40 *Lunch*

13.40 – 15.00 **Panel 2: National Governments and the Co-ordination of Regional EU Activities**

Prof. James Mitchell, University of Strathclyde
Prof Dr Tanja Börzel, University of Heidelberg
Dr Jan Beyers, University of Leuven

15.00 – 16.20 **Panel 3: Regional Mobilisation I: Regional Governments and the EU**

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Professor Drew Scott, University of Edinburgh
Dr Rachel Jones, National Assembly for Wales

16.20 – 16.40 *Break*

16.40 – 18.20 **Panel 4 English Regionalisation and the EU**

Prof. Martin Burch and Dr. Ricardo Gomez, University of Manchester
Glynis Whiting, West Midlands in Brussels Office
Dr Stewart MacNeill and Prof. Charlie Jeffery, University of Birmingham
Dr. Sarah Ayres and Mr Graham Pearce, University of Aston

18:30 *Drinks reception followed by dinner*

WEDNESDAY 11th June 2003

9.00 – 10.30 **Panel 5: Regional Engagement in EU Policy-making: the Cases of Rural Affairs, Environment and Structural Policy**

Dr Andy Smith, University of Bordeaux
Dr. Adrian Reilly, University of Birmingham
Dr Patricia Hogwood, University of Glasgow

10.30 – 11.00 *Coffee*

11.00 – 12.30 **Panel 6: Regional Mobilisation II: Regional Parliaments and the EU**

Dr Rosanne Palmer, University of Birmingham
Dr Caitriona Carter, University of Edinburgh
Frau Monika Heckel, Bayerischer Landtag

12.30 – 14.00 *Lunch - to be held at the Committee of the Regions*

14.00 – 16.00 **Panel 7: Understanding Regions and the EU: The State of the Art. Closing discussion.** (to be held at the Committee of the Regions)

Prof. B Guy Peters, University of Pittsburgh
Prof John Loughlin, University of Cardiff
Prof. Rudolf Hrbek, University of Tübingen

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