The COVID-19 Crisis from a German, European and International Perspective

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“Whatever it takes?” – COVID-19 as an (existential) crisis for the European Union

The COVID-19 crisis challenges the European Union (EU) in unprecedented - some would even say: existential- ways. Solidarity, everyone agrees, is the order of the day. But how? And how long? Can only commonly shouldered debt in the form of "Corona bonds" prevent a COVID-19 induced death to the Union, or does the European Stability Mechanism present an apt instrument to deal with the economic fall-out of the pandemic? And what about democracy and the rule of law in the fight against the pandemic? This panel discusses these and other questions the EU is confronted with in the wake of the COVID-19 outbreak.