

Seminar:

**Debates on the Spanish State of Autonomies - Current and future
challenges**

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Location

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PROGRAMME

Thursday 20 September 2012

04.00 pm: Welcome

Thomas B. Stehling, Director of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung for Spain and Portugal

04.15 pm: Introductory Reflections: The Creation of the State of Autonomies – Current and future challenges

José Tudela, General Secretary, Fundación Manuel Giménez Abad

05.00 pm: *Session I: Three decades of the State of Autonomies - Achievements and Deficits*

Chair: **José Tudela**, General Secretary, Fundación Manuel Giménez Abad

Presentation: **Eliseo Aja**, President of the Council of Legal Guaranties of Catalonia, Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Barcelona

Panel:

Jordi Pujol i Soley, Former President of the Generalitat of Catalonia

Marcelino Iglesias, Former President of Aragon, Senator for Aragon

Followed by open forum

08.30 pm: Cocktail

09.00 pm: Dinner

Friday 21 September 2012

10.00 am *Session II: The State of Autonomies in the Current Crisis - Reform Options and Challenges (I): Increasing the Efficiency*

Chair: **Mario Kölling**, Fundación Manuel Giménez Abad, Centre for Political and Constitutional Studies

Presentation: **Julio López Laborda**, Professor of Public Economy, University of Zaragoza

Panel:

Mario Garcés Sanagustín, Undersecretary of Development,
Government of Spain

Jaime de Pinies, Contributor to the UPyD study "El coste del Estado autonómico" (The cost of the autonomous State), Fundación Progreso y Democracia

Mercé Corretja, Head of Research Unit, Institut d'Estudis Autonòmics,
Generalitat of Catalonia

11.30 am: Coffee Break

Followed by open forum

01.30 pm: Lunch

03.00 pm *Session III: The State of Autonomies in the Current Crisis - Reform Options and Challenges (II): Fiscal Crisis Mechanisms the Spanish and the German case*

Chair: **Máximo Buch**, Minister for Economy, Industry and Commerce of Valencia

Presentation: **Manuel Medina Guerrero**, Professor of Constitutional Law, University of Seville

Presentation: **Prof. Georg Milbradt**, former Minister-president of the Free State of Saxony

Panel: **Ricardo Martínez Rico**, President & CEO Equipo Economico, Former State Secretary for Budget

José Manuel Vela, Minister for Finance and Public Administration of Valencia

Antoni Castells i Oliveres, Former Minister of Economy, Generalitat of Catalonia

05.00 pm: Coffee Break

05.15 pm ***Session IV: The State of Autonomies in the current crisis, reform options and challenges (III): Integration of Nationalism***

Chair: **Thomas B. Stehling**, Director of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung for Spain and Portugal

Presentation: **Alberto López Basaguren**, Professor of Constitutional Law, University of the Basque Country.

Panel:

Ignacio Sánchez Amor (PSOE)

Gabriel Elorriaga Pizarik (PP)

Iñaki Goikoetxea (PNV)

Rosa Díez (UPyD)

Josep Sánchez i Llibre (CiU) (tbc)

09.00 pm Dinner

Dinner Speech on “Europe, the Nation State and the Federal Systems”

Speaker: **Alejo Vidal-Quadras**, MEP and Vice-President of the European Parliament

Saturday 22 September 2012

09.30 am *Session V: Federal systems between European Integration and Economic crisis - Lessons and Reform options*

Chair: **Leo Wieland**, Correspondent at Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung in Madrid

Germany

Presentation: **Roland Sturm**, Professor of Political Science, Friedrich-Alexander-Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg

Spain

Presentation: **Javier García Roca**, Professor of Constitutional Law, Complutense University of Madrid

Open Forum

11.00 am Roundtable discussion with

Chair: **José Luis Barbería**, journalist, El País

Gabriel Elorriaga Pisarik (PP)

Joaquim Francesc Puig i Ferrer (PSOE)

Iñaki Goikoetxea (PNV)

Gaspar Llamazares (IU) (tbc)

01.00 pm Closure

José Angel Biel, President of the Aragonese Corts (tbc)

01.30 pm Lunch