



DEBATE

Royal Netherlands Institute in Rome

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Clash of Stereotypes?

'Italia-Olanda' and the Battle for the Recovery Fund

The heated debate that accompanied the negotiations of the Recovery Fund re-ignited some long-standing stereotypes of a 'frugal North' and an 'irresponsible South', with Italy and the Netherlands playing the leading roles on the stage of the European Council Summit in July 2020. In our panel discussion, we bring together two prominent commentators to reflect on these representations, as well as their potent uses in both domestic as well as EU politics. To what degree do such stereotypes reflect real differences in views on the conduct of economic and political life in the two countries, as well as different views on relations with the EU?

PANELLISTS

Marc Leijendekker is the Italy correspondent for the leading Dutch daily newspaper NRC Handelsblad, a job he also held between 1988-2001. He wrote, among other books, 'Het land van de krul'.

Massimiliano Panarari is Associate Professor of Sociology of Communication at the Università Telematica Mercatorum in Rome, and a frequent columnist for La Stampa and L'Espresso.

Moderator

Luiza Bialasiewicz is Professor of European Governance at the University of Amsterdam and co-director of the Amsterdam Centre for European Studies. She is currently Visiting Professor at LUISS Guido Carli University in Rome.

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