Innovating Governance in the
Construction of the European Research area

DATE AND PLACE

10:00-16:30, Friday
8 June 2012

Johan P Olsen room
ARENA – Centre for European Studies
University of Oslo

WORKSHOP AIM

The aim of this workshop is to enable the creation of a pan-European collaborative research network by bringing together scholars at all career stages and policy-makers working on the construction of a Single Market of Knowledge. The EU Commission launched the European Research Area in January 2000 and is scheduled to present in June 2012 a 'Framework on the European Research Area' that will pave the way for its completion by 2014.

Whilst high on the EU political and policy agenda, the creation of the European Research Area is one of the most under-studied phenomena in European integration. What is the European Research Area and what is its governance structure? How has it evolved and what is the relationship between this 'area formation' and others (e.g. the European Higher Education Area)? What are the pressing issues (e.g. legitimacy, effectiveness, or democratic accountability) concerning these developments? Are the theories and approaches we have for investigating European integration adequate to capture and account for its evolution? These are some issues we will invite participants to explore.

WORKSHOP STRUCTURE

Given its aim, this workshop is structured as a series of interactive sessions with all participants equally contributing to developing a research agenda on the European Research Area. To enable constructive exchanges, we are limiting the total number of participants to **15** and we invite you to express interest by **2 April 2012 (17:00 GMT)** to avoid disappointment.

Please send a statement of up to 250 words describing how you will contribute to the aims of this workshop to Meng-Hsuan Chou (ARENA) and Lorna Ryan (City University London, UK) at ERA.CRN@gmail.com

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