DAY 1 (Thursday, September 28th)

09.00-09.30 Registration, tea & coffee

09.30-10.00 Opening
Prof. Gijsbert Vonk, University of Groningen

10.00-10.30 Special guest
TBA

10.30-11.30 Devolution and Decentralisation: Basic Concepts and Challenges
Prof. Danny Pieters, KU Leuven

11.30-11.45 Tea & coffee

11.45-12.30 Sharing Power with Employers and Employees: A Tried and Proven Form of Functional Decentralisation in Europe
Prof. Ulrich Becker, Director of Max Planck Institute for Social Law and Social Policy

12.30-13.15 Devolution and Decentralisation and the Response of European Law
Prof. Herwig Verschueren, University of Antwerp

13.15-14.15 Lunch

14.15-15.45 Parallel sessions I

15.45-16.00 Tea & coffee

16.00-17.30 Parallel sessions II (book panel)

19.00-19.30 Tour of the Protestantse Diaconie
Arend Driessen, Project co-ordinator at the Diaconie

19.30-20.00 Drinks

from 20.00 Dinner party
09.15-09.30 Opening
Prof. Paul Schoukens, KU Leuven

09.30-10.15 New Localism and the Demise of the (Democratic) Welfare State
Prof. Mike Raco, University College London

10.15-11:00 Decentralisation and the Promise of Proximity
Prof. Evelien Tonkens, University of Humanistic Studies

11.00-11.15 Tea & coffee

11.15-12.00 Devolution and Decentralisation: A Model for Developing Countries?
Prof. Marius Olivier, North-West University, South Africa

12.00-12.45 Concluding Observations: Future Prospects
Prof. Frank Vandenbroucke, University of Amsterdam

12.45-13.45 Lunch

13.45-15.15 Parallel sessions III

15.15-15.30 Tea & coffee

15.30-16.00 Presentation of the EFSESE project
Prof. Paul Schoukens, KU Leuven

17.30-17.45 Closing address
Prof. Franz Marhold, Vienna University of Economics and Business, President of EISS