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Fabien Durand

L'Union européenne traverse une crise financière et budgétaire mondiale sans précédent. Le besoin de plus d'Europe se fait sentir chaque jour plus pressant à tous les niveaux et dans tous nos Etats membres. Nous ne pouvons que nous réjouir de constater que l'Europe sait répondre présente même si les difficultés sont loin d'être dépassées. 2009 sera une année décisive pour le processus d'intégration européenne et pour démontrer notre capacité collective à réagir et à maintenir les conditions de la stabilité et de la sécurité sur le continent européen et dans le monde.

Lors de la cérémonie de remise du Prix de l'Ancien, Helen Wallace - notre lauréat 2008 - nous a apporté un témoignage saisissant sur la capacité de l'Europe à se réinventer, à surmonter les difficultés. Son expérience au sein du Collège nous montre aussi que le Collège a toujours su évoluer et s'adapter pour apporter à ses étudiants un enseignement de qualité et une expérience multiculturelle indispensables pour appréhender un monde aussi complexe que le nôtre. Nous sommes ravis d'accueillir la nouvelle promotion d'étudiants et de savoir qu'eux aussi pourront vivre l'Esprit du Collège et partager les valeurs qui ont fait le succès du Collège depuis 1949.

Le Collège continue inlassablement son développement pour mieux accueillir les étudiants et mettre à leur disposition des campus modernes et fonctionnels. La Fondation de Madariaga et l'Association des Anciens se rapprochent du cœur de l'Europe en déménageant ses locaux près du Rond Point Schuman. Pour beaucoup d'entre nous, l'année 2009 sera une année de nouveaux défis que tous ensemble nous devons être prêts à relever. La grande famille du Collège compte sur tous ses membres pour ce faire.

Avant cela, nous vous souhaitons d'excellentes fêtes de fin d'année et tous nos meilleurs vœux pour la nouvelle année!

*Fabien Durand
Président de l'Association des Anciens
Promotion Ramon Llull*



Meilleurs vœux pour l'année 2009 !

Le Recteur du Collège d'Europe, Paul Demaret, et le Vice-Recteur du campus de Natolin (Varsovie), Ewa Ośniecka-Tamecka, vous souhaitent une bonne et heureuse année !

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Le Premier Ministre belge, M. Yves Leterme, ouvre l'année académique à Bruges



Cérémonie d'ouverture à Bruges avec M. Yves Leterme, Premier Ministre belge

Le Collège d'Europe a accueilli Yves Leterme, Premier Ministre belge, pour l'ouverture de la cinquante-neuvième année académique au campus brugeois du Collège. Après une introduction par Jean-Luc Dehaene, Président du Conseil d'administration du Collège, le Recteur Paul Demaret a présenté le patron de cette année académique 2008/2009, Marc Aurèle, et les leçons à tirer aujourd'hui de la vie et des écrits de l'empereur-philosophe romain.

Dans son discours, le Premier Ministre Leterme a ensuite analysé quatre défis auxquels l'Union européenne doit faire face: l'avenir du Traité de Lisbonne, les glissements géopolitiques autour du globe, la crise financière et économique, et les changements climatiques. L'Europe, pour répondre à ces défis, devra prendre des positions plus proactives et plus unifiées, mais aussi développer une vision «des valeurs portées en commun». Le Premier Ministre espère également que les étudiants du Collège d'Europe suivront l'exemple du patron de l'année, qui avait compris que «diriger et penser vont de pair».

Pour les textes complets des discours du Premier Ministre Leterme et du Recteur Demaret, veuillez consulter www.coleurope.eu/news.

*Yannick HARTSTEIN, Assistant académique
Etudes en Relations internationales
et diplomatiques de l'UE*

Mr. Hans-Gert Pöttering opens the academic year in Natolin

On 1 October 2008 Mr. Hans Gert Pöttering, President of the European Parliament, opened the academic year at the Natolin (Warsaw) campus. Rector Paul Demaret, who first addressed the students, explained why Marcus Aurelius, one of the most significant symbols of the Greek and Roman heritage will be the Patron of the 2008-2009 Promotion. In his speech, Rector Paul Demaret analysed the impact of "the Emperor – philosopher"; very much visible in his series of personal writings titled "Meditations"; on "the Emperor – ruler"; who had to face the difficulties of his era, still able to ask himself philosophical questions about the sense of life, trying to fulfil his ideal of Stoic philosophy and spirituality in life.



From L to R: Mr P. Demaret, Mr H-G. Pöttering, Mr J. Saryusz-Wolski, Mrs E. Ośniecka-Tamecka

In his speech, Mr. Pöttering enumerated the five most important challenges which Europe is facing today. Economic and financial crisis, security which was troubled with the crisis in Georgia in the context of the EU relations with Russia, environment, energy and human rights. The President underlined the necessity of the EU institutional changes, most included into the Lisbon Treaty, which as he admitted "may not be the most perfect document" but will allow the EU to "take appropriate action to respond to the needs of its citizens, and to promote its values and interests around in the world".

The Natolin choir Collegium Europaeum Cantans along with instrumentalists performed "Gaudeamus Igitur" and the European anthem.

*Marek RYBAK, Communications Officer
College of Europe - Natolin (Warsaw) Campus*

This year, and for the first time in its 60-year history, the College of Europe, will be represented at the **18th session of Harvard World Model United Nations** (WorldMUN) by a group of students from the Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies (IRD).

The session, which will be held in The Hague, The Netherlands from 22-27 March 2009 will gather more than 2.000 students from all over the world. Representation of the College at this event will further strengthen its international image and will enable the students of the IRD department to put some of their acquired skills into action.

The project has the full backing of the College of Europe and the Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies.

The selected students from the IRD department who will represent the College at the 18th session of Harvard World Model United Nations are alphabetically:

CHRISTENSEN Jan (DK) co-organiser
CUYCKENS Hanne (BE)
HELLENDOORN Elmar (NL) co-organiser
PALMA Hugo (PT)
SHERWIN Rachel (UK)
TIEDEMANN Anne (DE)

For further information, please visit the Harvard World Model United Nations website at <http://www.worldmun.org/2009>.

*Jan CHRISTENSEN & Elmar HELLENDOORN
Marcus Aurelius Promotion*



College of Europe hosted International Forum on Diplomatic Training



36th Meeting of Deans and Directors of Diplomatic Academies and Institutes of International Relations, Egmont Palace - Brussels

On 24-26 September 2008, the College of Europe successfully hosted the 36th Meeting of Deans and Directors of Diplomatic Academies and Institutes of International Relations. Chaired by the Rector, this year's reunion of the International Forum on Diplomatic Training was dedicated to "New Challenges to Diplomatic Training" and took place at the Egmont Palace in Brussels which's use was granted free of expense by the Belgian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and at the College's Verversdijk extension in Bruges.

The Director General for External Relations at the European Commission, Mr Eneko Landaburu, opened the conference with an address on "The future of EU diplomacy," before the participating groups from Africa, Asia, Europe, North and Latin America individually discussed the regional dimension of diplomatic training. The ninety participants had the opportunity to take a fresh look at practical training skills by following workshops offered by College professors on negotiation skills, project management, intercultural communication, public diplomacy and international negotiation with the help and support of the College's academic staff/assistants.

The plenary sessions generated dynamic exchanges of views and lively debates. The closing lecture on "Raising diplomats as fit" by Prof. Marques Guedes from the New University of Lisbon shed light on vital qualities a diplomat needs to become accustomed to. The Forum concluded by a gala dinner in the historical setting of the Provinciaal Hof, offered by the City of Bruges and hosted by Mayor Patrick Moenaert.

*Sieglinde GSTÖHL
Permanent Professor
EU International Relations
and Diplomacy Studies Department*

Le 15 octobre 2008, **M. Bruce Bach**, fonctionnaire au sein de l'OTAN, Division plans et politique de défense, est venu au Collège d'Europe (Bruges campus) pour une intervention sur un sujet d'actualité : « **Le conflit en Géorgie : l'OTAN et l'UE face aux nouveaux défis stratégiques** ». Les étudiants sont venus nombreux pour cette conférence organisée par le département d'Etudes en Relations internationales et diplomatiques de l'UE. Lors de son intervention, M. Bach a mis l'accent sur la médiatisation du conflit des deux côtés d'où l'importance de rester prudent face aux images et à ce qui est diffusé dans les médias.

Selection Committees' Meeting at the Natolin (Warsaw) campus

The College of Europe organised, from 31 September to 1 October, the annual Selection Committees' meeting at the Natolin campus. The Selection Committees are the College Partners, working closely with the Admissions Office in the selection procedure. The College maintains a strong cooperation and vital contact with the Committees through different means. The objective in organising Selection Committees meetings is to host a number of Representatives of national Selection Committees at the Bruges or Natolin campus on a yearly basis enabling Committees' representatives to experience life on both campuses, whilst at the same time allowing them to update their knowledge on College developments.

This year the Natolin campus hosted Representatives of national Selection Committees from Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Finland, Germany, Romania, Slovakia and the United Kingdom.

The meeting was inaugurated by the Rector, Paul Demaret and the Vice-Rector, Ewa Ośniecka-Tamecka. The first part was dedicated to a general presentation of the College of Europe and the postgraduate programmes offered on its two campuses, Bruges (Belgium) and Natolin (Poland). The second part tackled important issues related to the admission procedure and the promotion of the College.

The Selection Committee Representatives had the opportunity to meet the students of the Natolin campus. Both, the College and the invited representatives described the meeting as interesting, useful and successful.

*Malgorzata WIŚNIEWSKA
Academic Administrator
College of Europe-Natolin campus*

Regulatory Impact Analysis - 3 Training Courses in 2009

16-20 March 2009 / 15-19 June 2009 / 19-23 October 2009 - Bruges

Following the success of three editions in 2008, the Development Office of the College of Europe, in cooperation with Jacobs and Associates Europe, will organise three RIA training courses in 2009.

These practice-oriented courses are tailored for officials coming from all over the world who use RIA in their daily work, as well as executives wanting to get an insight into the RIA process to influence policy decisions.

Participants who complete the course should be able to set up a RIA programme within their ministry/unit/company and understand how to prepare basic impact analyses of regulations for the use of Commissioners, ministers and stakeholders.

More information and registration deadlines can be found at: www.coleurope.eu/RIA.



Inauguration of the InBev-Baillet Latour EU - China Chair at the Verversdijk extension (Bruges campus)

On 29 October 2008 the College of Europe inaugurated the InBev-Baillet Latour Chair of European Union - China Relations, which is based in the Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies in Bruges.

The Chair is supported by the InBev-Baillet Latour Fund with the aim of stimulating multidisciplinary research on the international relations between the European Union and the Republic of China and of offering students the opportunity to develop a deeper understanding of this dynamic and growing relation. The Chair will also play a role in meeting with the emergent academic and public interest in EU-Chinese relations through the organisation of conferences and lectures, while two full scholarships permit Chinese students to pursue their studies at the College. The first part time Chairholder of the InBev-Baillet Latour Chair of European Union - China Relations is Professor Jing Men, whose work is supported by Giuseppe Balducci as a half-time Research Assistant.



Inauguration of the InBev-Baillet Latour EU-China Chair (Verversdijk)

The inauguration was attended by representatives of EU institutions and missions, by the academic staff of the College of Europe and numerous students from the EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies Department of the College. The inauguration was opened by a welcome address given by Professor Paul Demaret, Rector of the College of Europe, who explained the rationale, objectives and tasks of the Chair. It was followed by a presentation of Ambassador Philippe de Schoutheete de Tervarent, President of the InBev-Baillet Latour Fund, of the Fund's activities in support of the health, cultural heritage and education sectors.

The Chairholder was formally presented by Professor Dieter Mahncke, Director of Studies, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies. The event was concluded by the inaugural lecture on EU-China Relations by Professor Jing Men, InBev-Baillet Latour Professor of European Union - China Relations.

The full text of the inaugural lecture was published in the series EU Diplomacy Papers and is available for free download at www.coleurope.eu/template.asp?pagename=EUDP.

Giuseppe BALDUCCI, Research Assistant
InBev-Baillet Latour Chair of European Union -
China Relations

The study programme on European Integration and Business at the College of Europe

In the academic year 2008-2009 the Economic Studies department launched a study programme focusing on the interface between the EU and business. It is widely acknowledged that EU market and policy integration are critical for business in Europe as major lobbying efforts are undertaken in Brussels permanently. However there have been few, if any, initiatives to offer an in-depth study programme combining solid and wide EU expertise with a systematic and analytical focus on European business and on the interface between the two.

In the new European Economic Integration and Business programme (EEIB), the hard-core elements of European Economic integration, taught in the regular Economics curriculum of the department, are combined with courses that familiarise students with European business and strategic business thinking. Building on this combination, deeper specialisation is accomplished by means of highly targeted courses such as "EU regulation for business", "Corporate governance in Europe" and "Business politics in Europe". The courses are supplemented by business case studies enabling students to learn how companies have incorporated EU opportunities or constraints in their strategy.

The current group of students in this programme have provided the 'College of Europe News' with the following message:

"The programme is offering a unique possibility to explore the intersection between European Economic Integration and changing business conditions which this integration creates. It enables the students to understand how business will react to decisions taken at an institutional level, to predict and effectively influence or challenge EU policies and therefore opens up a new range of job opportunities at both institutional and business level."

For further information, please visit the College website or contact the academic assistant of the programme Ms Julia Püschel at julia.pueschel@coleurope.eu.

Julia Püschel
Academic Assistant
European Economic Integration
and Business Studies





Leadership Development Programme



Discussion interactive entre participants et professeurs du programme

Former de jeunes professionnels qualifiés avec une expérience internationale est une des clés pour poursuivre le processus de réforme et de transition politique, économique et sociale déjà engagé en Europe du Sud-Est. Partant de ce postulat, le Service de Développement du Collège d'Europe et TRANSFUSE Association ont conçu en 2006 le « Leadership Development Programme » destiné à de jeunes diplômés, principalement originaires d'Europe du Sud-Est. Depuis 2008, le programme bénéficie du soutien généreux du Fonds européen pour les Balkans, une initiative lancée par plusieurs fondations européennes – Robert Bosch Stiftung, Fondation Roi Baudouin, Compagnia di San Paolo et Fondation ERSTE – afin de rapprocher les Balkans occidentaux de l'Union européenne.

L'académie d'été, premier temps de ce programme de dix mois, s'est tenue du 30 août au 13 septembre en Allemagne, et a proposé aux 30 participants des conférences-débats sur l'UE et ses relations dans le monde et en Europe du Sud-Est en particulier, ainsi que des ateliers pratiques centrés sur les techniques de négociation, la gestion de projet, etc. De retour dans leur région, les participants travaillent actuellement en petits groupes de différentes nationalités à la mise en œuvre d'activités liées à la fois à l'UE et à un pays d'Europe du Sud-Est. Enfin, cette troisième promotion se réunira à Bruxelles et à Bruges en avril 2009 lors d'un séminaire de cinq jours organisé par le Service de Développement.

Plus d'informations sur le « Leadership Development Programme » au www.seeyoungleaders.org.

On 23 October 2008 **Professor Jing Men**, InBev-Baillet Latour Chair-holder of European Union-China Relations, gave her first public lecture in order to raise the profile of the InBev-Baillet Latour Chair of EU-China Relations in the College of Europe and in the City of Bruges. The topic was **“Have the Olympic Games changed China?”** The public lecture was attended by academic staff and numerous students of the College of Europe as well as members of the wider Bruges community. During the lecture Professor Jing Men provided an insightful exposition of the importance of the Olympic Games for China and the lasting effects that they will likely have on China's overall development.

Ukrainian civil servants visit the Natolin (Warsaw) Campus

On the 25th of November, a group of 14 Ukrainian civil servants working on European integration in various National Ministries visited the Natolin campus as part of their study trip to Poland. The visit was organised by the Polish Office of the Committee for European Integration (UKIE).

After visiting the campus, the guests met the Ukrainian students of the Marcus Aurelius Promotion along with the academic assistants of the European Interdisciplinary Studies programme. The students shared their academic and social experience of living on the campus, whereas assistants answered questions on the study programmes, the admission requirements and the selection procedure at the College of Europe. The discussion also touched upon Ukraine's integration process with the EU where both students and guests expressed the necessity of EU support in this regard, particularly in training civil servants. All participants agreed on the important role the College of Europe, as a whole, plays in this case since the knowledge and experience acquired at the College enables current and future European specialists to learn how to operate in an international environment.

The visit ended with a presentation given by the assistants and the Student Affairs Officer on the study trip to the Ukraine the Natolin students will participate in, in March 2009.

*Paweł TOKARSKI
Student Affairs Officer
College of Europe – Natolin (Warsaw Campus)*

EU Negotiations in Practice 11-15 May 2009 / 23-27 November 2009 - Bruges and Brussels

Where and how can one approach the most relevant people to influence the EU decision-making process? Which negotiation techniques are most persuasive with and within the EU? What are the secrets of a successful Presidency of the EU?

These questions were the focus of the five-day seminar 'EU Negotiations in Practice', a renowned advanced training course that the Development Office of the College of Europe has been organising since 2004. Thanks to a team of highly qualified trainers, drawing on their extensive experience in working and negotiating with and within the EU, participants can acquire a high level of insight and knowledge as well as best practices in a matter of days. The different professional backgrounds and nationalities have added spice to the simulation exercise that stretches over three days, to reach a climax on the last day in one of the meeting rooms of the Council of the EU.

Further information and registration deadlines can be found at: www.coleurope.eu/EUNegotiations.



Intensive Seminar on the European Union



Intensive Seminar on European Union, Bruges campus, Verversdijk extension

The flagship training programme of the Development Office, the Intensive Seminar on the European Union, celebrated its 15th birthday with a renewed success. Ninety professionals from a variety of backgrounds, coming from all over Europe and beyond, gathered in Bruges to enhance and revive their knowledge on the EU. Some of the courses proved as an occasion to engage in a stimulating exchange of views on European politics and policies.

Former participants, invited this time as expert practitioners to the seminar, took an active part in one of the three formulas of the Intensive Seminar – the compact one-week, advanced two-week, or classic three-week programmes – adapted to their level of knowledge about the EU. Participants enjoyed this unique opportunity to experience “l’esprit du Collège” by developing a real sense of community and companionship as they dined, lived, studied together over the seminar and enjoyed their stay in Bruges.

All alumni of the Intensive Seminar continue to have access to a dedicated extranet platform on which all outlines, handouts, working documents and shared pictures of the 2008 edition are stored. The extranet site is also a good means of keeping in contact after the Seminar and contributes to the creation of a strong Intensive Seminar network of professionals in Brussels and beyond.

Information about the 16th edition of the Intensive Seminar, which will take place in Bruges and Brussels from 29 June to 17 July 2009, is already available at www.coleurope.eu/IS2009. Registration will open from mid-January to mid-June 2009.

EU Fact Finding - The EU at your fingertips! 20 March 2009 / 12 June 2009 / 2 October, Brussels

A half-day focused and interactive training course on learning in practice how to find the respective piece of EU-related information required. The course lecturer trains participants on how to competently and efficiently use the EUROPA server, as well as a wide number of crucial EU-related websites and databases.

The Development Office of the College of Europe is now organising at least four equivalent training courses per year. Forthcoming sessions can be found at: www.coleurope.eu/EUFactFinding.

Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Croatia visits the Natolin campus

On the 26th of November 2008, Mr Gordan Jandrokovic, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Croatia visited the Natolin campus. Mr Jandrokovic delivered a speech about “The experiences of the Republic of Croatia in the negotiations on the accession to the European Union.”



E. Mrs Ošniecka-Tamecka, Vice-rector College of Europe, Natolin campus and Mr G. Jandrokovic, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Croatia address the Natolin students

During his lecture, Mr Jandrokovic expounded on important issues concerning Croatia’s efforts to join the EU over the past few years. In the second part of the meeting students had the opportunity to launch a dynamic debate with Mr. Jandrokovic by asking demanding questions. Students had the chance to familiarise themselves with the Croatian view on its external relations with the neighbourhood, the contribution of Croatia to European diversity and with concerns that Croatia is currently facing or will face in the near future. Once more students showed their deep interest in the current affairs of the EU through the possibility that the College of Europe offers of meeting prominent guests on both campuses.

Tomislav BAGATIN, Marcus Aurelius Promotion

Global Leadership Seminar: Climate Change

The College of Europe participated in the “Global Leadership Seminar: Climate Change” from September 23 - 27 in Talloires / France. The seminar assembled 35 students and assistants from Tufts University, St. Gallen University, Seoul University, Singapore University and the College of Europe as well as four professors from these institutions. Professor Raimund Bleischwitz from the College gave a lecture on the economics of climate policy with a focus on the EU. Academic assistants from both Bruges and Natolin campuses attended the seminar.

Bruges campus assistants: Adina Crisan, Pascal Fendrich, Sébastien Thomas, Jacobo Figus Diaz and Alessandro Maravalle. Natolin campus assistants: Monika Turczer and Klaus Malacek. For further information, please visit the Global Leadership Seminar 2008 website at <http://fletcher.tufts.edu/global/index.shtml>.

The College of Europe would like to thank Professors J. Bourgeois, J. Pelkmans and C. Cosgrove for their contribution to this seminar in previous years.



A la recherche de la réponse turque



Les étudiants du campus de Natolin en visite d'études en Turquie

Du 12 au 20 octobre 2008, les 83 étudiants du campus de Natolin se sont rendus à Istanbul pour une semaine de conférences et de découvertes turques.

L'objectif officiel? Mieux connaître ce pays à la fois complexe et fascinant qui, depuis 40 ans, souhaite adhérer à l'Union européenne à travers des membres de la société civile. De larges thèmes ont été abordés: relations régionales, développements internes, féminisme, religion, identité. L'un des moments clé de la semaine fut le débat contradictoire entre deux femmes: l'une en faveur du port du voile partout dans la société, et une autre, farouchement opposée. Cette rencontre fut un événement en soi puisque exceptionnellement une femme voilée a pu rentrer dans une université turque, ce qui normalement est interdit par la loi, au nom de la défense de la laïcité. Un journal turc avait même fait le déplacement.

L'objectif officieux des étudiants? Découvrir une Turquie «on the ground» en parcourant la ville dans tous les sens, parmi ses quartiers aussi nombreux que différents, à toutes les heures du jour et de la nuit: Sainte Sophie, la Mosquée Bleue, la Tour Genova mais aussi le quartier de Taksim, lieu de rencontre de la jeunesse turque venue des quatre coins du pays.

En une semaine, la «question turque» n'a pas été résolue, mais pour chaque étudiant Natolinien du Collège, les discours abstraits ont maintenant un goût bien plus concret.

*Jean-Sébastien LEFEBVRE
Marcus Aurelius Promotion*

Staff on the Move

The College is pleased to welcome:

Professors, Bruges

Jing Men (EU-China Chair)

Assistants, Natolin

Sigrid BRETTEL, Magdalena FISZER

Assistants, Bruges

Julia PÜSCHEL, Ewelina BOGUSLAWSKA, Adina CRISAN, Pascal FENDRICH, Francesco NAPOLITANO, Elitsa MINCHEVA, Benedikt PIRKER, Camille DAUTRICOURT, Giuseppe BALDUCCI, Anne-Claire MARANGONI

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Liesbeth MARTENS, Tiziana SCARAMAGLI

The College says farewell and thank you:

Assistants, Bruges

Daniele MARCHESI, Skander NASRA, Stephen COUTTS, Mathieu ROUSSELIN, Thomas KOSTERA, Matteo NEGRINOTTI, Ariadna RIPOLL SERVENT, Fredrick LEEHLLSSON

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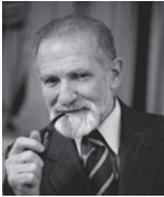
Eveline SNAUWAERT, Robbani GOLAM, Gavin BRIGID

Congratulations!

Cristina FREITAS DA COSTA - married to Mauro GAGLIANI



In Memoriam of Professor Bronisław GEREMEK



C'est avec une vive émotion que la communauté du Collège d'Europe a appris le décès accidentel du Professeur Bronisław Geremek, titulaire de la Chaire de Civilisation européenne au campus de Natolin et membre du Conseil académique du Collège.

Sa vie et sa carrière symbolisent l'histoire de la Pologne et de l'Europe depuis la 2^{ème} Guerre Mondiale.

Il était issu d'une famille d'origine juive, mais fut élevé dans une famille catholique, incarnant ainsi les racines judéo-chrétiennes de l'Europe. Jeune, au sortir de la 2^{ème} Guerre Mondiale, il embrassa le communisme, dans lequel il plaça ses espoirs en vue d'établir une société meilleure. Ceux-ci furent progressivement déçus.

Il rompit avec le régime en place en Pologne lors de l'invasion de la Tchécoslovaquie en 1968 par les troupes soviétiques. Devenu un opposant, il connut la prison et fut, aux côtés de Lech Walesa, l'un des personnages clef de Solidarność. Plus tard, il devint le Ministre des Affaires étrangères d'une Pologne qui avait retrouvé sa place dans une Europe démocratique et en voie d'union. Il a ensuite compté parmi les membres les plus éminents et les plus respectés du Parlement européen.

Historien renommé, disciple à Paris de Maurice Lombard, connu pour ses études sur la pauvreté au Moyen Age, le Professeur Geremek voyait dans la culture la base de l'idée européenne. Il voyait dans l'histoire partagée des nations européennes (même si celle-ci fut tourmentée) et dans l'existence d'une culture européenne, qui transcende les cultures nationales, le socle de l'idée européenne et de la construction européenne en cours.

Partager avec ses étudiants cette idée de l'Europe ouverte et réconciliée, nourrie d'une histoire et culture commune était l'une des tâches qui lui tenait le plus à coeur. L'importance qu'il donnait à sa charge académique était illustrée par le temps qu'il réservait chaque année pour pouvoir dialoguer personnellement avec ses étudiants à l'issue de son cours.

Le Collège d'Europe s'incline avec respect devant la mémoire de ce démocrate polonais, de cet intellectuel européen et de ce professeur d'une haute conscience.

Ewa Ośniecka-Tamecka
Vice-recteur

Paul Demaret
Recteur

In Memoriam of Professor Robert PICTH



Our colleague Robert Picht, a former rector of the College, a former vice-rector at Natolin and director of the general studies programme, passed away, as a result of an illness which he had known for some time would prove fatal, but which he faced with great courage and with typical lucidity.

It was in 1987 when he was appointed as a lecturer for the European Sociology course within the wider programme for European inter-disciplinary studies at Bruges, the programme which would later become the general studies programme. Later, he was appointed as director of this programme, and it was under his impulse that it blossomed and grew. He was assisted in his task by his extensive knowledge of European cultures, his sense of history, his interest in philosophy and his belief in transnational cooperation. One of its most remarkable contributions was to establish a co-operative relationship between Arte, the College and its students.

Robert Picht also occupied two other important positions, as a result of which the College rightly owes him a huge debt of gratitude. From June 2002 until January 2003, he agreed to assume the tasks of the rector on an interim basis, during the interval between the untimely death of rector Piet Akkermans and the appointment of a new incumbent.

Later, between 2004 and 2007 he filled the vice-rector's post at the College in Natolin with competence. During his time in Poland he made a major contribution towards the further development of the content of the academic programme. This programme had previously been centred on the preparations for European enlargement, but he shifted the focus towards a more pluridisciplinary study of the processes of European integration.

Robert Picht studied French, philosophy and sociology in Fribourg, Munich, Madrid, Hamburg and Paris. He obtained his doctorate in sociology at the Sorbonne under the direction of Pierre Bourdieu. He was director of the Franco-German Institute at Ludwigsbourg (1972-2000) and visiting professor at the universities of Bologne, Dartmouth, Hagen, Lille, Paris-Asnières and Stuttgart. In addition, he was an administrator of the European Cultural Foundation and since 2000 had served as president of the Advisory Council of the Allianz Kulturstiftung. His publications were largely devoted to France, Franco-German relations and Europe. He recently co-edited 'Visions of Europe' with the late lamented Professor Bronisław Geremek.

The sad passing of Robert Picht will make the College of Europe a poorer place, both in human and intellectual terms. The College bows its head in honour of the memory of a fine colleague and offers its deepest sympathy to his wife and children.

Paul Demaret
Rector



The College of Europe 2008 Alumnus of the Year Award

On the 27th of November, the sixth edition of the Alumnus of the Year Award took place in the European Parliament. The Award was launched in 2003, aiming to highlight and promote outstanding contributions from former students of the College of Europe to furthering European values, such as the promotion of the European ideal, excellence, generosity, tolerance, and respect for diversity and solidarity.

A pre-selection of three finalists was completed by the Board of the Alumni Association of the College of Europe and a representative of Norsk Hydro ASA, who sponsors the Award. The three finalists were Ledi Bianku (Judge at the European Court of Human Rights), Alexander Stubb (Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland and former European Deputy) and Helen Wallace (Expert and Professor in European studies).

A high-level jury selected the award recipient. This year's members of the jury were: Mr Pat Cox, Former President of the European Parliament; Mr Václav Havel, Former President of the Czech Republic; Mr John Hume, Former MEP and 1998 Nobel Peace Prize winner; Mr Lionel Jospin, Former French Prime Minister; Mr Javier Solana, Secretary-General of the Council of the European Union and High Representative for the Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP) and President of the Madariaga European Foundation; Mr Habib Thiam, Former Prime Minister of Senegal; Mrs Simone Veil, Former French Minister and Former Member of the Constitutional Council and Mr Antonio Vitorino, Former European Commissioner for Justice and Home Affairs, together with Mr Paul Demaret, Rector of the College of Europe, and Mr Eivind Reiten, President and CEO of Norsk Hydro ASA.

Helen Wallace is the recipient of the 2008 Alumnus of the Year Award. The prize includes a personal invitation to the Nobel Peace Prize Ceremony in the Oslo City Hall on the 10th of December as well as to the Nobel Peace Prize Concert on the 11th of December. Mrs Wallace also received a statue created specifically for the Alumnus of the Year Award by the Norwegian artist Nico Widerberg.

The Norwegian Nobel Committee has decided to award the Nobel Peace Prize for 2008 to Martti Ahtisaari for his important efforts, on several continents and over more than three decades, to resolve international conflicts. These efforts have contributed to a more peaceful world and to "fraternity between nations" in Alfred Nobel's spirit.



ALUMNI OF THE YEAR AWARD 2008



At the official award ceremony on the 27th of November in the European Parliament, the musician and Alumna of the College of Europe Marie-Hélène Cussac astonished the audience with a magnificent singer performance. This year's ceremony was hosted by Fabien Durand, President of the College of Europe Alumni Association. Mr Eivind Reiten has congratulated the College for the excellence of his students. In addition Mr Habib Thiam putted an accent on the theme of liberty in the world and has announced the name of this year recipient.



Helen Wallace

Professor Helen Wallace taught generations of European students at the College of Europe, for over 25 year and was the founding director of the Sussex European Institute in Brighton, one of the UK's leading centers for European studies. She has also been the Director of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies at the European University

Institute in Florence. In each case, Professor Wallace has been central to promoting excellence in the study of the European Union and her contribution to the teaching of students from such a vast array of national background has meant that her influence has been felt in universities and public administrations.

Professor's Wallace expertise has also been recognized by the European Commission, which appointed her as a member of an advisory group on institutional reform, as well by the British Government through her participation in the Better Regulation Commission. She has also been appointed as a Chevalier de l'Ordre National du Mérite by the French President.

Professor Wallace has been a true European and made a major contribution to the academic study of "Europe" and in doing so, to the teaching and understanding of the European Union and European values.

“ It is now just over forty years since I completed my year at Bruges. There are several here tonight from among the 50 or so members of the Comenius promotion - and last June several of us celebrated our shared 40th birthday together. It was a great year. We made deep friendships which have stayed vigorous across the years. And for all of us it was a life-shaping experience. In my case the College enabled me to take a 2000 year jump in history from being a student of the ancient European world (I was a classicist in those days) to having some understanding for contemporary Europe - helped by those very particular courses delivered by Rector Brugmans and Professor Lory. That jump to contemporary Europe set me on the trajectory that has shaped the rest of my professional and personal life. I think that all of us had our eyes opened to other countries and other ways of looking at things - and as a group we were very fortunate for our generation in having that special opportunity to live in so intimate an international community. I have to admit that we were also a rather argumentative promotion - it was after all 1968 and we were politically aware students.. ”

Extract of Mrs Wallace's speech

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Working for the European Union, it's a dream for many...

Many graduates and young professionals are attracted by the career prospects the EU institutions offer, both in terms of salary and possibilities for self-deployment and promotion. The broad range of EU policies coupled with the relatively small size of the EU institutions make that EU officials get a high degree of responsibility at an early point in their career. Also the genuinely multicultural working environment and the ability to influence EU policy-making add to the attractiveness. Unfortunately, most EU staff is recruited through difficult competitions. Because the Union only selects personnel who are well-suited, competition is tough. It is therefore not sufficient to have excellent educational qualifications or to speak many languages.

But do not let this put you off. The Alumni Association of the College of Europe organizes on a regular basis trainings on how to successfully prepare for the EU competitions. The calendar for the trainings depends on the announcement of new competitions on the EU personnel website (<http://epso.europa.eu>). The selection procedure normally begins with so-called pre-selection tests, which include verbal and numerical reasoning tests. These multiple-choice tests assess the candidate's ability to comprehend written information, to analyse the logic of written arguments, and to interpret facts and figures. However, the numerical and verbal reasoning tests are a major stumbling block due to the lack of adequate preparation.

The training sessions of the Alumni Association give insiders' tips and tricks about how to optimize your verbal and numerical reasoning skills, how to prepare for an EU exam, how to develop a successful strategy, and how to make yourself familiar with the test environment. The trainings draw on concrete examples and experiences from EU officials, something that is nowhere else available. Till now, the trainings have been attended by a few hundred candidates and more sessions will be organised in the future.

If you believe you are well-suited to work in the EU institutions, do not sit back but enrol in the next training session, to be announced on the website of the Alumni Association (<http://www.coleurope-alumni.org>). You never know what part you could play in forming tomorrow's European Union...

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L'Association des Anciens, en collaboration avec le Collège d'Europe, a le plaisir de vous inviter à ces retrouvailles avec vos camarades de promotion, le 20 juin 2009 à 19h00 à Bruges.

Nous vous serions reconnaissants de bien vouloir mettre à jour vos coordonnées sur le site web des Anciens dans la section « Directory on-line » (www.coleurope-alumni.eu) afin de recevoir les informations relatives à cet anniversaire qui seront envoyées par courriel dans les semaines à venir !

Nous nous réjouissons de faire de cet anniversaire de promotion un moment inoubliable pour chacun(e) d'entre vous.

Naissances

Laura, fille de Martine Fouwels (promotion Walter Hallstein, 1995/1996) et de Peter Schenk (promotion Stefan Zweig, 1993/1994) née le 8 juin 2008.

Arthur, fils de Natacha et Bertrand Wittamer - Marijnissen (promotion Mozart, 1991/1992) né le 13 juin 2008.

Juan, fils de Gisela Payeras et Juan Arregui (tous deux de la promotion Alexis de Tocqueville, 1996/1997) né le 19 juillet 2008.

Daniel, fils de Karin Booss Klabunn (promotion Alexis de Tocqueville, 1996/1997) né le 28 juillet 2008.

Gloria, fille de Anouk et Jean Christophe Kremer - Haverbeke (promotion Aristote, 2000/2001) née le 15 septembre 2008.

Décès

Joanna Zawadowska (promotion Aristote, 2000/2001) le 26 août 2008.

Professeur John Usher le 27 septembre 2008.

L'Association vit pour vous et grâce à vous !

Pour nous permettre de continuer à répondre à vos attentes le mieux possible, nous vous invitons à régler votre cotisation 2009. Vous trouverez toute l'information relative au paiement de la cotisation sur le site des Anciens (www.coleurope-alumni.eu).



A Global Crisis Calls for a Global Answer

On 27 October Pierre Defraigne, Executive Director of the Madariaga – College of Europe Foundation, presented a paper to the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies and Pudong Institute for US Economy, at the East China Normal University in Shanghai. His paper outlines his vision for a global response to the financial crisis. A summary of his analysis and recommendations are included below.

Dealing with the crisis in global capitalism requires action. But many questions immediately arise: what's the right level of regulation - national or global? How do we ensure the consistency of national policies? Is policy-convergence and coordination among national policy-makers (e.g. cooperation within the G 7/8 or G20) preferable to autonomous action? Does the latter make sense given the risk of negative externalities, spill-over effects and subsequent losses of global welfare?

These might look like theoretical questions, but they are the questions being put today to the four main global economies – EU, US, China, and Japan – both about the handling of the financial crisis and about the response to the looming recession. The real issue is ultimately: shall we succeed or hang together or shall we be hanged separately? The only alternative to cooperation is competition, which carries the risk of confrontation among economic systems and continents. Multilateralism is the most advantageous way forward combined with a fair sharing of responsibilities and benefits, particularly between advanced, emerging and developing economies. The real test of the new multilateral system will be whether it can enhance the ability of China to achieve sufficient growth in order to meet its development needs while ensuring its environmental sustainability.

In order to take the appropriate remedy it is first and foremost important to understand why global market capitalism has been exposed to a crisis of this type whose final impact, if unpredictable, could be devastating.

What makes the post financial crisis recovery uncertain is the coincidence of the financial crisis with a real slowdown in the world's economy. Real business cycles have been smoothed over the last three decades by a combination of several factors, including the availability of cheap money and oil, high consumer and business confidence, recurrent waves of technological innovation, high levels of Western external indebtedness backed up by Asian savings and

the introduction of Asian labour force into the global labour market.

But things are changing dramatically. Firstly, the other side of the "Chinese factor" was visible in last year's oil, food and raw material price rises. The resulting bout of inflation bent down the growth trend, while dollar surpluses in commodity exporting countries did not result into development due to poor absorption capacity. The consequence was a fall in global demand which over the last quarter generated the plummeting of the oil price. Secondly, the US twin imbalance proved unsustainable with the outbreak of the subprime crisis. The need for deleveraging will exert a deflationary effect on the world's economy.

A new doctrine of political economy must be devised. However the thinking will not come just from the West anymore: America, Asia and Europe will have to work out a new policy consensus beyond the rich-world countries' thinking. China has obviously a key role to play.

The answer must be comprehensive and global, including all the main actors disregarding the responsibilities in the crisis. Key elements of the solution must include not only the emergency measures designed to recapitalize banks, restore interbank lending and guarantee saver's and depositor's safety, but also strengthen financial regulation at both national and transnational levels and regulation of tax havens under threat of restrictions of capital movements. A balance between short-term expansionary measures (e.g. fiscal stimulus packages) and long-term structural reforms aimed at environmental sustainability and social cohesion is also needed. The reform of the Bretton Woods System giving the IMF a new legitimacy after the Asian crisis (1997-1998); the conclusion of the Doha Round; the implementation of Kyoto targets and the turning of the G8 into a G something with US, EU, China and Japan on board, as a coordination body for the three pillars of the multilateral system (trade, finance and norms) will have a very positive impact on the real economy over the long run.

As a growing trade player and the most important holder of foreign reserves, China has a central role to play in the reshaping of the post financial meltdown order. By championing sustainable development at home and punching its full weight as a global player in the multilateral economic governance, China can overcome the difficulties ahead and contribute to a faster world economic recovery.

Coup d'envoi des Controverses citoyennes



Nicolas Véron, Pierre Defraigne and Francis Wurtz

A l'approche des élections parlementaires de juin 2009, la Fondation Madariaga – Collège d'Europe s'est donné pour mission d'éveiller le citoyen à l'urgence d'une participation au débat européen. Le déficit de citoyenneté, dont atteste le taux de participation déclinant aux élections européennes, constitue désormais un obstacle majeur à l'avancée du projet européen.

Afin de pousser le citoyen à s'approprier la « chose » européenne, la Fondation a lancé le 15 septembre 2008 ses Controverses citoyennes. Chaque controverse confronte les idées divergentes de deux orateurs sur un sujet important, afin de dégager les enjeux et les arbitrages et de mettre en lumière les concessions politiques inhérentes à tout compromis.

Lors de son débat de lancement, la Fondation accueillait les députés européens Iñigo Méndez de Vigo et Benoît Hamon. Les deux orateurs se sont exprimés sur le thème « Le non irlandais questionne l'Europe » pour expliquer le fossé grandissant entre l'Union européenne et ses citoyens. Pour le PPE Iñigo Méndez de Vigo, le problème est notamment lié à la nature consensuelle de la démocratie européenne qui, hostile à tout conflit, débouche sur des compromis que les élus eux-mêmes n'arrivent pas à transmettre avec force. Pour le socialiste Benoît Hamon, le mal se situe au cœur même du projet européen qui, selon lui, perd sa raison d'être. Affaibli de l'extérieur et de l'intérieur, l'Europe n'est plus porteuse d'espoir. Pour tous deux, l'inter-gouvernementalisme et la montée des nationalismes constituent une menace réelle pour l'avenir de l'Union.

Cette première controverse a donné le ton aux suivantes, toutes révélatrices de profondes divisions quant au sens à donner au développement de la politique européenne à ses différents niveaux. Le 1er octobre, c'est autour de la question « Europe sociale : avancées ou reculs ? » que les points de vue se sont confrontés. Alors que Philippe Pochet du groupe syndical ETUI-REHS accusait l'Union de revoir ses normes de protection sociale à la baisse et de favoriser les entreprises au détriment des travailleurs, Emmanuel Julien du MEDEF assurait que l'Europe remplit son rôle au regard de ses compétences sociales limitées. Les problèmes, selon lui, sont d'ordre économique et non pas politique. De même, le 12 novembre, un débat mettait en opposition deux interprétations de la réponse européenne à la crise financière : jugée positive par l'économiste Nicolas Véron, elle était qualifiée d'indigne par l'eurodéputé communiste Francis Wurtz.

Confortée sur la pertinence de son approche, la Fondation Madariaga poursuit sur sa lancée, avec en perspective quelques débats qui s'annoncent pour le moins controversés, sur l'immigration, le changement climatique, l'éducation et la santé.

Pour plus d'information sur nos controverses et pour lire le rapport des débats, veuillez consulter notre site: <http://www.madariaga.org/programmes/challenging-citizens/citizens-controversies>.

Marie VINCENT
Madariaga European Foundation

Conflict Prevention and the Fight against Illicit Trafficking of Small Arms and Light Weapons



The second event organised in the framework of the Conflict Prevention in Practice programme took place on 16 and 17 October 2008. While the first day provided a general overview of international instruments, the EU's role and its activities in the fight against illicit trafficking of small arms and light weapons (SALW), the second day's Dialogue Forum explored the implications of SALW's large availability on the African continent. The event was hosted by the French Presidency and was organised in cooperation with the Folke Bernadotte Academy, the General-Secretariat of the Council, the European Commission and the European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO).

A conference-debate on **“China's ability to copy with natural disaster”** will be held on Monday 19 January 2009 in the premises of the Club de la Fondation Universitaire in Brussels. The conference will look at rescue operations and rehabilitation policies, focusing on the Sichuan earthquake case. This joint collaboration between the Madariaga Foundation and the College of Europe is supported by the Mission of the People's Republic of China in Brussels, the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies and the EGMONT Royal institute for International Relations.



The Responsibility to Protect: Where Does the EU stand?



European Parliament, 1 July 2008

Whilst unanimously endorsed by UN world leaders at the 2005 World Summit, the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) principle has so far failed to mobilise political will. With recent debates focusing on the issue of legitimate military intervention, the preventive dimension of the concept has largely been overshadowed. In February 2008, UN Secretary General Ban Ki-moon appointed Edward Luck as Special Adviser with a focus on R2P in order to develop conceptual clarity and consensus for the evolving norm.

On 1 July, the Madariaga – College of Europe Foundation and the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies invited Prof. Edward Luck at the European Parliament to provide an overview of the state of play of R2P in the international context.

The discussions then turned to the EU's position and its potential role in promoting the R2P principle. The issue was explored by a cross-institutional panel of EU representatives involving MEP Ana Gomes, host of the meeting, Morten Knudsen from the General Secretariat of the Council of the EU, Richard Kuehnel from the Cabinet of Commissioner Benita Ferrero-Waldner, as well as Muriel Domenach on behalf of the French Presidency. The debate was moderated by Prof. Jan Wouters, Director of the Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies.

The report of the discussions is available on the Foundation's website: www.madariaga.org.

The Return of the Balkans

EKEM, Delphi, 12-14 September 2008

The Madariaga – College of Europe Foundation was represented at The Hellenic Centre for European Studies conference "The Return of the Balkans" by Neil Dillon, who spoke on the challenges facing the EU rule-of-law mission to Kosovo, EULEX. The conference focused on issues including the diversity of EU perspectives within the Balkans, the regional consequences of Kosovo's unilateral declaration of independence, and the technical challenges of international administration and border control. A summary of Neil Dillon's paper is included below.

EULEX is, primarily, a monitoring mission in the police, judiciary and customs sectors. This is similar to previous missions in FYROM and Bosnia i Hercegovina. EULEX will therefore face many familiar challenges, including: timely recruitment; coordination between the EU bodies and other international organisations on the ground; and the challenge of finding a balance between pushing through reform and maintaining local ownership of the reform process.

Unfortunately, Kosovo's unilateral declaration of independence impacts on each of these problems in unique ways. The "recognition problem" makes recruitment harder. The coordination difficulties are worsened by the lack of clarity over EULEX's jurisdiction. The local ownership question is complicated by the post-independence situation, with ethnic-Serbs denying EULEX's authority and ethnic-Albanians demonstrating their tiredness with international administration of their country.

To overcome these hurdles EULEX needs to be careful not to bite off more than it can chew. Tangible but achievable targets should be set for judicial reform, particularly in the fight against organised crime, while the use of executive powers needs to be focused and visibly beneficial to Kosovo's population and leaders. Given the difficulty of its task, success for EULEX should be defined in these limited terms, nothing more.

You can find the full article on the Foundation's website: www.madariaga.org.

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The 5th study visit of European Commission civil servants to Poland took place on 25 September 2008 at the College of Europe Natolin (Warsaw) campus. Each year the programme is organised by Directorate General Personnel and Administration of the European Commission. The overall aim of the programme is to enable Commission staff to familiarize themselves with the culture of the host country and improve their knowledge of political, administrative, economic and educational structures of the Member State. It is a key element in helping the European Commission civil servants to learn more about current issues in Member State. The visit to College of Europe Natolin Campus is one of the parts of the course giving an opportunity to listen about the College, its Academic programme as well as discuss with the students.

During the visit at Natolin campus the following topics were addressed: welcome word, the history and the overall information about the College (Ewa Ośniecka – Tamecka, the Vice-Rector, Natolin campus) the Academic Programme (Dominik Hanf, Director of Studies), selection procedures and financing (Małgorzata Wiśniewska, Academic Administrator).

The College of Europe (Natolin Campus) has taken part in the programme since its beginning. This was already the 5th visit of European Commission civil servants to the Natolin Campus.

On 26 September 2008, the Natolin (Warsaw) campus welcomed the Ministers for European Union Affairs of the "Visegrad Group" on the occasion of their visit to Poland. Representatives of Bulgaria and Romania visited the Natolin (Warsaw) campus along with the members of the "Visegrad Group".

The visit of the "Visegrad Group" Ministers, along with the representatives of Bulgaria and Romania, was related to the one year Polish Presidency within the Group (01/06/2008 - 30/06/2009).

The "Visegrad Group" countries were respectively represented by: Mr Marek Mora, Deputy Vice Prime Minister for EU Affairs of the Czech Republic, Mr Gabor Ivan, Secretary of State in the Hungarian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Mrs Olga Algayerova, Secretary of State in the Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Mr Mikołaj Dowgiewlewiecz, Secretary of State in the Office of the Committee for European Integration, Poland.

Bulgaria and Romania were respectively represented by Mrs Gergana Hristova Grancharova, Minister for EU Affairs from Bulgaria and Mrs Răduța Dana Matache, Secretary of State in the Romanian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

During the Reception at the Natolin Palace, Mrs Petya Genova (Bulgarian student at the Natolin campus) and the Student Representatives: Mrs Maj Lervad Grasten, Mrs Kinga Adamczyk and Mr Eugenio Carlucci, had the opportunity to meet the guests and discuss on challenging and crucial aspects on the European Union and its policies as well as their professional experiences in the fields. The guests on the other hand, could a first feel on the experience of studying at the College of Europe.

*RYBAK Marek
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COLLEGE DIARY *(Bruges and Natolin)*

23/09/08 - 27/09/08	Participation of students and assistants of both Bruges and Natolin (Warsaw) campus to the "Global Leadership Seminar: Climate Change" in Talloires / France
16/12/08	Special debate dedicated to the memory of Professor Bronislaw Geremek
13/02/09 - 16/02/09	Students of the Bruges campus participate to the Annual Natolin (Warsaw) Trip
19/02/09 - 26/02/09	Networking evening on the Natolin (Warsaw) campus Networking evening on the Bruges campus
23/01/09 - 14/03/09	IRD Academic study visit to Natolin (Warsaw) Campus
04/03/09 - 05/03/09	Conference on Preparing the Stockholm Programme: A Strategic Agenda for Freedom, Security and Justice
08/03/09 - 15/03/09	Students of the Natolin (Warsaw) campus participate in two groups in the study trips to Ukraine and Brussels-Bruges
27/03/09	POL Conference on the financial crisis
03/04/09 - 04/04/09	International workshop on Prospects and Challenges for EU-China Relations in the 21st Century: The Partnership and Cooperation Agreement
09/05/09	Yearly European Concert in Bruges
11/05/09 - 15/05/09	Seminar on EU Negotiations in Practice (Bruges & Brussels)
17/06/09 19/06/09	Closing ceremony of the academic year 2008-2009 in Natolin Closing ceremony of the academic year 2008-2009 in Bruges

International Workshop Announcement

On 3-4 April 2009 the InBev-Baillet Latour Chair of European Union - China Relations organises an International workshop on "Prospects and Challenges for EU-China Relations in the 21st Century: The Partnership and Cooperation Agreement between the two sides". The workshop will be held in Bruges campus along with the contribution of European and Chinese scholars of this academic year Marcus Aurelius promotion. Additionally, during the workshop 20-25 papers will be selected for presentation. The best presentations will be selected and included in an special edited book at the College of Europe for 2009.

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