

HIGH LEVEL INTERDISCIPLINARY CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF EUROPE

College of Europe, Verversdijk 16, BE-8000 Bruges – live-stream upon registration



Thursday 28 January 2021

- 9:30** **Arrival and coffee**
- 10:00** **Welcome**
Federica Mogherini, Rector, College of Europe
Olivier Costa, Director, European Political and Governance Studies Department, College of Europe
Inge Govaere, Director, European Legal Studies Department, College of Europe
- 10:20** **Setting the scene**
Karine Caunes, Editor-in-Chief, European Law Journal
Sacha Garben, Professor, European Legal Studies Department, College of Europe
- 10:45** **Keynote speech**
David Sassoli, President of the European Parliament
- 11:15** **Q&A**
- 12:00** **Lunch**



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PART I – WHAT KIND OF POLITICAL PROJECT?

Session 1 chaired by Inge Govaere

13:00 Paper 1 – Upholding EU Values: Democracy, Rule of Law and Fundamental Rights
Olivier De Schutter, President, Belgian Federal Institute for Human Rights

13:15 Paper 2 – Digital Europe
Andrea Renda, Senior Research Fellow and Head of Global Governance, Regulation, Innovation and the Digital Economy (GRID), CEPS

13:30 Paper 3 – Migration and Asylum
Elspeth Guild, Jean Monnet Chair, Queen Mary, University of London, Radboud University Nijmegen

14:00 Panel discussion
Florence Chaltiel, Professor, Sciences Po Grenoble
Philippe De Bruycker, Jean Monnet Chair, Institute for European Studies, Université Libre de Bruxelles
Paul Nemitz, Principal Adviser for strategies for cross-cutting justice policies or legal actions, European Commission
CoE Student

14:50 Q&A

15:30 Coffee break

Session 2 chaired by Olivier Costa

16:00 Paper 4 - European Green Deal
Josephine van Zeven, Professor of Law, Wageningen University

16:15 Paper 5 - Competitive Social Market Economy
Amandine Crespy, Associate Professor, Political Science Department, Université Libre de Bruxelles

16:30 Panel discussion
Ben Smulders, Principal Legal Advisor on Trade, Legal Service, European Commission
Dirk Büschle, Chairholder of the European Energy Policy Chair and Deputy Director, College of Europe and Energy Community Secretariat
CoE Student

17:00 Q&A

17:30 Reception followed by dinner for speakers, chairs and panel members



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Session 3 chaired by Sieglinde Gstöhl, Director of Studies, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies Department, College of Europe

9:00 Paper 6 - Trade

Philippe De Baere, Partner, Van Bael & Bellis

9:15 Paper 7 - CSFP – CDSP

Ramses Wessel, Professor, Head of the European and Economic Law Department, University of Groningen

9:30 Panel discussion

Christophe Hillion, Professor of law, University of Oslo

Jacques Pelkmans, Professor of economics, Senior Fellow, CEPS

Guillaume van der Loo, Research Fellow and Visiting Professor, European Policy Centre, Egmont Institute and Ghent University

CoE Student

10:00 Q&A

10:30 Coffee break

PART II - FOR WHAT KIND OF POLITY?

Session 4 chaired by Karine Caunes

11:00 Paper 1 - Citizens' Participation, Direct Democracy Tools and Judicial Aspects

Alberto Alemanno, Jean Monnet Professor in European Union Law & Policy, HEC Paris
Kalypso Nicolaidis, Professor of International Relations, University of Oxford

11:15 Paper 2 - Election Reforms: European Lists, Lead-Candidates and Other Reform Ideas?

Olivier Costa, Director, European Political and Governance Studies Department, College of Europe

11:30 Paper 3 - What Role for National Parliaments?

Diane Fromage, Associate Professor and Marie Curie visitor at Maastricht University and Sciences Po (Paris)

11:45 Panel discussion

Brigid Laffan, Director of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, EUI

Sandor Loeffen, Knowledge Coordinator, Analysis and Research Department, the Netherlands House of Representatives

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12:30 Lunch



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Session 5 chaired by Sacha Garben

- 13:30 Paper 4 - Acts: Legislative, Delegated Acts, Comitology & Interinstitutional Conundrum**
Alexander Türk, Professor of Law, King's College London
- 13:45 Paper 5 - Actors: Should We Further Democratise EU Decision-Making**
Christopher Lord, Professor, ARENA - Centre for European Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Oslo
- 14:00 Paper 6 - Differentiation, Multi-Speed Europe or Advanced Cooperation, Formalised and ad hoc Mechanisms**
Michael Kaeding, Jean Monnet Chair, Professor for European Integration and European Union Politics, Department of Political Science, University of Duisburg-Essen
- 14:15 Paper 7 - Budgetary Issues**
Richard Crowe, Head of Unit for Institutional & Budgetary Law, Legal Service, European Parliament
- 14:30 Panel discussion**
Paul Magnette, Mayor of the city of Charleroi
María José Martínez Iglesias, Director for Legislative Affairs, Legal Service, European Parliament
Ellen Vos, Professor of European Union Law, co-Director, Maastricht Centre for European Law, Maastricht University
CoE Student
- 15:15 Q&A**
- 16:00** Coffee break
- 16:30 Wrap-up session – The Future of Europe: Big Question and a Few Answers**
Sacha Garben & Karine Caunes
- 17:10 Concluding words** by the organisers



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