

# 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**

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- 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
- 10:55 Q&A**
- 12:00 Break**



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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**  
Michele Chang, Professor, European Political and Governance Studies Department, College of Europe  
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  
Ayoub Mahi, POL Student

**14:50 Q&A**

**15:30** 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**  
Dirk Büschle, Chairholder of the European Energy Policy Chair and Deputy Director, College of Europe and Energy Community Secretariat  
Ben Smulders, Principal Legal Advisor on Trade, Legal Service, European Commission  
Alexander Schuster, LAW Student

**17:00 Q&A**



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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

Juan Manuel Sánchez, POL Student

**10:00 Q&A**

## **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, Marie Skłodowska-Curie Individual Fellow, Law School, Sciences Po (Paris)

**11:45 Panel discussion**

Katrin Auel, Head of Research Group, European Union, Public Finance and Labour Market, Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna

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

Juuso Järvinemi, POL Student

**12:15 Q&A**



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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 and the Future of Europe. The Potential Role of EU Agencies as a Substitute Mechanisms in a Differentiated European Union**  
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  
Fryderyk Lachaise, LAW Student
- 15:15 Q&A**
- 16:00 Wrap-up session – The Future of Europe: Big Question and a Few Answers**  
Sacha Garben & Karine Caunes

**Concluding words** by the organisers



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