
The State of the Union conference, organised by the European University Institute (EUI), is an annual event for high-level reflection on the European Union. The conference’s fourth edition will bring together leading academics, policy-makers, civil society representatives, business and opinion leaders to discuss the future of the social and political model for Europe.

Wednesday 7 May - Badia Fiesolana, European University Institute

17.30 - 18.30 A New Architecture for Europe and the Challenges to the EU Foreign Policy
Refettorio
Brigid Laffan, Director of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, EUI
Romano Prodi, Former Prime Minister of Italy
J.H.H. Weiler, President of the European University Institute

The debate will be followed by a Q&A session with the public and the media.

Thursday 8 May - Badia Fiesolana, European University Institute

14.30 - 16.30 Parallel Sessions: The Future of the Social and Political Model for Europe

Session A - Migration Challenges for the EU in the next 10 years
Refettorio
Chair: Anna Triandafyllidou, Robert Schuman Chair, Global Governance Programme, EUI
Sergio Carrera, Senior Research Fellow and Head of the Justice and Home Affairs Programme, Centre for European Policy Studies
Philippe De Brueycker, Deputy Director, Migration Policy Centre, EUI
Ruby Gropas, Research Fellow, Global Governance Programme, EUI
Ettore Recchi, Professor of Sociology, Observatoire Sociologique du Changement, Sciences Po
Martin Scheinin, Professor of International Law and Human Rights, Department of Law, EUI

Session B - The European Social Model in Higher Education: Are the Poor Paying for the Rich Kids to Study?
Sala del Capitolo
Chair: **Andrea Ichino**, Professor of Econometrics, Department of Economics, EUI
Moderator: **Daniela Vincenti**, Editor-in-Chief, EurActiv
**Stefania Giannini**, Italian Minister of Education, Universities and Research
**Lorenzo Stanghellini**, Professor of Business Law, Department of Law, University of Florence

**Session C - After Ukraine: A New Cold War?**
Teatro
Chair: **Brigid Laffan**, Director of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies
**Marise Cremona**, Professor of European Law, EUI
**Ulrich Krotz**, Professor of International Relations, Joint Chair RSCAS/Department of Political and Social Sciences, EUI
**Anthony Teasdale**, Director-General of the European Parliamentary Research Service (EPRS), European Parliament

**Session D - The WTO Deal in Bali and Shift towards Mega-Regionals: Missed Opportunities?**
Sala Seminario 2
Chair: **Bernard Hoekman**, GGP Programme Director Global Economics: Trade, Investment and Development, EUI
**László Bruszt**, Professor of Sociology, Department of Political and Social Sciences, EUI
**Joseph Francois**, Professor of Economics, Bern University and World Trade Institute
**Patrick Messerlin**, Professor Emeritus, Sciences Po and Chairman of ECIPE’s Steering Committee/Advisory Board
**Andrea Renda**, Jean Monnet Fellow, EUI

18.30 - 19.30
Keeping our collective memory alive
Refettorio
Presentation by **José Manuel Barroso**, President of the European Commission

The debate will be followed by a Q&A session with the public moderated by **J.H.H. Weiler**, President of the European University Institute

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**Friday 9 May - Salone dei Cinquecento, Palazzo Vecchio**

8.00 - 9.00
Delegates registration – Cortile della Dogana

9.00 - 9.30
Welcome by **J.H.H. Weiler**, President of the European University Institute
And by **Dario Nardella** Deputy Mayor of the City of Florence

Opening by **Konstantinos Arvanitopoulos**, Greek Minister for Education and Religious Affairs and President of the High Council of the EUI

9.30 - 10.30

10 Years in Office, the Road Ahead

Interview to **José Manuel Barroso**, President of the European Commission
by **Tony Barber**, Europe Editor of the Financial Times and **J.H.H. Weiler**, President of the European University Institute

10.30 - 12.00

The Crisis: Did We Do the Right Thing? What Should We Do Next?

Interview to **Karel De Gucht**, European Commissioner for Trade and **Mario Monti**, Member of the Italian Senate
by **Sylvie Kauffmann**, Editorial Director of Le Monde; **Bernard Hoekman**, GGP Programme Director Global Economics: Trade, Investment and Development, EUI and **Anna Triandafyllidou**, Robert Schumann Chair, Global Governance Programme, EUI

12.00 - 12.30

Keynote by **Matteo Renzi**, Prime Minister of Italy

12.30 - 14.00

Lunch - Sala d’Arme

14.00 - 14.45

The State of the Union: Disintegration or revival?

Discussion with **George Soros**, Chairman of the Open Society Foundations and **J.H.H. Weiler**, President of the European University Institute

14.45 - 15.15

The State of the Union by **Brigid Laffan**, Director of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, EUI

15.15 - 15.45

Presentation and Use of euandi: The 2014 EP Elections Voting Advice Application, Targeting over 10 Million Users

15.45 - 16.15

Coffee break - Sala d’Arme

16.15 - 17.45

2014, First European Elections?
Chair: **Alexander H. Trechsel**, Director of EUDO and Head of the Department of Political and Social Sciences, EUI

**Roberto D’Alimonte**, Professor of Italian Political System at LUISS Università Guido Carli
**Klaus-Dieter Frankenberger**, Foreign Editor, FAZ
**Sylvie Goulard**, Member of the European Parliament
**Miguel Maduro**, Portuguese Minister of Regional Development and Minister Adjunct to the Prime Minister
**Federica Mogherini**, Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs

18.30 - 20.00

The Televised Presidential Debate: Candidates for the European Commission’s Presidency are Challenged over The State of the Union.
In the presence of Giorgio Napolitano, President of the Republic of Italy

José Bové, Candidate for the European Green Party (EGP)
Jean-Claude Juncker, Candidate for the European People Party (EPP)
Martin Schulz, Candidate for the Party of European Socialists (PES)
Guy Verhofstadt, Candidate for the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE)

Moderated by:
Tony Barber, Europe Editor of the Financial Times
Monica Maggioni, Director of RAI News 24
J.H.H. Weiler, President of the European University Institute

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