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6th Summer University for Democracy

« ETHICS AND POLITICS » 27 - 29 June 2011, Palais de l'Europe

Following the success of the first five sessions of the Summer University for Democracy organised by the Council of Europe for its Network of Schools of Political Studies, this event has become a major meeting point for young leaders from the public sector of the "new Europe" to debate, exchange views and attempt to address the concerns of our time.

Each year, with the support of the local authorities of Alsace and Strasbourg, the Summer University for Democracy attracts an increasing number of participants of the Network of Schools of Political Studies, political personalities and international experts.

The 2011 Summer University will, for the third time, welcome participants from Africa through the co-operation between the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF) and the Council of Europe. Moreover, for the second year in a row, experts coming from North America will take part in the debates of the Summer University, due to the partnership established with the International Center on Non-violent conflict (Washington D.C.). These initiatives illustrate the growing interest in the Network of Schools of Political Studies beyond Europe.

The theme for this sixth session, "Ethics and Politics", will address the issue of ethics which is often hidden in politics, business and media, especially in the context of crises (economic, financial, political...) which are so many challenges to the stability of our democratic institutions.

How to reconcile citizens with politics, to restore their confidence in their leaders, to combat voter abstention, which often punishes the lack of ethics? In what circumstances can education be an antidote against the deficit of ethics in politics? How to preserve ethical values against the constant search for financial gain, greed, corruption and trafficking of various kinds? How to reduce the lack of ethics in the media and make more impervious their relationships with the political power?

These topics will form the core of debate in the conferences and workshops of the Summer University for Democracy, which will be presented by experts and personalities from across Europe, Africa, Asia and North America.

A unique occasion to meet and exchange views in order to facilitate mutual understanding and dialogue, the Summer University for Democracy reserves an important part of its programme for regional and bilateral meetings between the 16 Schools which constitute the Network.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Sunday 26 June 2011

- 19.00 Arrival of participants
Opening reception offered by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Jardin des Deux Rives

Monday 27 June 2011

Opening session 09.00-12.00

- 09.00 *Mr Thorbjørn Jagland*, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
Mr Roland Ries, Senator Mayor of Strasbourg
Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
- Mr Philippe Richert*, French Minister for Local authorities to the Home Office
Mr Konstantin Grishchenko, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, Chair of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe
Ms Catherine Lalumière, President of the European Association of the Schools of Political Studies of the Council of Europe
- Presentation of the report "Living together in 21st century Europe - Pan-European project" by
Ms Danuta Hübner, Member of the European Parliament and Member of the Group of Eminent Persons, Council of Europe
- 11.00 Opening lecture by *Mr Rfaaa Ben Achour*, Delegate Minister to the Prime Minister of the new interim government of Tunisia
- 12.15 Group photo in front of the Palais de l'Europe
12.30 Lunch at the restaurant of the European Parliament

Thematic conferences 14.30-17.00

Conference A: Ethics in the heart of democratic reforms (Room 1)

- Chair:
Mr Bernard Boucault, Director of the Ecole Nationale d'Administration, Strasbourg
- Speakers:
Mr Jack DuVall, President and founding Director of the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict, Washington D.C.
Mr Christian Lequesne, Director, Center for International Studies and Research, Paris
Mr/Ms..., "Club de Strasbourg" (to be confirmed)

Conference B: Ethics, governance and business responsibility (Room 5)

- Chair:
Mr Jean Weber, President of the Pôle Européen d'Administration Publique, Strasbourg
- Speakers:
Mr Pat Cox, former President of the European Parliament
Mr Steve Howard, Chief Sustainability Officer, IKEA Group

Mr Keiichi Kubo, Associate Professor, School of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University, Japan

Conference C: Media, ethics and power (Room 9)

Chair:

Mr/Ms..., Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (to be confirmed)

Speakers:

Ms Sylvie Kauffmann, Editor in chief, "Le Monde", Paris

Mr Quentin Dickinson, journalist and Director of European Affairs of Radio France, Brussels

Mr Dominique Jung, Editor in Chief, "Dernières Nouvelles d'Alsace", Strasbourg

Evening - Free

Tuesday 28 June 2011

Thematic Round Tables 09.30-12.00

Round Table A1: Ethics and political legitimacy (Room 2)

Chair:

Mr Wendelin Ettmayer, Ambassador, Author on International Affairs, Vienna

Speakers:

Mr Jean-Claude Mignon, Head of the French delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Mr Ugo Mifsud Bonnici, member of the Venice Commission for Malta, Council of Europe

Round Table A2: Education, vehicle for a more ethical political culture (Room 3)

Chair:

Mr Christian Saves, political scientists, senior civil servant, Toulouse

Speakers:

Mr Robert Walter, Chairman of the European Democrat Group, Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

Mr Mervyn Frost, Professor of International Relations at the Centre for International Relations, King's College London

Round Table B1: Public-private sectors: ending conflicts of interest (Room 6)

Chair:

Mr Alejo José G. Sison, President of the European Business Ethics Network, Spain

Speakers:

Mr Oleg Sysuev, First Deputy Chairman of the Board of Directors of Alfa Bank, former Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation

Mr Keiichi Kubo, Associate Professor, School of Political Science and Economics, Waseda University, Japan

Round Table B2: Business ethics and corruption (Room 7)

Chair:

Ms Chantal Cutajar, senior lecturer at the University of Strasbourg

Speakers:

Mr Drago Kos, Chairman of Group of States against Corruption - GRECO, Council of Europe

Mr François Valérian, Transparency International, Berlin

Round Table C1: Power of media or media of power? (Room 8)

Chair:

Mr/Ms..., Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (to be confirmed)

Speakers:

Mr Adis Arapovic, Project manager and advocacy consultant, Centre for Civic Initiatives, Sarajevo

Round Table C2: Internet, new media and democratic evolutions (Room 10)

Chair:

Ms Divina Frau-Meigs, Professor of media sociology, Sorbonne Nouvelle University, Paris

Speakers:

Ms Kathrin Voss, Communication consultant and member of the Research Centre Media and Politics, University of Hamburg

Ms Zeina El Tibi, journalist, « La Revue du Liban », Paris

12.15 Lunch at the restaurant of the European Parliament

Visit to the Court and Regional/ bilateral meetings

14.00 – 15.30 ECHR for 4 Schools + Regional/bilateral meetings for 4 Schools

16.00 – 17.30 ECHR for 4 Schools + Regional/bilateral meetings for 4 Schools

Evening – Reception offered by the city of Strasbourg, *Pavillon Joséphine – Orangerie*

Wednesday 29 June 2011

Professional Round Tables 09.30-12.00

State secrets and access to information (media representatives) (Room 5)

Chair:

Mr Jack Hanning, Secretary General of the European Association of the Schools of Political Studies

Speakers:

Mr Patrick Busquet, Director of Futuring Press, Paris

Mr Mikhail Fedotov, Chairman of the Presidential Council for Civil Society Institutions and Human Rights, Adviser to the President, Moscow

Mr Joseba Elola, journalist, “El Pais”, Madrid (to be confirmed)

People Power : civil resistance and democratization (civil society representatives) (Room 3)

Chair:

Mr Maciej Bartkowski, senior Director of the International Center on Non-violent Conflict, Washington D.C.

Speakers:

Mr Ivan Marovic, co-founder of OTPOR movement, Serbia

Ms Anne-Marie Codur, co-founder of the University of the Middle East Project, Senior Advisor to International Center on Nonviolent Conflict, Washington D.C.

Mr Pat Cox, former President of the European Parliament

Local authorities and transfrontier co-operation (local authorities) (Room 9)

Chair:

Mr Alfonso Zardi, Head of the Department of Local and Regional Democracy and Good Governance, Council of Europe

Speakers:

Ms Neža Vodušek, expert on local democracy, Ljubljana

Mr Joachim Beck, Director of the Euro-Institut, Kehl

Ms Nawel Rafik Elmrini, Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg, member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Council of Europe

Does the separation of power still work? (national authorities) (Room 1)

Chair:

Ms Sonja Licht, Director of the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence

Speakers:

Mr Andreas Gross, member of the Swiss delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe,
Chair of the Socialist Group
Mr Manuel Medina Ortega, former Member of the European Parliament, Spain

Ethics and societal responsibility of business (business representatives) **(Room 8)**

Chair:

Mr Frank Prochaska, Professor, Colorado Technical University

Speakers:

Mr Mikhail Minakov, President of the Foundation of Good Politics, Kyiv

Mr François Valérian, Transparency International, Berlin

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Joint session “Ethic, transparency and politics” - 18.00-19.30

Closing evening of the Summer University and introduction of the International Colloquy

Mr Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Mr Nebojša Radmanović, Chairperson of the presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina

Mr Vladimir Lukin, Human Rights Ombudsman of the Russian Federation, member of the Group of Eminent Persons of the Council of Europe

Award of diplomas to the participants

Presentation of the Final Declaration

20.00 Reception, *Palais Universitaire*

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