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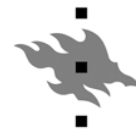
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Challenges and Opportunities for Europe in building a Global Green Economy

A Europaeum Graduate Research Workshop bringing together young scholars from Europaeum universities to explore contemporary European themes together.

27th – 29th April, 2012

at the

Charles University, Prague

Two months before the Rio +20 United Nations conference on sustainable development, this three-day graduate workshop will critically investigate how the concepts around a green economy can become powerful levers for sustainable development and poverty eradication at both the European and global scales. Participants will be meeting in the run-up to Rio, which takes place 20 years after the first UN Conference on Environment and Development, to review achievements and key challenges ahead in terms of sustainable development, and to define the roles Europe should play to foster a global green economy, focusing on its political economy, geography and diplomacy.

The modest advances on cutting carbon emissions reached in Durban at the end of 2011 are widely held to have only been possible thanks to the vigorous efforts of the EU contingent. On environmental matters, at least, Europe seems to be a key player. But can Europe itself demonstrate that it is economically possible, let alone beneficial, to be 'green'? And can it lead the way towards a genuinely sustainable economy?

Questions at the table will include: *What are the new economic and social benefits of a green economy? Can Europe - and surrounding regions - afford a green economy if no binding UN agreements are reached on carbon emissions, labor rights or environmental protection? What economic and development sacrifices can, and will, Europe make in the quest for such agreements? What role shall be played by the E.U. in making this happen? How should Europe work with powerful countries such as the US, and China, and Russia? Are sanctions possible - and ethically acceptable - to ensure binding and meaningful agreements?*

The event will comprise the usual series of lectures, discussions, and presentations of participants' papers. The working language will be English. All costs at the event are covered for Europaeum graduates, but please note that all participants must cover their own travel costs. The event is as usual open to all Europaeum graduates, notably from: Law, Economics, Politics, History, Geography, International Relations, and other relevant disciplines. The detailed programme and list of speakers are being confirmed.

*Please respond via e-mail with letter of application, a short CV (max. 2 pages), and a support letter from your supervising professor to the Europaeum Office **as soon as possible.***

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