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Briefing

New Jenkins Scholars honoured

Six new *Jenkins Scholars* have been elected for the coming academic year: four awards to be taken up at Oxford, and two awards for Oxford scholars to study elsewhere within the Europaeum consortium of leading European universities.

The scholarship scheme, in honour of the former President of the European Commission and Chancellor of the University of Oxford, is linked to the Europaeum, which Roy Jenkins helped to found in the 1990s to help academics, intellectuals and young scholars 'bridge Europe'.

More than 100 of his friends and supporters, donors, and Jenkins Scholars gathered to honour Roy Jenkins at a special dinner in Balliol, his former college, in June. Lord (Andrew) Adonis, Minister of Schools, and biographer of Lord Jenkins, spoke of Lord Jenkins's unshakeable belief in the future of Europe and in the importance of universities.

The dinner was linked to the association's annual Council and Academic Policy meetings earlier in the day, and followed a special panel discussion with Will Hutton, Lord (Chris) Patten, and Dr Kerry Brown on *Challenge from the East:*

Is Europe ready for China?

Sir Anthony Kenny, Chair of the original Fundraising Committee, who also co-ordinated the scheme, commented: "Roy would have taken great pleasure from this soccassion and the success of this fitting memorial to Roy."

The first *Jenkins Scholars* were elected in 2004. Awards are worth £10,000 per annum, usually for one year, in the Humanities or Social Sciences, disciplines closest to Lord Jenkins' own political and literary interests.

The six new Jenkins Scholars for the 2007-8 academic year are: Oskar MacGregor of the University of Helsinki, to study for a B.Phil. in Philosophy at St Cross College, Oxford; Christian Michel of Charles University, Prague, to study at St Anne's, Oxford; Enrico Prodi of the University of Bologna, to study at Merton College, Oxford; Irina Vasiliu of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne, to study at St Antony's; Michael Finch of the University of Oxford, to study at Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne; and, Monika Mrázová of the University of Oxford, to study at HEI, Geneva.

Classics Colloquium on *Myth, Culture, Society*

The Europaeum's sixth annual colloquium, bringing together leading scholars and young graduates from across the association, will be held in Oxford this November, honouring the work of Jeas-Pierre Vernant, who died this year. Jean-Pierre Vernant (1914-2007) was a towering figure in the field of classics, both in his native France and internationally.

Educated at the Sorbonne, he commanded the Resistance Forces of SW France under the pseudonym 'Colonel Berthier', before teaching Philosophy. He was Directeur d'Etudes at the Ecole Pratique des Hautes Etudes (1957-1975), and professor at the Collège de France until 1984. In 1964 he founded the Centre de Recherches Comparées sur les Sociétés Anciennes (Centre Louis Gernet) in Paris.

His books are seminal works on ancient Greece, and he was a leader in the movement to combine literature, history and anthropology. His many significant publications, frequently

translated, include *Les Origines de la Pensée Grecque* (1962), *Religions, Histoires, Raisons* (1979) and *Entre Mythe et Politique* (1996).

This interdisciplinary colloquium will combine some reflection on Vernant's crucial contribution to the discipline of classics by leading scholars in his field with a broader exploration of the topics investigated in his scholarly work, under the headings of myth, culture and society. There will be a combination of papers by established scholars and papers by graduate students.

Previous themes have focussed on: *Orient, Greece, and Rome* (2006) in Madrid, *Tears in Antiquity* (2005) held in Leiden, *Methods and Traditions of Graduate Research: Approaches to Herodotus and Tacitus's Annals* (2004) held in Oxford, *Poems and propaganda: the new Posidippus and the tradition of epigram* (2002) held in Oxford, *Travel and Travellers from Antique Lands* (2001) held in Oxford.

The EVROPAEVM Mission

The Europaeum was founded in 1992 as an association of European universities, with a mission to:

- *Promote excellence in academic links in research and teaching collaboration between the Europaeum partners;*
- *Act as an open academic network linking the Europaeum partners and other bodies in the pursuit of study;*
- *Serve as a resource for the general support and promotion of European studies;*
- *Function independently in the search for new ideas;*
- *Provide opportunities for the joint pursuit of new pan-European initiatives;*
- *Serve as a high level 'think-tank' exploring new ideas and new roles for universities in the new Learning Age;*
- *Provide a 'pool of talent' to carry out research and inquiry into problems and questions confronting Europe today and tomorrow;*
- *Help train and educate future leaders for a new Europe.*

The Europaeum consortium consists of 10 leading European university institutions: University of Oxford, University of Leiden, University of Bologna, University of Bonn, University of Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne; the Graduate Institute of International Studies, Geneva; Charles University, Prague; Complutense University, Madrid; University of Helsinki; and Jagiellonian University, Krakow.

Consortium activities include: joint research project groups, annual conferences, special lectures, student summer schools, joint teaching programmes, a visiting professor scheme, innovative academic initiatives, policy fora, workshops and one-day symposia.

Joint History MA unravels Europe's story

The universities of Leiden, Paris 1 and Oxford are now recruiting for the 2007-8 academic year for their pioneering, jointly-offered, MA in *European History and Civilisation*.

This aims to tell the story of the *European Project* from its medieval roots to the current integration debates, via the Holy Roman Empire, Napoleonic and Habsburg Empires, and the rise and perhaps fall of nation states

The student cohort on the current programme is just completing its Paris trimester and preparing to move to Oxford for the summer term, when they will have a special lecture series together with tutorial support for their chosen dissertation topic.

Tuition costs have kept to a minimum, currently c €6,000 for EU students and €12,000 for non-EU students and students spend a trimester at Leiden, Paris and Oxford. Applications should be in by May (see website for further details).

- Other jointly offered MAs are under consideration across the Europaeum are on Europe and Globalisation; European International Relations; Human Rights in Europe, European Economic Integration; and European Theology, each linking three Europaeum university partners.

- The Europaeum is now offering a bursary worth €2500 to support one outstanding student on the Europaeum MA in European History and Civilisation at Oxford, Leiden and Paris, starting in late September.

The scholarship is open only to graduates of Jagiellonian University, Krakow, and Charles University, Prague, (applicants must have graduated within the last two years).

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Social Cohesion in Oxford

On July 7th, the 2nd anniversary of the London bombings, the Oxford Asian Cultural Association and the European Studies Centre at St Antony's College, Oxford, organised a unique conference, co-supported by the Europaeum, on *Social Cohesion - the Oxford Paradigm*.

The conference provided a forum for scholars, policy-makers, community and religious leaders, students, and professionals, to come together in open discussion on how to promote social cohesion instead of increased social fragmentation.

Panels included: *Tackling Extremism in a Globalised Society*, *The Role of Faith in Contemporary Britain*, *Art as a Vehicle for Cultural Exchange*, and *Engaging the Youth*; particular emphasis was on building bridges with Muslims in Britain.

The conference was a precursor to the upcoming Europaeum conference in Leiden on *Social Cohesion and Diversity in Europe's Cities*, part of the Europaeum's *Islam-in-Europe* programme.

Research focus on culture, economy, race and concepts

The Europaeum is supporting several new research workshops over 2007, analysing European political concepts, cultural difference, race diversity in universities, economic integration, and ageing in Europe. Support is given under the consortium's Research Project Groups programme.

- The *European Economic Integration* research group is organising a sixth meeting at the Institute of Economic Studies, Charles University, in cooperation with Helsinki, Bologna and Paris I, and support from the Europaeum, Czech Grant Agency and Prague, on 5-6th October 2007 on the theme *The EU at 50 - Modelling Economics and Politics of European Integration*.

- A new research group was launched in May examining **interracial and intraracial diversity** inside European universities, led by Professors Anthony Heath and Herb Marsh of Oxford University, with analysis and data collection from five Europaeum universities to discover how well students of different cultures and races mix, socialise, and work together.

- The *European Political Concepts* research group plans to hold its second meeting in Geneva, to confirm conceptual clusters for analysis across a range of European perspectives. The group, led by Professors Michael Freeden (Oxford) and Henrik Stenius (Helsinki), supported by colleagues from Geneva, Madrid, Leiden, and Bologna, believe the analysis will shed light on how concepts are used to influence political thinking and behaviour.

- The *Cultural Difference* research group, led by Dr Nick Bunnin (Oxford) and Professor Reinhard Duesseel (Tamkang University), plans to continue its series after workshops in Taiwan, Krakow, and Prague, in Madrid next year.

- An international Policy Forum on *Ageing, Democracy, and Technology in Europe - myths and realities* is planned for Spring 2008 in Oxford, involving keynote speakers and participants from institutions across Europe and America, including academics, businesses, policy makers, and experts.

Future Events

Future events from the Europaeum include lectures on human rights, a workshop on education and technology, social cohesion, and?????.

- **Professor David Marquand**, University of Oxford, will travel to the Jagiellonian University, Krakow, as the Europaeum Visiting Professor, to deliver a lecture on.....?.

- **University and Industry Workshop**, a meeting of scholars and students in Bologna will take place in November, led by Professor Tim Cook, Head of Technology Transfer at the University of Oxford.

- **Professor Vaughan Lowe**, University of Oxford, will deliver a lecture at HEI, Geneva, in November 2007 as part of the *Oxford-Geneva Link* programme.

- In January 2008, **Professor Vera Gowland-Debbas** of HEI, Geneva, will deliver a lecture in Oxford on Human Rights, as part of the *Oxford-Geneva Link* programme.

- **Origins of Rights and Democracy in Europe**, the annual Europaeum MA Lecture in *European History and Civilisation* will take place at the Université Paris I-Sorbonne in February 2008.

- **Social Cohesion and Diversity in Europe's Cities**, an international conference exploring the issues of integration and cultural understanding amongst diverse communities in European society, will take place at Leiden in June 2008, as part of the Europaeum's continuing *Islam-in-Europe* programme.

2007 Summer School analysed the *Borders of Europe*

The 2007 Summer School, will take place in Helsinki 27th August - 2nd September, on the theme of *The Borders of Europe*, and will include discussion of where borders might end, including the thorny question of Turkish membership; the impact of recent Enlargements; and the role and policing of borders.

As usual, it will involve three graduates from each of the 10 Europaeum universities. All costs - apart from travel - will be fully covered by the Europaeum. Please get in touch with the Europaeum Office to register your interest. Participants will need a letter of support from their professor or supervisor.

Past summer schools have looked at *Bridging Divides: EU-US Relations After 9/11*; *Multilateral Governance: Effective ways forward?*; *Islam and Europe: building bridges*; *Old and New Ideas of European Federalism*; and *European Economic Integration*.