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Briefing

Prague event looks to Europe's future

The Europe Union is busy marking the 50th anniversary of the founding Treaty of Rome, and the Europaeum will be co-supporting an international conference in Prague reviewing questions on European Integration.

The conference will ask where Europe heads from this particular cross-roads, after the Constitution debates, Enlargement, a somewhat struggling Euro-zone, and in the face of stiffening global competition.

The event, being co-ordinated by Professor Lubos Tichy, Professor of Law at Charles University, Prague, will feature key note talks by the Czech Deputy Prime Minister Alexandr Vondra and Czech Foreign Minister Karel Schwarzenberg.

Papers will focus on a wide range of issues including institutional reform, the European court system, welfare crisis, labour markets, enlargement, tax harmonisation, international structures, communication, and state sovereignty.

Participants from many universities and institutions are set to take part including

Europaeum partners Charles University, Prague, Oxford, Leiden, Bologna, Paris II, Copenhagen, London School of Economics, Milan, Munich, Heidelberg, Maastricht, and Humboldt.

The event is co-supported with Charles University, the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and the European Union.

The event will aim to link both academics and policy-makers, with a particular aim of presenting the Czech perspective on current European themes and debates.

The conference will focus on questions such as: How the European Union is and should be governed? What are the forces behind the EU? Is the EU able to take over the vital functions of nation-state in the changing environment of the Globalised World? and Where do we stand and where do we go from here?

It is hoped that fresh ideas will emerge to help take the debate forward and prompt further events for the Europaeum to follow up, and possibly a publication.

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).

- 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).

- 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.

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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.

Does the 'West' still exist?

The TransAtlantic alliance, which has dominated world affairs for the past 60 years, is under the spotlight. Since the end of the Cold War, fissures have appeared, and since 9/11 and the Iraq invasion, these appear to have widened. Is the solidarity of the West cracking? If so, why? What is the prognosis for the next 15 years?

These were the themes of an international conference in Washington DC in February, co-organised and supported by the Europaeum, the Weidenfeld Institute for Strategic Dialogue, and the Woodrow Wilson Centre, which also hosted the event.

Key questions at the event, which forms part of the association's continuing *US-Europe Dialogue Programme*, included how united will the Western international community can remain as it confronts challenges from terrorism, nuclear proliferation, political instability, religious and cultural tensions, environmental change, new technologies, and globalisation? And how far the TransAtlantic community can continue to work in concert in the future, or whether Western solidarity from the Cold War period is, declining in a newly polarised global world order of the 21st Century, with China, India, and ever Russia, emerging in their own rights as centres of influence ?

Europaeum participants were invited from the universities of Oxford, Bonn, Krakow, Bologna, Geneva and Leiden, while key note speakers included Lord (Chris) Patten, Richard Haass, Lee Hamilton, Joschka Fischer, Nicholas R Burns, Joe Nye, Henry Kissinger among many others.

A booklet was published linked to the event, and a special on-line *Europaeum Debate* board around themes raised at the event has been created. An event report is also being prepared.

Meanwhile the Europaeum's *US-Europe* programme is set to continue in 2008 with a special workshop on the links between Enlargement and Atlanticism in 2008, and also a possible follow-up event involving leading European and US policy-makers.

Geneva-Oxford ties bloom

Academic collaboration linking the Graduate Institute for International Relations (HEI) in Geneva and the University of Oxford have been given a boost with the renewal of a special grant to the Europaeum - half of which is earmarked for these bilateral links.

An initial grant from a generous benefactor, made in 1998, enabled an annual programme of bilateral links to be developed, including an annual student research bursary. This has enabled the annual Europaeum Lecture series to be continued, and the bursary programme to be revived. Graduates from Oxford and the HEI, are about to embark upon their studies at the link institution with grants of €1,500.

Funds will also be used to promote the study of *US-Europe Relations*, including a specific research workshop linking Geneva and Oxford, around the theme of *Atlantacism and Enlargement: the Place of Central Europe*, now planned for 2007.

Research workshops focus on culture, race and concepts

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

- The *Cultural Difference* research group, led by led by Dr Nick Bunnin of Oxford and Professor Reinhard Duesseel of Tamkang University, is continuing its series of events in April, with an event at Tamkang in Taiwan, with participants from Krakow, Prague and Oxford. A further workshop is planned for July in Madrid coordinated with Professor Antonio Elorza of the Complutense Universidad, with participants from Prague, Krakow, Oxford, and Paris. A publication from the series, including past events in Krakow and Prague, is now planned.

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

- Next October, the *European Political Concepts* research group plans to hold its second meeting in Geneva, to confirm a group of key conceptual clusters for analysis across a range of European perspective. The group, led by Professors Michael Freedon of Oxford and Henk Stenius of Helsinki, believe that such cross regional analysis will shed light on how concepts are used and influence political thinking and behaviour. Colleagues from Geneva, Madrid, Leiden, and Bologna are involved in the work. The launch workshop was in Oxford last autumn.

- The *Social Security in Europe* research group led by Professor Francis Kessler of Paris I will be holding a special graduate seminar in Paris in May, to disseminate and extend some of its findings, including a tool for comparative research analysis.

Newly Published

Latest publications from the Europaeum include a booklet on US-Europe Relations, a report on a corporate governance workshop, a new edition of the *Europaeum Review*, and the latest Annual Report.

- *US-Europe Relations - Towards 2020*, includes two essays imagining Europe without the US by Sir Stephen Wall, former Europe Advisor to Tony Blair, and American without Europe, by Professor Jim Goldgeier of George Washington University, produced for the recent Washington Conference.

- The *Europaeum Review* features a series articles on the story of Europe, from medieval origins to the current integration project, by Jean-Phillipe Genet (Paris 1), Curt Gasteyger (HEI, Geneva), Jan Zielonka, and Timothy Garton Ash (Oxford) plus all the other news on the consortium's work.

- *Corporate Governance - a New Agenda for Europe*, features pieces by Sir Ronald Grierson (ex-GEC), Professor Colin Mayer (Oxford), David Jackson (BP) George Dallas (Standard and Poor), Alastair Ross Goobey (ICGN), Professor Jacob de Smit (Leiden), Guy Jubb (Standard Life) and Antonio Borges (Goldman Sachs).

- A new publication derived from a Europaeum conference was recently published by Studia Historica LVI, AUC, Philosophica et Historica, entitled *Meeting the Other*, edited by Luda Klusakova and Karel Kubi. Copies will be presented to the head of each Europaeum partner institutes at the forthcoming Council Meeting in June and it is planned to put up the introduction on our website.

2007 Summer School to analyse the *Borders of Europe*

The 2007 Summer School, takes place in Helsinki 28th August - 3rd September, on the theme of *The Borders of Europe*, and will include discussion of where borders might end; the impact of recent Enlargements; the thorny question of Turkey; 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*.