



THE STATE OF THE UNION

Programme – THE STATE OF THE UNION 2014: 7-8-9 May, 2014

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 Bruycker, 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

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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