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### **“European Voices: Actors and Witnesses of European Integration”**

Third HEIRS Colloquium

Department of International History and Politics, GIIIS, Geneva

March 16-17, 2007

After two successful conferences held at the University of Cambridge in November 2004 and at the University of Portsmouth last year, the History of European Integration Research Society organises its third colloquium for post-graduate students. The conference takes place in Geneva, hosted by the Department of International History and Politics of the Graduate Institute for International Studies, on March 16-17, 2007.

#### **Aims of the colloquium**

Current historiography on the process that led to the creation of the three European Communities widely acknowledges the role played by states, as well as by some of their major political leaders, diplomats, and civil servants (among them Monnet, Schuman, de Gasperi, Adenauer, Bevin.) Less attention has been given to non-state actors, to their visions of Europe, their stakes in the integration process, as well as the means at their disposal to voice their opinions and influence the process of European unification.

HEIRS' third colloquium, entitled “European Voices: Actors and Witnesses of European Integration”, aims to shed light on the position of non-state actors, while at the same time furthering research on the role of states in the European integration process.

The colloquium also aspires to foster the dialogue between historians and scholars from other disciplines in the area of social science, among them political science, sociology, and anthropology.

Hence, the colloquium welcomes contributions tackling the role of EEC institutions, political and economic elites, intellectuals, citizens, and the media. It encourages papers discussing the role played by less frequently researched actors, such as businesses, trade unions, political parties and legal actors. It hopes to expand discussion on pro-European actors as well as on voices opposing the European project.

Although the timeframe addressed by the conference is not limited, its central focus remains on the early 1950s to the late 1970s.

The results of the conference will be published on HEIRS website, which you can visit at:

[www.heirs-eu.org](http://www.heirs-eu.org)

**Friday March 16, 2007 (Room S1, Villa Barton)**

8.30 *Registration and Coffee*

**9.00 – 9.30 Welcome remarks**

Sophie Huber and Katrin Milzow, HEI / HEIRS  
Prof. Andre Liebich, IHP Department

**9.30 – 10.30 Europe at Fifty**

**Prof. Anne Deighton**  
*University of Oxford*

**10.30 – 11.45 Panel 1: Trade Unions and the Process of European Integration**

**Chair: Katrin Milzow (HEI)**

**Nicolas Verschueren (ULB):** Les organisations syndicales des ouvriers mineurs en Belgique. De la CECA au Marché commun.

**Hitoshi Suzuki (EUI):** How Trade Unions Built their first European Network under the ECSC: Decartelisation Policy and Trade Unions' Response from a German Perspective 1950-1955.

**Dr. Thomas Fetzer (EUI/LSE):** How to become Anti-European: British Trade Unions and European Integration (1961-1975).

*Coffee Break*

**12.15 – 13.15 From the History of the Nations' European Policies to the History of European Integration?**

**Prof. Antonio Varsori**  
*Università di Padova*

*Lunch Break*

**14.30 – 15.30 Panel 2: "Infra-national" and "Supra-national" Actors**

**Chair: Billy Davies (King's College)**

**Philip Bajon (Paris IV – Sorbonne/Duisburg – Essen):** The Empty Chair Crisis as an Example of European Crisis Management by State and Non-State Actors.

**Mariëlla Smids (Groningen):** The Role of the European Commission in the First Enlargement Process. A Case Study of the Common Agricultural Policy in the Accession Negotiations of 1961-1963 and 1967-1972.

**15.30 – 16.45 Panel 3: Private Interests and Networks**

**Chairs: Brigitte Leucht (Portsmouth) and Katja Seidel (Portsmouth)**

**Giuseppe Martinico (Sant' Anna School of Advanced Studies – Pisa):** Reading the Others: American Legal Scholars and the Rise of European Integration.

**Helen Hartnell (Berkeley/Freie Universität):** Constructing a Genuine European Area of Justice: Legal Actors Between Vision and Pragmatism

**Thomas Gijswijt (Heidelberg):** The Bilderberg Group and the Rome Treaties: Transnational Elites and the Debate on European Unity in the 1950s.

*Coffee Break*

**17.00 – 17.45 The Action Committee for the United States of Europe**

**Dr. Gilles Grin**  
*Jean Monnet Foundation For Europe*

**17.45 – 18.00 Presentation of Forthcoming HEIRS and RICHIE Events**

20.30 *Swiss Fondue Dinner at Le Restaurant des Transports (6 Bd. James Fazy)*

**Saturday, March 17, 2007 (Conference Room, Library)**

**9.00 – 10.00 The Challenge of Monetary Europe**

**Prof. Pierre du Bois**

*IUHEI*

**10.00 – 11.15 Panel 4: Dealing with European Public Opinion**

**Chair: Dr. Linda Risso (Reading)**

**Jan-Henrik Meyer (Humboldt):** Title to be confirmed

**Alexander Reinfeldt (Hamburg):** Promoting a Knowledge of Europe: The Youth, Public Opinion, and European Integration.

**Cristina Blanco Sío-López (EUI):** Towards a “Dialogued Integration”? The Overlapping Nature of Actors and Witnesses in the Eastward Enlargement Process.

*Coffee Break*

**11.30 – 12.45 Panel 5: Ideas of Europe: Intellectual Voices**

**Chair: Sophie Huber (HEI)**

**Dominic Eggel (HEI):** Wieland's Contribution to the Re-Conceptualization of the Idea of Europe after the French Revolution.

**Paolo Orlando Ferrara (Trento):** The Jesuit Italian Journal “Civiltà Cattolica” and the Historical Evolution of Europe from post-WWII Reconstruction to the Creation of the Council of Europe (1945-1949).

**Axel Marion (HEI):** Les acteurs non-étatiques ont-ils pris le pouvoir symbolique dans l'UE? L'exemple du débat sur les frontières de l'Union.

**12.45 – 13.45 L'intellectuel européen : un citoyen sans patrie ?**

**Prof. Francis Cheneval**

*Université de Zurich*

**Concluding remarks**

Sophie Huber and Katrin Milzow, HEI / HEIRS

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