



Workshop

Thursday 29th May 2008 (A.M.)

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**RECON (Reconstituting
Democracy in Europe)**

European Stories The Intellectual Debates on Europe in National Contexts May 29 and 30, 2008



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The question of Europe has only recently been addressed in contemporary political thought. Before the treaty of Maastricht was signed, research work on European construction was mostly focussed on the issue of integration but very rarely delved into the normative questions attached to it. Since 1992, public debate surrounding the ratification of the treaty has led to a multiplicity of theoretical analysis on the legitimacy of the European Union. However, both the aims and forms taken by these theoretical debates differ greatly from one country to another since they reflect core values embedded in a wider national political culture. People indeed approach the topic of European integration with a cultural repertoire that tends to vary along social, political and national lines. The latter includes, amongst other things, knowledge, habitus, stories, memories and world views upon which people draw more or less consciously when framing objects and problems.

For this reason, this workshop will be structured on a country wise basis. National cases have been selected in order to offer a wide range of contrasting intellectual contexts. The debates will be articulated around the following question: how have intellectuals reacted to European integration and how have they conceived their country's national identity and its position inside (or outside) the European Union?

- 9h00 : Welcome of the participants

- Mario Telò
(President, Institute for European Studies)
- Kalypso Nicolaïdis
(Oxford University)
- Justine Lacroix
(Université libre de Bruxelles)

- 9h30 : Opening Address

Guy Haarscher

(President, Perelman Centre for Legal Philosophy, ULB)

- 10H00-12H30: Session 1

Chair : Muriel Rouyer

(Université de Nantes and Science-Po Paris)

Participants :

- Italy by Mario Telò
(President, Institute for European Studies, ULB)
- Romania by Daniel Barbu
(University of Bucharest)
- Czech Republic by Muriel Blaive
(Ludwig Boltzmann Institut für Europäische Geschichte und Öffentlichkeit, Wien)

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- 14h00- 16H00 : Session 2

Chair : Ramona Coman

(Université libre de Bruxelles)

Participants:

- Great-Britain by Georgios Varouxakis
(Queen Mary, University of London)
- Germany by Jan-Werner Mueller
(Princeton University)
- Turkey by Ahmet Evinc
(Sabanci University)

- 16H00 / 16H30 : Coffee-break

- 16H30-18H00 : Session 3

Chair : Patrick Savidan

(Université Paris IV)

Participants:

- France by Justine Lacroix
(Université libre de Bruxelles)
- Spain by Antonio Barroso
(Centre for Political and Constitutional Studies, Madrid)

Friday 30th May 2008

- 10H00-13H00: Roundtable

Similarities and Differences : From National to European Narratives?

Chair : Kalypso Nicolaïdis

(Oxford University)

Participants:

- Richard Bellamy
(University College of London)
- Francis Cheneval
(University of Zürich)
- Ulrike Liebert
(University of Bremen)
- Paul Magnette
(Université libre de Bruxelles)
- Patrick Savidan
(Université Paris IV)



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