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WELCOME TO THE EUROPEAN STUDENT CONFERENCE 2019

Thank you for accepting our invitation to the European Student Conference 2019 at Yale University. It is through your engagement that this conference will be a success both when it comes to producing valuable ideas and motivating the next generation of European thinkers.

European Horizons' mission is, through organizing events, connecting people, and putting forward new ideas, to strengthen the confidence of our Union. As a transatlantic student-led think tank, European Horizons develops out-of-the-box ideas that bring a fresh perspective to Europe's challenges. It is through this mission and vision that European Horizons, and everyone in our community, want to directly change the European Union.

The concept of the European Student Conference began with a group of European students at Yale University who were inspired by their deep commitment to the future of the European ideal and the state of transatlantic relations. Studying and living in the United States, these students aspired to unite bright young minds to articulate and advance a credible plan for the future of the European Union. The European Student Conference serves as the organization's main event. Europe is going through a transition period. Challenges confront the European Union on multiple fronts, ranging from security to Brexit to identity. The aim of this conference is to take on these challenges, engaging students in debate with distinguished professors, current and former decision-makers from Europe, and renowned policy experts. The headline challenge of this year's conference is "Redefining the role of Europe in a multipolar world."

We are especially grateful for the partnerships and supports of the European Parliament Liaison Office with the U.S. Congress, the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the the Republic of China (Taiwan), the Schwarzman Scholars Foundation as well as the Yale MacMillian Center, French Department and Global Affairs Department.

In addition, this event is funded in part by the European Union.



OVERVIEW

In April 2019, around 100 undergraduate and graduate students from across the United States, Europe, and all over the world will gather at Yale University for the fifth annual European Student Conference, to discuss some of the major challenges facing the European Union today.

As in previous years, the students will be selected from universities all over the world, in a competitive application process. On the basis of previous years, we expect that many participants will be American, Canadian, or European nationals, and a significant portion will be other international students.

The student participants will be joined at the conference by twenty dignitaries from politics, diplomacy, business, academia, and the media, who will share their knowledge and expertise with the students in workshops and panel discussions. Throughout the conference, the students will craft policy papers that shed new light on European challenges in the realms of Democracy, National Sovereignty, Brexit, Security, EU-East Asia Relations, Energy, and Technology. The aim of the European Student Conference is for students to take on these challenges, by engaging in critical thinking and enriching discussion and debate.





FORMAT

The conference is structured around three main formats:

- **Keynote speeches** will be held by some of our guests from the world of European politics and transatlantic relations in the opening and closing plenaries, followed by questions from the audience.
- **Three panels** will be held throughout the course of the conference, featuring up to three guest experts, as well as a moderator. Each 60-minute panel will focus on a select topic currently dominating our discussion and understanding of Europe. Panels are followed by ~20 minutes of questions from the audience.
- **Workshops** of up to 20 students, advised by up to three guest experts, will each tackle one of the conference themes outlined on the following page. Students will arrive at the conference having already prepared drafts of their policy papers, and will revise their ideas in light of their group discussions in three workshop sessions throughout the conference. Each group will present a final policy paper proposing concrete policy solutions on the final day of the conference.



OUTCOME

Before the conference, students in groups will discuss their policy ideas for the themes of their respective workshops and formulate them into policy-papers. The headline challenge of this year's conference is "Redefining the role of Europe in a multipolar world," and the workshop topics are framed around this challenge.

At the conference, students will present their policy papers to one another, as well as to the decision-makers and professors. During the workshops, they will exchange ideas and engage in common discussion with other participants in order to refine their policy solutions. They will present the final versions of the policy-papers during the final presentation session on day two of the conference.

After the conference, the students will go back to their respective universities and share their policy ideas for Europe's future with their university communities. Furthermore, European Horizons will publish the policy-papers in our journal, the *Review of European and Transatlantic Affairs*, and distribute the journal to university libraries across the European Union and the US, as well as to European decision-makers. For prior editions of the journal please visit: <http://europeanhorizons.org>



FEATURED SPEAKERS, POLICY ADVISORS, AND PROFESSORS

Keynote Speakers

Klaus Welle

Secretary General of the European Parliament

João Vale de Almeida

Ambassador of the EU to the UN

Dr. Lorenzo Terzi

Minister Counselor for Health and Food Safety, Delegation of the EU to the US

Catarina Caldeira

Special Adviser to the European People's Party Group, European Parliament

Panelists and Experts

Antoine Ripoll

Director, European Parliament Liaison Office in Washington, D.C.

Stéphane Reynolds

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Member of the European Parliament; Former EU Commissioner for Trade; Former EU Commissioner for Regional Policy

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Dr. David Cameron

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Rory Palmer

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ESC2019 PROGRAM

Day 1: Thursday, April 4

TIME	ACTIVITY
19.00–21.00	Evening welcome reception for student participants. Guest Experts already in town are warmly invited to attend. Rose Alumni House, 232 York Street

Day 2: Friday, April 5

TIME	ACTIVITY
9.00–9.45	Welcome, registration, breakfast Linsly-Chittenden Hall (63 High St) Foyer
9.45–11.00	Opening plenary and welcoming speeches Linsly-Chittenden Hall 102 • Keynote Speech by João Vale de Almeida , Ambassador of the EU to the UN
11.00–12.00	Panel #1: The European Parliament Election 2019 Linsly-Chittenden Hall 102
12.00–13.00	Lunch Linsly-Chittenden Hall Foyer
13.00–14.30	FIRST WORKSHOP SESSIONS • Democracy: Linsly-Chittenden (LC) 317 • National Sovereignty: William L. Harkness Hall (WLH) 208 • Brexit: William L. Harkness Hall (WLH) 116 • Security: Linsly-Chittenden (LC) 105 • EU-East Asia: Berkeley College South Court, Walker Seminar Room • Energy: Silliman College, Seminar Room • Technology: Bass Library Basement, L30A
14.30–15.00	Coffee break Linsly-Chittenden Hall Foyer
15.00–16.00	Panel #2: Brexit Linsly-Chittenden Hall 102
16.15–16.45	Presentation by Schwarzman Scholars Linsly-Chittenden Hall 102



TIME	ACTIVITY
16.45–18.00	SECOND WORKSHOP SESSIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Democracy: Linsly-Chittenden (LC) 317 • National Sovereignty: William L. Harkness Hall (WLH) 208 • Brexit: William L. Harkness Hall (WLH) 116 • Security: Linsly-Chittenden (LC) 105 • EU-East Asia: Berkeley College South Court, Walker Seminar Room • Energy: Silliman College, Seminar Room • Technology: Bass Library Basement, L30A
20.00	Dinner Event for VIP Guests

Day 3: Saturday, April 6

TIME	ACTIVITY
9.15–10.15	Breakfast Dunham Laboratory (10 Hillhouse Ave) Foyer
10:15–11:30	Panel #3: Redefining Europe in a Changing World Order Dunham Laboratory 220
11:30–13:30	THIRD WORKSHOP SESSIONS <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Democracy: Watson Center A46 • National Sovereignty: Watson Center A53 • Brexit: Watson Center A68 • Security: Watson Center A72 • EU-East Asia: Watson Center A35 • Energy: Watson Center A32 • Technology: Watson Center A39
13.30–14.30	Lunch Dunham Laboratory Foyer
14:30–15:00	European Horizons Presentation Dunham Laboratory 220
15:00–16:00	Presentation of final policy papers Dunham Laboratory 220
16:00–17:30	Closing plenary, farewell speeches Dunham Laboratory 220 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keynote Speech by Klaus Welle, Secretary General of the European Parliament

KEYNOTE SPEECHES



João Vale de Almeida

João Vale de Almeida is the Ambassador of the European Union to the United Nations. He obtained a degree in History from the University of Lisbon and studied and received training in Journalism and Management in France, Japan, the United Kingdom and the United States. He was the deputy chief spokesman for the Commission and director at the Directorate-General (DG) for Information, Communication, Culture and Audiovisual, and at the DG for Education and Culture. He was the Head of Cabinet for Commission President Barroso. He was also the Director General of the DG for External Relations of the Commission. He served as the first EU Ambassador to the USA and has been Ambassador of the EU to the UN since October 2015.



Klaus Welle

Klaus Welle is the Secretary General of the European Parliament (EP). Before this role, he was previously Head of the Office of the President of the EP. Welle studied economics at the Witten/Herdecke University. He has served as Secretary General of the European People's Party (EPP) before becoming Secretary General of the EPP Group in the EP. He was subsequently appointed as the first DG for EU Internal Policies within the EP.

PANELS

2019 EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT ELECTION PANEL

During the upcoming European Parliament Elections, between the 23rd and the 26th of May, European citizens in each member state will elect the 751 Members of the European Parliament who will represent them in the European Union's legislative branch. This panel will focus on the central issues that are dominating these elections, including rising populism and Euroscepticism, Brexit, and economic issues. Our panelists will also discuss the impacts the EP Election outcomes will have on the future trajectory of the EU, and will debate which key areas the European Parliament should focus on in the next cycle.

Moderator

Dr. David Cameron

David R. Cameron is a Professor of Political Science at Yale and the Director of the Yale Program in European Union Studies. He received his B.A. from Williams College, an M.B.A. from Dartmouth, an M.Sc. from the London School of Economics and Political Science, and his Ph.D. from The University of Michigan.



Panelists

Danuta Hübner

Danuta Hübner is a Polish politician and Member of the European Parliament. She served as European Commissioner for Regional Policy from 2004 until 2009, when she resigned to become a Member of European Parliament in the European People's Party. She has a MSc and PhD in Economics from the Warsaw.



Tamás Meszerics

Tamás Meszerics is a Hungarian politician and Member of the European Parliament from Hungary. He was elected as a member of the Politics Can Be Different, part of the European Green Party in 2014. He has a Master of Arts in History and English Studies a PhD degree in Contemporary History from Loránd Eötvös University.



BREXIT PANEL

This panel will focus on Brexit. Two years following the beginning of the Article 50 Process laid out in the Treaty of Lisbon, there is much uncertainty surrounding the process and what the economic and political impacts on the EU and the UK will be.

Moderator

Dr. José Manuel Martínez Sierra

Jose M. Martínez-Sierra is Jean Monnet ad personam Professor for the Study of European Union Law and Government. Since 2012, he develops a number of teaching, research and administrative roles at Harvard College, the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences, the Harvard Kennedy School and the Harvard Law School. He is a Faculty Affiliate of the Minda de Gunzburg Center for European Studies and Faculty Associate of the David Rockefeller Center for Latin American Studies.





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Rory Palmer

Rory Palmer is a Labour Member of the European Parliament for the East Midlands. Rory was a city councillor for ten years and has served on a number of national and regional bodies. He holds a degree in Social Policy from the University of York with a degree in Social Policy.



Marco Biagi

Marco Biagi formerly served as the Minister for Local Government and Community Empowerment and as a Member of the Scottish Parliament for the Scottish National Party. He holds a degree in International Relations from the University of St Andrews

REDEFINING EUROPE IN A CHANGING WORLD ORDER PANEL

This panel will focus on the new roles and challenges the EU faces in response to the changing world order. As the US pursues isolationist policy and China takes on an increasingly prominent role globally, the EU must adapt politically and economically. This panel will discuss how trade agreements can protect the identities and strengths of Member States, while also pooling the collective EU to bring about efficient, far-reaching trade partnerships. In a time when some less-democratic states are moving toward protectionist stances or are buying access to other states through mammoth investments, how can the EU uphold the track record of multilateralism in its trade deals that makes it an inclusive partner on a global scale.

Moderator

Dr. Julia Puaschunder

Julia Puaschunder is a postdoctoral Scientist in the Inter-University Consortium of New York. She has a MPhil in Philosophy/Psychology from the University of Vienna, a MBA from the Vienna University of Economics and Business, a MPA from the Maxwell School, and Doctorates in Social and Economic Sciences from the Vienna University of Economics and Business, and Natural Sciences from the University of Vienna.



Panelists

Dr. Vicki Birchfield

Vicki L. Birchfield is a Professor in The Sam Nunn School of International Affairs at Georgia Tech, Co-Director of the Center for European and Transatlantic Studies. Dr. Birchfield holds a DES from the Graduate Institute of International Studies and a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Georgia.



Dr. Alexander Görlach

Alexander Görlach is a senior fellow to the Carnegie Council for Ethics in International Affairs. He served as affiliate professor at Harvard, in the "In Defense of Democracy" program by the F.D.R Foundation at the College. He is further an honorary professor for ethics and theology at the University of Lüneburg, and a senior research associate at Cambridge University. He is the founder the debate magazine *The European*.



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DEMOCRACY WORKSHOP

Challenge

How can Europe counteract the rise of anti-democratic extremist parties in its national governments and the European Parliament?

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NATIONAL SOVEREIGNTY WORKSHOP

Challenge

How should national sovereignty evolve as the European Project progresses?

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BREXIT WORKSHOP

Challenge

How can the EU address anti-European concerns in order to prevent further member states from leaving?

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SECURITY WORKSHOP

Challenge

How can Europe adapt its security policy to changing political relations?

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EU-EAST ASIA WORKSHOP

Challenge

How can Europe reposition itself in a new multipolar world order?

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ENERGY WORKSHOP

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How can Europe reconcile its energy policy with its political and environmental goals?

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TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP

Challenge

How can Europe drive technological innovation?

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