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«**EU IN EUROPEAN AFFAIRS**»  
CONFERENCE

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## CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

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«**CONTROVERSIAL APPROACHES TO  
EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY – FROM BURDEN  
SHARING TO INTEGRATION**»

**6 - 7 June 2019**

Institut d'études européennes  
de l'Université libre de Bruxelles

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# PRACTICALITIES

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## VENUE

### Institut d'études Européennes de l'Université libre de Bruxelles (IEE-ULB)

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### From the airport to the Venue:

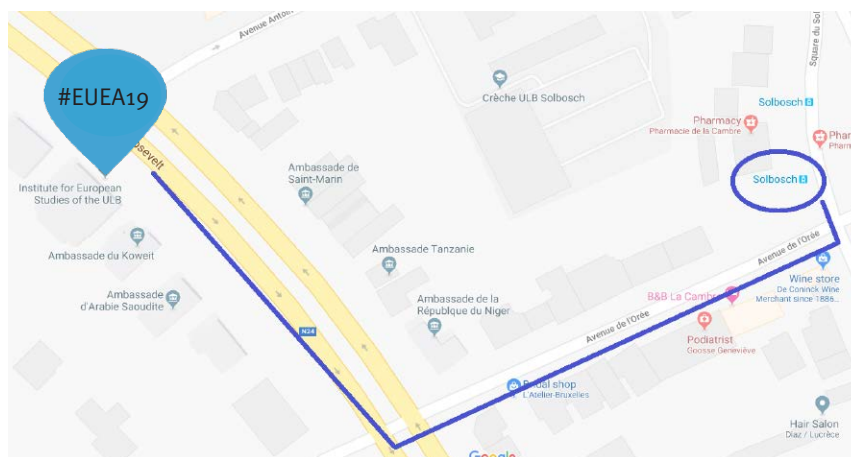
We recommend that you take the IC train to “Etterbeek Gare” (Direction DINANT or CHARLEROI-SUD/CHARLEROI-ZUID), which costs 8.90€ for a second-class one-way ticket. From there, take the tram 25 (direction BOONDAEL GARE) and stop at tram station “Solbosch”.

By taxi, the price of the journey will be about 40-50€ .

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# PROGRAMME OUTLINE

## DAY 1 - THURSDAY 6 JUNE 2019

10:30 - 12:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>AGORA Policy Forum</b>          PROSPECTS FOR EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY MECHANISMS IN          THE AFTERMATH OF THE 2019 EUROPEAN ELECTIONS          Chair &amp; Introductory Remarks by: Prof. László Andor - Former Commissioner, IEE-ULB &amp; FEPS          (Kant Room)</p>	
12:00 - 12:45	Registration & Welcome Lunch	
12:45 - 14:15	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Research Panel 1</b>          EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY:          REBUILDING SOLIDARITY    <i>(Spaak Room)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Research Panel 2</b>          CHALLENGES TO SOLIDARITY AND EUROPEAN          VALUES IN THE INCREASINGLY POLITICISED ERA OF          EUROPEAN INTEGRATION  <i>(Geremek Room)</i></p>
14:30 - 16:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Book Panel</b>          SOLIDARITY AND EUROPEAN POLICIES  <i>(Spaak Room)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Research Panel 3</b>          EU SOLIDARITY WITH OTHER REGIONAL          ORGANIZATIONS AND NEW FORMS OF          DEPENDENCIES  <i>(Geremek Room)</i></p>
16:15 - 18:00	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Keynote Panel</b>          THE IDEA OF EUROPEAN SOCIAL SOLIDARITY IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY  <i>(Spaak Room)</i></p>	
18:00 -	Reception at the Institut d'études Européennes	

## DAY 2 - FRIDAY 7 JUNE 2019

8:30 - 9:00	Registration & Welcome Coffee	
9:00 - 10:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Research Panel 4</b>          CYBER, DISINFORMATION AND THE IMPACT OF THE          DIGITAL ON EUROPEAN VALUES  <i>(Spaak Room)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Research Panel 5</b>          EU POLICY-MAKING, LONG-TERM POLICY          CHALLENGES AND INTERGENERATIONAL SOLIDARITY  <i>(Geremek Room)</i></p>
11:00 - 12:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Research Panel 6</b>          MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE MIGRATION CRISES:          A COMPARATIVE EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE  <i>(Spaak Room)</i></p>	
12:30 - 14:00	Lunch	
14:00 - 15:30	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Research Panel 7</b>          SOLIDARITY IN THE CONTEXT OF MIGRATION: AN          UNACHIEVABLE OBJECTIVE?  <i>(Spaak Room)</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Research Panel 8</b>          THE IMPLICATION FOR THE EU OF AN INCREASINGLY          NON-DEMOCRATIC NEIGHBORHOOD  <i>(Geremek Room)</i></p>

# WHY SOLIDARITY?

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As a central value of the European Union, competing interpretations of solidarity continue to challenge both policy-makers and scholars associated with the EU. Although not referenced as such among the fundamental values listed in article 2 of the Treaty on the European Union (TEU) – i.e. human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and respect for human rights - solidarity is mentioned in the same provision as prevailing in the Member States' society and is referenced 22 times across the whole of the consolidated versions of the Treaty on the European Union, the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union (TFEU) and the European Charter of Fundamental Rights. It is referenced especially in these texts' preambles which for example respectively call for:

*DESIRING to deepen the solidarity between their peoples while respecting their history, their culture and their traditions*

- Preamble, TEU

*The Union is founded on the indivisible, universal values of human dignity, freedom, equality and solidarity; it is based on the principles of democracy and the rule of law. It places the individual at the heart of its activities, by establishing the citizenship of the Union and by creating an area of freedom, security and justice*

- Preamble, ECFR

Solidarity has emerged as one of several recognized normative references – both in political and legal terms – contributing towards shaping European politics and institutions. Although widely recognized and often called upon, as a concept rich in both meaning and symbolism, solidarity is still a fairly controversial (analytical) reference and as such remains unevenly mustered across a variety of disciplines. Nonetheless, both a state-of-the-art use of references to solidarity at the European level, as well as new in-depth exploration of changes recently wrought to the concept following the various crises the EU has tackled over the past decade, illustrate the continued relevance of the concept. This has resulted in a two-fold agenda: confronting and consolidating different interpretations of European solidarity across various disciplines involved in EU studies, on the one hand and more clearly articulating the “solidarity” dimension across a variety of policy fields, including those not readily associated with said norm, on the other.

To further explore these and other issues related to solidarity at EU level, during the first week of June 2019, the Institut d'études européennes (IEE) at Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) - in partnership with both the European Studies Institute (IES) at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) and the Politics and International Studies (PaIS) department at the University of Warwick (UoW) - looks forward to welcoming the second Biennial Conference on the “EU in European Affairs – EUEA.” Organised as part of a Jean Monnet Center of Excellence project supported by the European Erasmus+ program, this event dedicated to the notion of European solidarity is to be convened at a moment when: (1) the European Solidarity Corps have only recently become a concrete reality; (2) the European Commission pushes legislation to advance the agenda of the 20 Key Principles of the European Pillar of Social Rights and (3) the 2019 European elections characterized by competing understandings of a Europe that protects and shows substantive solidarity will have concluded less than a fortnight ago.

# WELCOME TO THE SECOND #EUEA19 CONFERENCE

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As the second conference organized under the “European Union in European Affairs(#EUEA19)” label, this conference seeks to continue an ongoing effort aimed at providing a regular platform for researchers engaged in questions pertaining to European integration and governance. With a clear focus on endogenous dynamics and factors shaping the EU, the conference hopes to provide a space for EU scholars from different backgrounds – both disciplinary and institutional – to gather and confront their work. Hosted by the Institut d’études européennes (IEE) of the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB) – a Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, the #EUEA19 also saw the cooperation of two of its privileged partners: the Institute of European Studies (IES) at the Vrije Universiteit Brussels (VUB) and the Politics and International Studies (PaIS) Department at the University of Warwick (UoW). Accordingly, this second iteration of the EUEA conference comes two years after the launch event and seeks to further deepen the institutional linkages and collaborations underpinning its research focus.

With regards to the focus of the 2019 conference, as reflecting in the overarching title “Controversial Approaches to European Solidarity – From Burden Sharing to Integration”, the selected panels continue to focus on a variety of challenges facing solidarity mechanisms within the EU. Of particular concern are those challenges that have proven increasingly controversial within the political, social and legal debates, whether at the European or national levels. As such, the 2019 iteration of the EUEA conference looks forward to welcoming scientific panels on a host of topics ranging from migration and development, to social welfare and economic and cyber (information) governance and their implications with regards to democratic legitimacy and the rule of law. A dozen panels have thus been convened with contributors presenting their ongoing research. Contributors were selected either among the scholars affiliated to one of the three organising institutions, or among the established scientific partners of the mobilized research teams, as a reflection of the research agenda of the organising partners.

Besides the three institutional partners, the conference has been supported by the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence program (N°579538-EPP-1-2016-1-BE-EPPJMO-CoE) and the ULB’s 2019 thematic year on “Europe of Knowledge”. This additional support allowed for, among other things, the hosting of a set of auxiliary outreach activities aimed at increasing the impact of the ongoing research. As a result, aside from the scientific panels, the 2019 #EUEA19 conference will also host two public events aimed at a wider audience: a key-note conference on the idea of European solidarity in the 21st century; and a policy debate on the internal and external dimensions of European solidarity.

The organising team and host institutions look forward to welcoming the various participants to the sessions described in this program with an eye on fostering both scientific and citizens debates on the future of European Solidarity at a time when the EU is confronted with important challenges, be they endogenous or exogenous in nature. The event itself is set up in the hope of: (1) presenting the initial results of an ongoing Jean Monnet project on European solidarity, (2) consolidating both institutional and interpersonal contacts among three lead institutions in the field of European studies; (3) furthering the interdisciplinary research on European solidarity mechanisms across a variety of policy fields; and (4) contributing to the gradual institutionalisation of a biennial gathering of Europeanists in Brussels focussing on the shifting challenges facing European integration and governance.

Wishing all participants a pleasant and productive visit to Brussels,

**Anne Weyembergh** – *Professor, President of the Institut d’études européennes, ULB*

**Ramona Coman** – *Professor, Director of the Institut d’études européennes, ULB*

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**George Christou** – *Professor, PaIS, University of Warwick*

**Florian Trauner** – *Professor, Jean Monnet Chair, Institute for European Studies, VUB*

# AGORA POLICY FORUM

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Thursday 6th of June - 10:30/12:00  
@Kant Room

## PROSPECTS FOR EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY MECHANISMS IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE 2019 EUROPEAN ELECTIONS

### AGORA - Advocacy, Governmental Organisations & Research Networks United

At the AGORA© Foras' origin lies the IEE-ULB's will to organise effective interactions between the scientific community, decision makers and third parties with an eye on contributing towards efficient policy making. AGORA© Fora endeavour to improve policy making by fostering suggestions based on academic research and effective dialogue among a limited number of participants hailing from the research, policy making and civil society communities.

To this end, the session will open with a set of introductory remarks by a recognized expert known for bridging between academia and policy-making. Subsequently, the participants are invited to debate the policy challenges raised by the opening remarks.



### Chair & Introductory Remarks

**László ANDOR**

*Former Commissioner, IEE-ULB & Foundation for European Progressive Studies*

### Participants

#### Officials

**Petr BLIZKOVSKY** - Council of the European Union, Agriculture and Social Policy

**Pablo CORNIDE** - European Commission, DG EMPL

**François DENUIT** - ECOLO

**Jeroen JUTTE** - European Commission, DG EMPL

**Andrea MAIRATE** - European Commission, DG ECOFIN & VUB-IES

**Nora MILOTAY** - European Parliamentary Research Service

**Ruth PASERMAN** - European Commission, Cabinet of Commissioner Marianne Thyssen

#### Academics

**Alberto ALEMANNI** - HEC-Paris

**George CHRISTOU** - University of Warwick

**Ramona COMAN** - ULB

**Amandine CRESPIY** - ULB

**Louise FROMONT** - ULB

**Harri KALIMO** - VUB

**Tatiana MARTINS PEDRO DO COUTTO** - Univ. of Warwick

**Alvaro OLEART PEREZ-SEOANE** - ULB

**Mario TELÒ** - ULB

**Florian TRAUNER** - VUB

**Pierre VANHEUVERZWIJN** - ULB (TBC)

**Anne WEYEMBERGH** - ULB

**Claudia WIESNER** - Fulda Univ. of Applied Sciences

**Richard YOUNGS** - University of Warwick

#### Experts

**Laura DE BONFILS** - SOLIDAR

**Guillaume AFELLAT** - CEEPS (TBC)

**Juliane BIR** - ETUC (TBC)

**Stefan CLAUWAERT** - ETUI (TBC)

**Aurélie COURTIER** - Actiris (TBC)

**Robert PLUMMER** - Business Europe (TBC)

**Peter SCHERRER** - ETUC (TBC)

# PANEL OVERVIEW - DAY 1

Thursday 6th of June - 12:45/14:15

## PANEL 1 - EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY: REBUILDING SOLIDARITY

@Spaak Room

**Abstract** This panel will relate ongoing debates about the state of European democracy to the issue of solidarity. Four speakers will report on emerging initiatives designed to rebuild European democracy, at the local, national and EU levels. They will assess which of these are best positioned to contribute positively to solidarity within the European Union. They will couch their contributions in terms of better democratic designs, citizen participation and the balance between different types of democracy, respectively.

**Chair** **Richard YOUNGS - Univ. of Warwick**

**Speakers** *Rebuilding European Solidarity through Political Responsiveness*

**Alberto ALEMANNO - HEC-Paris**

*The Notion of Solidarity – Alternative Perspectives from EU Economic Law*

**Harri KALIMO (VUB), Jonathan GRIFFITHS (Queen Mary Univ. of London), Klaudia MAJCHER (VUB)**

*Direct and Representative Democracy at the EU Level*

**Sophia RUSSACK - CEPS**

*Designs on Solidarity: Democracy and the EU*

**Michael SAWARD - Univ. of Warwick**

## PANEL 2 - CHALLENGES TO SOLIDARITY AND EUROPEAN VALUES IN THE INCREASINGLY POLITICISED ERA OF EUROPEAN INTEGRATION

@Geremek Room

**Abstract** This panel will gather scholars of the Jean Monnet network OpenEUdebate and beyond to discuss challenges to European values in the current context of politicisation of European integration. OpenEUdebate aims at connecting debates on Europe in the institutions and transnational civil society platforms with national publics for the purpose of matching EU policies with Europeanised politics at the national level. The panel will include both conceptual and empirical papers that touch upon the research agenda of OpenEUdebate, dealing with the political communication dynamics in the EU and its implications for solidarity and European values.

**Chair** **Ramona COMAN - ULB**

**Speakers** *Representative Democracy and Solidarity in the EU in Times of Austerity*

**Claudia WIESNER - Fulda Univ. of Applied Sciences**

*The Making of Solidarity in the European Parliament: An Analysis of Social Democrats and Christian Democrats Discourse*

**Tatiana MARTINS PEDRO DO COUTTO - Univ. of Warwick**

*Make Technocracy Great Again: Europe's Black Mirror in Macron's Revival of 'European Values'*

**Alvaro OLEART - ULB & Luis BOUZA GARCÍA - Universidad Autónoma de Madrid**



Thursday 6th of June - 14:30/16:00

## BOOK PANEL - SOLIDARITY AND EUROPEAN POLICIES

@Spaak Room

**Abstract** This panel's objective is to present a representative sample of key contributions to the forthcoming edited volume entitled «La solidarité européenne : enjeux et perspectives» («European Solidarity; What is at Stake») to be published under the direction of Ramona Coman, Louise Fromont and Anne Weyembergh. This interdisciplinary book aims at reflecting on the main current and future stakes, challenges and implications of solidarity in various domains of the European integration. The speakers will focus on solidarity in three domains, namely solidarity in the field of economic and social regulation, solidarity in the field of the area of freedom, security and justice and solidarity of the EU towards the rest of the world.

**Chair** **Ramona COMAN - ULB**

**Speakers** *Solidarity and Justice in the European Union: The Three Challenges of Top-down Convergence*  
**Amandine CRESPIY - ULB**

*Rethinking Social Europe with the European Universal Basic Income*  
**François DENUIT - ULB**

*European Economic Governance: Towards a Triple A Social Rating?*  
**Louise FROMONT - ULB**

*Solidarity and the European Union in the World: The National, Populist Challenge*  
**Mario TELÔ - ULB & LUISS**

*What Role for Solidarity in the EU Area of Criminal Justice?*  
**Anne WEYEMBERGH - ULB**

## PANEL 3 - EU SOLIDARITY WITH OTHER REGIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND NEW FORMS OF DEPENDENCIES

@Geremek Room

**Abstract** This panel addresses the causes and consequences of the financial involvement of the European Union (EU) in other regional organisations. As many of the latter struggle to gain sufficient means from their members to fulfil their mandate, the EU plays a key role through financial support. In order to establish whether this relationship is an expression of solidarity between regional organisations or rather of external dependency, the EU's intentions and activities matter as much as the processes inside of the organisations. This leads to a number of questions: Why is the EU heavily supporting certain regional organisations and not others? How does external funding impact on policy-making, institutionalisation and ownership?

**Chair** **Frank MATTHEIS - ULB**

**Speakers** *EU Support to the East African Community*  
**Mariel REISS - Philipps-Universität Marburg**

*Assessing the Financial Dependence of Regional Organisations on the EU*  
**Frank MATTHEIS - ULB**

*Assessing the Future of EU-ACP Development Aid Relations*  
**Sophia PRICE - Leeds Beckett University**

*Interregional Financial Flows between the EU and Asia: From Structural Flows to Geo-Strategic Game-manship?*  
**Frederik PONJAERT - ULB**

*To Pimp a Budget: institutional Development and AU-EU Cooperation*  
**Jan VANHEUKELOM - ECDPM**

# KEYNOTE PANEL

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Thursday 6th of June - 16:15/18:00  
@Spaak Room

## THE IDEA OF EUROPEAN SOCIAL SOLIDARITY IN THE 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY

Session Chair  
**Prof. Mario TELÒ**

*ULB & LUISS Guido Carli di Roma*



**Maria João RODRIGUES**

*European Parliament & Foundation for European Progressive Studies*



**Frank VANDENBROUCKE**

*University of Amsterdam*

### Abstract

The idea of solidarity is at the core of main European political cultures, including the Christian, Liberal, Social-democratic and Green. By various ways of implementation, it has inspired both the national welfare state systems and the European construction. However, this idea has been challenged during the last four decades, both by internal fragmentation and inward-looking policies and from the outside, notably the neoliberal influence coming from the United States. Europe has been resilient in maintaining the relatively highest rate of social security in the globalized economy, but the deep financial crisis of the last decade and the enhanced migration and refugee flows have provoked multiple social inequalities as well as ethno-nationalist and xenophobic protectionism.

This keynote will discuss the idea of solidarity fit for the 21st century, coping with the new internal cleavages and external challenges of the EU. For the past 20 years, Maria João Rodrigues has been a leading figure in the reflection and policy making regarding the reform of the European social model and its critical interplay with the unregulated globalized economy. Frank Vandembroucke, former Belgian Minister, has recently published a reference book focusing on the feature of a possible European Social Union.

# PANEL OVERVIEW - DAY 2

Friday 7th of June - 9:00/10:30

## PANEL 4 - CYBER, DISINFORMATION AND THE IMPACT OF THE DIGITAL ON EUROPEAN VALUES

@Spaak Room

**Abstract** This panel explores the effects of disinformation and information warfare on European values and the potential impact on European solidarity – elite and societal. To this end the speakers will focus on how artificial intelligence generated disinformation effects freedom of expression and media pluralism, how state disinformation/information warfare campaigns are perceived and received within Europe and the extent to which information warfare campaigns conducted by intelligence services can undermine European values and solidarity.

**Chair** **George CHRISTOU - Univ. of Warwick**

**Speakers** *Intelligence, AI and European Values: Can we Regulate a Troubled World of Robots, Cyber-attacks and Disinformation?*

**Richard ALDRICH & Chris MORAN - Univ. of Warwick**

*When You Let Technology Decide. The Effects of AI Disinformation Initiatives on Freedom of Expression and Media Pluralism*

**Trisha MEYER (VUB), Chris MARSDEN (Univ. of Sussex) & IAN BROWN (Univ. of Oxford)**

*Evaluating Europarties' Use of Digital Tools for the 2014 and 2019 EP Election Campaigns*

**Ferran DAVESA & Jamal SHAHIN - VUB**

*Digital Disinformation and the European Response*

**Joe BURTON - ULB**

## PANEL 5 - EU POLICY-MAKING, LONG-TERM POLICY CHALLENGES AND INTERGENERATIONAL SOLIDARITY

@Geremek Room

**Abstract** The EU is called upon to provide answers to a growing number of structural or long-term policy challenges. Central to these structural long-term challenges is the question of the EU's resilience, understood as its capacity to foster policy-responses to upcoming risks. Among these long-term risks EU policy-makers are increasingly expected to act on, one can mention: (1) environmental/climate-related risks; (2) collective defence risks; and (3) financial risks. Collectively, these risks raise a number of transversal questions challenging traditional political expressions of (1) inter-personal, (2) intra/ inter-societal, and (3) inter-generational forms of solidarity. Governance imperatives and collective action challenges in each of these fields challenge policy-makers to consider their actions on a larger scale and a longer time horizon. This in turn requires innovative mechanisms to insure the efficiency and legitimacy of the policies pursued. The panel will explore three cases of innovative policy-making efforts – in Climate policy, defence policy and financial regulation policy – where the EU has at least symbolically / discursively taken on the mantle of a policy entrepreneur – be it at a continental or global level. The credibility and characteristics of the EU's action in each of these fields, will give a sense of the European contribution to some broader and global discussions on necessary solidarity and action in the face of a set of structural challenges.

**Chair** **Amandine ORSINI - Université Saint-Louis**

**Speakers** *EU Climate and Energy Governance and the Future of Europe: Exploring the Cross-overs*

**Ingmar VON HOMEYER (VUB), Sebastian OBERTHÜR (VUB) & Andrew JORDAN (Univ. of East Anglia)**

*Waiting for the Ultimate Solidarity: After Paris, the Discreet Structuring of Collective Defence within the European Union*

**Elie PEROT - VUB**

*Intersectional Inequalities in European Educational Policy. The Case of Belgium*

**Laura WESTERVEEN & Géraldine ANDRÉ - VUB**

*Sustainable Finance 2.0? European Policy as an Experimental Setting for Re-defining a Policy Issue*

**Andreas DIMMELMEIER - Univ. of Warwick & CBS**

## PANEL 6 - MEDIA COVERAGE OF THE MIGRATION CRISES: A COMPARATIVE EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVE

@Spaak Room

**Abstract** The ongoing 'refugee crisis' has been omnipresent in press reporting across Europe. Notably following the German Chancellor's declaration on August 30th 2015 stating 'Wir schaffen das!' on August 30th 2015, the 'refugee crisis' has led to many political controversies across several European countries. The resulting social and political divisions are reflected in national press discourses. The panel will first bring together academic scholars from different fields of linguistics and communication sciences to discuss how public images and identities of migrants and refugees coming to Europe are constructed by the communicative strategies and practices of journalists. Secondly, the panel will explore communicative operational strategies used by journalists while reporting 'the refugee crisis', and the actions of the political elite in particular countries in the months directly following Angela Merkel's epigrammatic declaration. Thirdly, the panel will identify conceptualisations of national identities and self and other-group representations in press articles, including quotes from politicians of particular European countries.

**Co-chairs** **Laura CALABRESE - ULB & Annamária FÁBIÁN - Univ. Regensburg**

**Speakers** *The Impact of Sensorimotor-based Concepts in the French Press Coverage of the Refugee and Migrant Crisis in the EU (2015-2017)*

**Liane STRÖBEL - RWTH Aachen Univ.**

*The 'Refugee Crisis' in British News Discourse: A Contrastive Corpus-based Approach*

**Stefanie ULLMANN - Univ. of Cambridge**

*The representation of the Refugee and Migratory Crisis in the German Press Coverage (2015-2017): A Corpus-based Approach on Frames and Constructions*

**Igor TROST - Univ. Passau**

*The representation of the Refugee and Migratory Crisis in the Hungarian Press Coverage (2015-2017): Cognitive Linguistics and Discourse Analysis*

**Annamária FÁBIÁN - Univ. Regensburg**

*Political Discourse as Media Events. Framing the Refugee Crisis through Quotations*

**Valériane MISTIAEN - ULB**

## PANEL 7 - SOLIDARITY IN THE CONTEXT OF MIGRATION: AN UNACHIEVABLE OBJECTIVE?

@Spaak Room

**Abstract** Over the past decade migration emerged as a central issue in both European affairs and national affairs. In many European countries - particularly those located on transit routes - the issue of migration is central to national debates and has driven the accession of political parties characterized by their strong opposition to it. At the EU level consensus surrounding this difficult issue has proven elusive. The notion of solidarity is frequently called upon, yet it encompasses different meanings. On the one hand, it refers to solidarity and shared responsibility between Member States with an eye on seeing those dealing with increased migratory pressures benefit from the assistance of others. On the other hand, it also covers solidarity with migrants and refugees to ensure that those in need of protection receive it. Although under Article 80 TFEU, the principle of solidarity governs the EU policies on border checks, migration and asylum, its practical implementation is far from ideal as both (1) Member States have differed over a new Common European Asylum System, and (2) concrete expression of solidarity with migrants by private individuals or civil society organisations are at times criminalised. The panel intends to discuss both the failures in implementing the principle of solidarity in the EU's migration and asylum policy as well as possible remedies.

**Chair** Philippe DE BRUYCKER - ULB

**Speakers** *Tensions in International and European Law Regarding Solidarity with Migrants*

Anne WEYEMBERGH & Chloé BRIÈRE - ULB

*Re-bordering yes, but not at EU Level: Understanding the Nationalist Challenge on EU Asylum and Border Control Policies*

Florian TRAUNER - VUB

*Prosecuting those Providing Solidarity to Migrants on Land – Selected Case Studies (France, Belgium, Greece)*

Anne WEYEMBERGH & Chloé BRIÈRE - ULB

## PANEL 8 - THE IMPLICATION FOR THE EU OF AN INCREASINGLY NON-DEMOCRATIC NEIGHBOURHOOD

@Geremek Room

**Abstract** Neighbouring countries of the EU have long been the subject of analysis in the field of European studies, particularly in works interested in the impact of the enlargement and neighbourhood policies on their respective political regimes. Still, the most recent developments in the wider neighbourhood of the EU require further analysis on the other direction of this relationship, that is the impact of political changes that have occurred in many neighbouring countries of the EU. These changes occurred in recent years in Russia, Tunisia, Morocco, Turkey, or Egypt, just to mention some of the most relevant countries: some countries were interested by democratization phenomena, while others showed patterns of failed democratic transition or even autocratization processes, with further limitation on political and civil rights, further restrictions on political participation and a government selection which became less and less competitive. The panel invites papers that address the topic of solidarity between the EU and its neighbours and investigate how the EU managed to maintain ties with the political and civil society of neighbouring countries in unstable political contexts, marked by positive or (more often) negative changes in the political regimes.

**Chair** Luca TOMINI - ULB

**Speakers** *Egypt's Controversial Ties with Its EU Neighbours: Discussing the Regeni Case*

Suzan GIBRIL - ULB

*Implementing EU Democracy Promotion: The Case of EU Consultations with Tunisian Civil Society*

Ragnar WEILANDT - Univ. of Warwick & ULB

*Foreign Policy Approaches Towards Democratic Change in Armenia, Georgia and Moldova: Opportunities and Limitations*

Marta MATRAKOVA - ULB & LUISS Guido Carli

*The EU's Responses to 'State-capture' in Moldova*

Johann WOLFSCHWENGER - Uni. de Genève & ULB

# CONFERENCE TEAM

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## ORGANISING COMMITTEE

**Anne Weyembergh** (President of the Institut d'études européennes of the Université libre de Bruxelles)

**Florian Trauner** (Jean Monnet Chair, Institute for European Studies of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

**George Christou** (Professor, Department of Politics and International Studies of the University of Warwick)

## STEERING COMMITTEE

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