

Feuillets de la Wallonie

The Futures of Europeans in the Global Knowledge Society

A Meeting Place for
Europeans creating Futures

International Conference

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Wallonia, Belgium
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What unique challenges does the Knowledge Society present to Europe? How can futures studies help create effective strategies to meet those challenges? How can futures studies contribute to strategies for success for European companies and private sector organizations? How can futures studies assist Europeans in clarifying their change issues with regard to the key challenges facing the world as a whole? Addressing these critical questions is the main objective of this conference.

So, the Conference "The Futures of the European in a Global Knowledge Society" will focus on the following actions :

- identify common emerging challenges for Europe and develop actions to meet these challenges.
- learn the "best methodological practice" and improve the methodology.
- bring foresight outputs to the policy arena and provide policy analyses.
- provide monitoring of future-oriented activity in Europe and globally, and build capacity for providing future-oriented studies in Europe.
- provide governance with systemic thinking oriented on the future.
- bring future-oriented knowledge and thinking to education, policy-making, the scientific community, companies and public organizations at large.

Four questions will structure the work, especially during the parallel workshops :

1. How can we translate key global issues to the European Union scale? How can different European actors proactively contribute to global challenges using futures studies? The conference will discuss new insights European futures studies experts/ actors bring to global issues.
2. What are the "burning issues" of Europe in the global context?
3. How can European futures studies experts (academics, policy makers, thinktanks, etc.) play a significant role in promoting global issues and developments?
4. How can we develop and consolidate European cohesion and co-operation in promoting global prospects? How can we structure foresight capabilities in Europe ?

Europe must develop its own approach to global issues. Finding common fields of interest and stimulating interaction between different actors is critical to that effort.

Three target groups has been defined by the organizers of the conference are :

1. university units (research & education) and other public organizations
2. companies
3. civil servants and decision makers of European institutions.

A simultaneous translation will be available during all the conference.

Tuesday April 12, 2005

20.00 Welcoming Evening Reception , Mercure Hotel, Louvain-la-Neuve

Wednesday April 13, 2005

8.30 Morning coffee

9.00 Opening plenary session : The Futures of Europe

Chair :

Philippe Destatte, director of The Destree Institute (Wallonia), Brussels-Area Millennium Project Node Chair, Scientific Director of the European College of Regional Foresight - DATAR (Paris)

Welcome address :

Bernard Coulie, Rector of the Catholic University of Louvain-la-Neuve

Louis Michel, Member of the European Commission

10.00 Keynote speakers :

Jerome C. Glenn, Director of the Millennium Project (Washington), *The Futures of Europe*

Maria João Rodrigues, President of the European Advisory Group for Social Sciences, Professor at ISCTE University Institute (Lisbon)

10.45 Break

11.15 Second Plenary Session : Europe in Global World

Round Table animated by **Hugues de Jouvenel**, General Director of Futuribles Group (Paris) and **Paraskevas Caracostas**, Head of Unit K2, Science and Technology Foresight, EC - DG Research (Brussels)

Panelists :

Kristine Bruland, Professor at the Departement of History of the University of Oslo, Chair of the European Commission High Level Expert Group "Foresighting the New Technology Wave", (Oslo)

Michel Godet, Professor of Strategic Foresight, National Conservatory for Arts and Industries, Laboratory for Investigation in Foresight, Strategy and Organization (Paris)

Paul Tang, Head International Economic Analysis, Bureau for Economic Policy Analysis, Centraal PlanBureau Nederlands, (Rotterdam)

Jean Stéphenne, President and General Managers of Biologicals GlaxoSmithkline (Rixensart)

Klaus Heinzelbecker, Director Strategic Projects BASF (Berlin)

13.00 Lunch

14.30 Parallel Workshops

1. Burning issues of Europeans – The Important Trends

Introduction and Chair : **Bruce Lloyd**, Professor at London South Bank University, Departement of Marketing & Strategy, (London)

Animation : **Pavel Novacek**, Director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies in Palacky University, Olomouc and Charles University (Prague)

Discussants :

Eleonora Barbieri Masini, Professor Emeritus of the Faculty of Social Sciences Gregorian University (Roma)

Jean Houard, General Administrator of Walloon Institute for Evaluation, Foresight and Statistics (Namur)

Gerrard Quille, International Security Information Service, EU Research and Innovation Policy and the Future of the European Common Foreign and Security Policy (Brussels)

Patrice Laget, Head of the SERA Unit (Support to the ERA) - Institute for Prospective Technological Studies - IPTS (Sevilla)

Eric Perée, Head of the Economical and financial Services, European Investments Bank (Luxemburg)

Programme

2. Futures Research and Foresight Methods

Introduction and Chair : **Theodor J. Gordon**, Senior Fellow, American Council for United Nations University, Millennium Project (Washington)

Animation : **Nadezhdha Gaponenko**, Russian Institute for Economy, Policy and Law (Moscow)

Discussants :

Mika Aaltonen, Development Director of Finland Futures Research Center (Helsinki)

Stuart Candy, Fast Future (London)

Sylvie Esparre, Director of the Delegation à l'Aménagement du Territoire - DATAR (Paris)

Sam Pearson, Head of Foresight, RTC North Ltd (Sunderland)

3. Europe in Global World – Relationships with Other World Regions

Introduction and Chair : **Hugues de Jouvenel**, General Director of Futuribles Group (Paris)

Animation : **Ute Hélène von Reibnitz**, Director of Scenarios+Vision (Vence)

Discussants :

Peter Mettler, Professor of Societal Sciences, Wiesbaden University of Applied Sciences & University of Frankfurt/Maine (Wiesbaden)

Peter Bishop, Professor at the University of Houston Clearlake, Program for the Study of the Future (Houston)

Jose Cordeiro, Professor at the Central University of Venezuela, Sociedad Mundial del Futuro, (Caracas)

Mohsen Bahrami, Professor at Amir Kabir University of Technology (Tehran)

17.00 End of the workshops

19.00 Official Dinner : Castel of Corroy-le-Château

Thursday April 14, 2005

8.30 Morning coffee

9.00 Third Plenary Session : The Future Governance of the European Sciences

Chairs : **Elizabeth Florescu**, Director of Research, Millennium Project (Washington DC) and **Pascale Van Doren**, Head of Foresight Unit, The Destree Institute (Wallonia)

Keynote Speaker :

Philippe Busquin, Former European Commissioner on Research, European Deputy, President of the Scientific Technology Options Assessment (STOA) European Parliament (Brussels - Strasbourg)

10.00 Parallel workshops

4. Burning issues of Europeans – Weak Signals

Introduction and Chair : **Günter Clar**, Director of Steinbeis Europa Zentrum (Stuttgart)

Animation : **Wendy Schultz**, President of Infinite Futures (Oxford)

Discussants :

Karl-Heinz Steinmüller, Scientific Director, Z_Punkt, The Foresight Company (Berlin)

Ezio Manzini, Professor at Politecnico di Milano, (Milano)

Antonio Missiroli, Senior Research Fellow, European Union Institute for Security Studies (Paris)

Ivan Klinec, Institute for Forecasting (Bratislava)

5. Managing the Future – New Organizations and Management

Introduction and Chair : **Markku Wilenius**, Professor of Futures Studies and Director of the Finland Futures Research Center (Turku)

Animation : **Cornelia Daheim**, Senior Researcher and Project Manager Z_punkt, The Foresight Company (Essen)

Discussants :

John J. Gottsman, President Clarity Group (Atherton, Silicon Valley)

Peter Heydebreck, Managing Director, Inno Group (Stockholm)

Josephine Green, Senior Director of Trends and Strategy at Philips Design (Royal Philips Electronics), (Eindhoven)

Gordon Ollivere, Managing Director RTC North Ltd, (Sunderland) - President TII Association (Luxembourg)

6. Networking the future – Think-tanks and the building of an European Knowledge Platform

Introduction and Chair : **Sari Söderlund**, Coordinator Finland Future Academy (Turku)

Animation : **Robby Berloznik**, Director of the Flemish Institute for Science and Technology Assessment (ViwTA) (Brussels)

Discussants :

Anja Kober, Senior Manager Corporate Innovation Strategy Deutsche Telekom (Bonn)

Saphia Richou, President of Prospective and Foresight Network, (Paris)

Pierre-Jean Lorens, Director of the Foresight and Evaluation Department at the Regional Council of Nord Pas-de-Calais

Anette Braun, Future Technologies, Division of VDI TZ GmbH (Düsseldorf)

12.30 Lunch

14.00 Closing Plenary Session

New ideas how to structure foresight capabilities in Europe

Chair : **Juha Kaskinen**, Coordinator International Affairs of Finland Futures Academy, (Turku)

Round Table animated by **Theodius Lennon**, Director Social Sciences and Humanities, Foresight, EC - DG Research (Brussels) and **Maria João Rodriguez**, Chair of the Social Sciences Advisory Group for the European Commission, Professor at ISCTE University Institute, (Lisbon)

Antonio Missiroli, Senior Research Fellow, European Union Institute for Security Studies (Paris)

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16.00 Keynote speakers :

Marie-Dominique Simonet, Member of the Government of Wallonia, in charge of Research, Technology and International Relationships, vice-president of the Gouvernement of the French Community in charge of University Education and Research Policy (Namur-Brussels)

John S. Ratcliffe, Director of the Faculty of the Built Environment, Dublin Institute of Technology, (Dublin)

17.00 Closing

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Registration form

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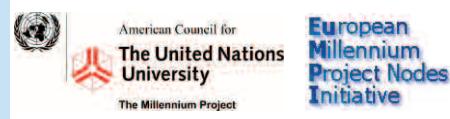
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