



CONFERENCE

A University for Europe – Higher Education and European integration

28 October 2016

Sala del Consiglio, Villa Salviati, Via Bolognese 156, Florence

■ ABSTRACT

International conference jointly organised by the Alcide De Gasperi Research Centre in collaboration with the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies and the Department of History and Civilization (EUI), on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the European University Institute, 1976-2016.

The conference will explore the first plans for the creation of a European university; the gradual involvement of the EC/EU in the policy-making of higher education cooperation; the education reforms initiated by the Bologna Process in the late 1990s and the research aspects of the EU's Lisbon Strategy for jobs and growth.

■ PROGRAMME

09:00 - 09:15

Welcome and Opening

Renaud Dehousse | President, European University Institute

Cristina Giachi | Deputy Mayor of Florence

Anna Ravoni | Mayor of Fiesole

09:15 - 11:00

Session I: Higher Education and European Integration: an Historical Perspective

Chair: **Dieter Schlenker** | Historical Archives of the European Union

Antonio Varsori | University of Padova

“Higher Education in the Process of European Integration”

Jean Marie Palayret | Association “Friends of the HAEU”, Florence

“The Making of the «European» Universities: The College of Europe in Bruges and the European University Institute in Florence”

Marina Cino Pagliarello | London School of Economics

“Creating Europe and Europeans: The Pro-integration Role of Higher Education under Jacques Delors”

Discussant: **Simone Paoli** | International Studies Institute, Florence

11:00 - 11:30

Coffee break

Inauguration of a Joint Exhibition between CEDEFOP and EUI

11:30 - 13:00

Roundtable : Actors' Voices on Higher Education and European Integration

Moderator: **Renaud Dehousse** | President, EUI

Invited Speakers: **Aleksander Bobko** | Secretary of State at the Polish Ministry of Science and Higher Education

Manuel Marín | President, Fundación Iberdrola España; Former Vice-President, European Commission

Tessa Blackstone | House of Lords; Former Minister of State for Education and Employment

Joachim James Calleja | Director, CEDEFOP

Hywel Ceri Jones | Former Director General for Employment, Social Policy and Industrial Relations, European Commission

13:00 - 14:30

Lunch (restricted)

14:30 - 16:00

Session II: Universities and European Integration in the 21st Century

Chair: **Federico Romero** | European University Institute

Sacha Garben | College of Europe, Bruges

“The Europeanisation of Higher Education – Harmonization and/or Commercialization by Stealth?”

Marijk van der Wende | Utrecht University

“The Impact of Globalisation on Higher Education in Europe”

Vincent Wertz | Université Catholique de Louvain; Chair, Education Innovation Working Group, Coimbra Group of Universities

“Education Innovation in the European Higher Education Area: A University (network) Perspective”

Discussant: **Anne Corbett** | London School of Economics

16:00 - 17:00

Keynote Speech

Adam Tyson | Director for Higher Education, DG Education and Culture, European Commission

“The Challenges Facing Higher Education at the European Level”

17:00

Closing Cocktail