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TEACHING

MA Programme: European History and Civilisation 2010-11/2011-12

The MA in European History and Civilisation continued to develop, under the auspices of the Leiden Institute of History, which validates the programme. Last year's cohort proved, yet again, a very lively group who threw themselves into the course. This year's cohort has seven students - though the aim remains to select around 10 drawn from a wider international composition each year. Discussions continue to find ways to boost recruitment.

• 2010/11 cohort for Europaeum MA European History and Civilisation:

Victor van Kleef, Dominique Snel, Marleen Maat, Pieter Leefers, Cato van Hasselt, Laurens Dokter, Annasophie Heintze (all Netherlands); Geoffrey Simpson (UK/Netherlands); Anne Peltonen (Finland)

• 2011/12 cohort for Europaeum MA European History and Civilisation:

Daniele Simbula (France), Berend Booms, Dan Elders, Mark Fliert, Roos Haasnoot (all Netherlands); Joao Labareda (Portugal), Elvan Sahin (Turkey)

• Discussions initiated by **Charles University** on a **new joint Europaeum MA-level** degree in European Studies, thanks to a small pump-priming grant of the Czech Ministry of Education continued over the year, led by Professor Rovna have produced the following guidelines: However after much soul searching Leiden has indicated it would not be able to take the lead while Paris 1, Prague and Oxford are not in a position to do so. So, further discussions will take place on how to progress from here. The broad plan is (i) for one semester to be hosted at each institution; (ii) the new joint MA would be run over two years, as the current Bologna Process advocates; (iii) the focus will be on Politics and International Relations (with some Sociology and Geography) with a working title: *Europe in a Global World*.

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Europaeum Visiting Professors:

A couple of grants worth 800 each are still available for this programme.

- **Professor Alessandro Zironi**, from the University of Bologna, taught with Dr. Lucie Doležalová at Charles University, Prague, in the Department of Linguistics. The research focus was the topic of the 'obscure' transmission of knowledge in the Middle Ages, linked to a conference organised at Prague on the topic of *Obscuritas in the Middle Ages*. In December 2011 the outcomes of their joint research and conference experience was used in teaching modules in Doležalová's classes, focusing on the theme of obscurity.
- **Professor Iain McLean,** Professor of Politics at Oxford University, delivered a course of lectures and seminars on "British Politics since 1997" to the British Studies Programme at the Department of European Studies in Charles University, Prague.

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International Graduate Workshops

Efforts continue to focus on doctoral level workshops, the aim for each is to involve around 20 Europaeum post-graduate/doctoral scholars, from at least four partner universities, plus one or two visiting Europaeum professors joining supportive local faculty. The following events took place in 2011:

- Europeanisation and the Roots of Modern Europe Oxford University 27th-29th May. This Europaeum graduate workshop investigated the concept of 'Europeanisation', considering its meanings and how it works in practice. The three-day event involved graduate students from eight Europaeum universities, bringing cross-cultural, as well as inter-disciplinary, perspectives, which allowed for vibrant debate, presenting papers alongside expert papers and discussions.
- Sacred Spaces Bologna this had to be deferred to 2012 due to local problems and funding.
- Leadership in Europe Leiden University 11th-13th November. The graduate workshop focused on Europe and its so-called political 'Giant' leaders in the past, compared to the present, and future, analysing the role and

balance of Brussels and national leaders and how they are faring in the current crisis, including graduate students from eight partner universities.

- *Policy-Making inside Europe?* Organised as usual with colleagues in Lisbon to focus on how European policy is made in Brussels in a range of fields and disciplines. It took place in Brussels 20th-22nd June 2011 based on a programme of talks, discussions, interviews and special visits. Key themes included the revolts in the Arab World, European Economic Governance, EU in the World: trade & cooperation, and Europe 2020 agenda. The programme included a visit to the European Parliament (the NATO visit had to be cancelled). The Europaeum sponsored Jitka Novakova and Tomas Brolik, from Prague, and Chiara Catapano, from Bologna, plus three from the El Pomar foundation, who all worked alongside 20 Lisbon graduates.
- International Graduate Debate: 27th 29th June. This was held with eight graduates, four of whom were sponsored by the Europaeum, with a major international conference organised at The Institute for Political Studies (Catholic University of Portugal) on The Future of the Free World. The motion debated was: "The Free World should allow Iran to develop nuclear technology" in the form of a public Oxford Union-style event led by Europaeum graduates. Keynote speakers in the main event included Lord (Raymond) Plant (formerly Oxford, now King's College London), Aleksander Smolar (Stefan Batory Foundation, Warsaw), Marc Plattner (Journal of Democracy). The winning graduates argued cogently and consistently that under a seemingly Millian concept of freedom, sovereign states should have the autonomy to do as they wish.

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• Annual Summer School: *The Futures of Europe: Which Ways Towards 2030 ?* 7th - 22nd July 2011, held at the *Menendez Pelayo International University* (UIMP), Santander

This year the focus of the Summer School was to explore the complexities of current relations between European nations and the European Union, and in particular how the EU is likely to fare in the coming two decades. Young scholars came from backgrounds in Law, Social Policy, Economics and Politics, Media and Communication studies, and from the universities of Geneva, Bonn, Oxford, Bologna, Prague, Leiden, Lisbon, Portugal and Krakow. They gave lively papers and took part in debates and role-playing exercises.

• Annual Classics Colloquium: Friends & Strangers

21st – 23rd October 2011, University of Helsinki

16 young graduate scholars from across eight Europaeum partner institutions were joined by seven academics in the 2011 Classics Colloquium – the tenth in our series – on the topic of *Friends & Strangers*, covering a broad range of subjects and areas including research: linguistics, literature, culture, religion, philosophy, archaeology, history and art history. Some 16 young scholars, together with leading academic experts, presented papers. Participants included Valentina Rosa, Matteo Zaccarini, Mattia Vitelli Casella, Barbara Fero (all Bologna); Nadine Siepe (Bonn); Katja Varakas, Kai Juntunen (both Helsinki); Kamil Kopij (Krakow); Saskia Peels, Michiel Verheij (Leiden); Maria Victoria Vaello, Sergio Lopez Molina (Madrid); Lucy Jackson, Caterina Franchi (Oxford); Petra Janouchova, and Pavel Nyvlt (Prague).

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RESEARCH PROJECT GROUPS

• Comparing European Historical & Political Concepts (2006 -)

This project group, which is investigating how key judicial and political concepts are used across and within European nations, linguistic groups and political boundaries, continues to make good progress with two more events taking place this year including a colloquium in Helsinki, and meeting in Berlin in December to finalise details linked to a number of publications from the group. The group plan top bring out volumes on different thematic areas, probably from 2013 onwards, based on comparative studies of clusters of linked concepts, as differently used by core countries peripheral countries. **Co-ordinators:** Professors Michael Freeden (Oxford), Henrik Stenius and Bo Stråth (Helsinki), Nere Basabe (Madrid), et al. **Linked Institutions:** Helsinki, Oxford, Geneva, Bologna, Paris and Madrid

• Liberalism in 20th Century Europe (2003 -7, 2011-)

This group is due to revive its work, after the end of its earlier series of projects focussing on *Misappropriations* of *Liberalisms*, this time launch a new project on forms and modes of consensus-building within the framework of liberal-democracies. A planning meeting is planned for early next year. **Co-ordinators:** Professor Michael Freeden (Oxford), Paolo Pombeni (Bologna), Henk te Velde (Leiden) **Linked Institutions:** Oxford, Leiden, Bologna, Prague, and Lisbon

• Cultural Difference in Europe (2005 -)

This Research Project Group was launched at a workshop in Prague in 2005, involving a range of academics, intellectuals, artists and arts managers. It is planned to hold future meetings in 2012/3, in Paris or Oxford, with an additional aim of distilling a series of essays to be published in a volume. A bid is being prepared for a grant from a European Science Foundation programme which focuses on *cultural encounters*. **Co-ordinators:** Dr Nicolas Bunnin (Oxford), Professor Antonio Elorza (Madrid), Professor Jiri Pehe (Prague), Professor Grazyna Skapska (Krakow) **Linked Institutions:** Prague, Oxford, Krakow, Madrid, plus Tamkang (Taiwan) as an outside (central) body.

• US-Europe Advisory Group (2004-)

The Europaeum launched a major initiative to promote Trans-Atlantic dialogue between leading European and American academics, intellectuals and policy makers, through lectures, research workshops, policy studies and debates. It is standing by to support one further international event, in 2012/3, following past events on Europeanisation and Americanisation, on American Culture in Old and New Europe: The Cold War and Beyond, and an international conference on US-Europe relations, Is there still a West? and, most recently, on Federalisms in Europe, North America and India. This could examine how relations have changed in reality since the Bush-Blair era. Linked Institutions: Geneva, Oxford, Lisbon, Bologna, Krakow and Leiden.

• European Economic Integration (2002-9)

This group has been assessing the functioning of the Euro and the European Monetary System at both rhetorical and empirical levels since 2002, in a series of seven meetings plus a linked Summer School, contributing to the understanding of the process of financial integration in Europe and to the analysis of currency consolidation processes at the world level, as well as focusing on creating a network of linked faculty, young scholars and graduates. Bids for further meetings have been encouraged. **Co-ordinators:** Professors Hubert Kempf (Paris), Frantisek Turnovec (Prague), Gianpaolo Rossini and Ricardo Rovelli (Bologna), Tapio Palokangas (Helsinki) **Linked Institutions:** Paris, Bologna, Helsinki, Leiden, Prague et al.

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

• Jenkins Scholars 2010-11/2011-12

The scholarship scheme, which honours the former President of the European Commission and Chancellor of the University of Oxford, is linked to the Europaeum, which Roy Jenkins helped to found in the 1990s to help academics, intellectuals and young scholars 'bridge Europe'. For 2011-12, five new Jenkins Scholars were elected by our international panel, four incoming to Oxford and one from Oxford to its Europaeum partner university, the University of Leiden. Our selection panel comprised Professor Zdzislaw Mach (Sociology) from Krakow, Professor Wim Blockmans (History) from Leiden, Dr Hartmut Mayer (Politics) and Dr David Parrott (History) from Oxford, coordinated by the Secretary-General. All Panel recommendations were endorsed by the Jenkins Memorial Board. The partnership with the Jenkins Scholarship scheme remains an important feature for the association. Almost 40 awards have been made to date. The new Jenkins Scholars for 2011-12, selected from some 30 eligible candidates, a little more than last year are: Dominik Christ of the University of Bonn, Germany, to study for an MPhil in Economics at St John's College, Oxford University; Rachel Hicks of the University of Leiden, Netherlands, to study for an MPhil in Development Studies at Trinity College, University of Oxford; Igor Barilik of Charles University, Prague, to study for an MA in Criminology and Criminal Justice at Exeter College, Oxford University; Tomas Wallenius of the University of Helsinki, Finland, to study for an MPhil in International

Relations at St Cross College, Oxford University. Steven Kaye of Magdalen College, Oxford, will be continuing his studies as a Jenkins Scholar towards a DPhil Comparative Philology and General Linguistics at Leiden University.

• Oxford Geneva Study Bursaries 2011

This programme is designed to support student study and research exchange between Oxford and Geneva. The awardees are chosen among the graduates in Oxford University and the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva: **Dany Jaimovich** visited Oxford to prepare for the second stage of data collection from 60 Gambian villages, which aims to evaluate the success of a large aid programme from the World Bank. **Rachel Brubaker** went to Geneva for three works to work for the UNHCR. The bursaries are worth €500 each, and have been awarded annually since 2001.

• El Pomar-Europaeum TransAtlantic Junior Fellowship

Following lobbying by the Secretary-General, it has been revived for this year. This year's winner of our El Pomar-Europaeum bursary, set up in 2008 to bridge links across the Atlantic, **Juha Roppola** spent five weeks in the US: first attached to the El Pomar Foundation in Colorado, followed by time in Washington DC. The PhD student from the Institute of Political Studies at the Catholic University of Lisbon sent us a weekly blog of his experiences, all published on the Europaeum website.

• Young Scholar Conference Bursary Scheme

Following last year's successful series of graduate mobility awards to support travel and participation, six further awards were made this year. There were two awards to the Krakow conference, entitled *Transformation in the ECE: Before, After, and in the Process?*, to Nevena Vlaykova (University of Oxford) and to Jiří Koubek (Charles University in Prague), and four to Lisbon for its World and UN Model international Congress this year to Ivo Bronstring (Leiden University), Nora Ratzmann (University of Oxford), Lukáš Sedláček (Charles University, Prague), and to Anna Sakurai (University of Oxford).

EUROPAUEM LECTURES

• Bypassed in the new economic order? The EU and global governance after the crash

Professor Ngaire Woods, Director of the Global Governance Programme, Oxford University and Professor of International Political Economy, and Fellow in Politics and International Relations and Dean of Graduates at University College, Oxford gave her lecture on Thursday, 3rd March 2011 at the Graduate Institute, Geneva, followed by a graduate seminar the next day on Health Economics in the Developing World.

• Why did communism end in Europe? Why did it mutate in Asia?

Professor Archie Brown, Emeritus Fellow of Politics at Oxford, and Emeritus Fellow of St Antony's College, Oxford gave this lecture as a Europaeum Visiting Professor on 11th May 2011 at Charles University in Prague.

• Europe and the Arab Spring: What should we be doing?

This lively international Panel debate was hosted at the University of Bonn on 9th June with different perspectives brought by the speakers were Professor Christian Hacke (Bonn), Professor Pierre Beckouche (Paris 1), and Dr. Adeel Malik (Oxford) explored questions such as Should Europe be doing more?, with perspectives from Germany, Paris and London, the reasons for the uprisings, and the relative failure of the EU and others to be prepared for it. The debate was chaired by Dr. Andrew Graham, Master of Balliol College, Oxford with an introduction from Dr Paul Flather (Oxford).

• The End of War: political violence in the 21st century

Professor Keith Krause, Professor of International Relations at the Graduate Institute, Geneva, gives his lecture on 7th November 2011 at the University of Oxford, chaired by Sir Adam Roberts, President of the British Academcy, from Oxfrod, discussing ways of measuring the decline in violence. Discussions continued after a special dinner with an especially invited group. Professor Krause later took part in seminars at the Economics Faculty.

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES & SEMINARS

• *Liability in European Law* 17-18th March Prague

This event was hosted by the international Centre on Comparative European Law with support from the Law Faculty of Charles University and German Stiftung, to look at how relations are evolving between Member States and the EU over infringements of EU law, both in theory and practice, with two rival theories in action. It was coordinated by Professor Lubos Tichy, director of the Centre, with experts coming from Austria, Germany, UK, and the Czech Republic, as well as senior government officials, European court judges and ministers.

- World Leadership and UN Model Debate conference 10th-16th April Lisbon 2011

 The Europaeum provided four bursaries to support participation of leading young scholars from Europaeum partner institutions in a World Leadership conference, which took place in April at our associate partner, the Institute for Political Studies, the Catholic University of Portugal, and at the Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation in Lisbon. The event was organised with support from the Academic Association of the Institute for Political Studies (AAIEP), linked to the Catholic University of Portugal. Bursaries of up to €500 were awarded.
- Human Rights Law Today in Europe and the UK 20th May University of Oxford The Europaeum co-supported with the Law Faculty of Oxford University, and Queen's University Belfast, a one-day workshop on May 20th on Human Rights Law in Europe and the UK, hosted in Oxford, working with Professor Chris McCrudden (Oxford) and others, bringing over Law professors from Prague, Paris 1, and Leiden, to join others from Oxford, LSE, Strasbourg and many UK Government departments, to dissect and discuss areas of contention, overlap and dissonance.
- Ideas for the 20th Century from the life and work of Tony Judt 23rd-25th June Paris The Europaeum co-sponsored a conference organised held at CERI, Sciences-Po, by the New York Review of Books to celebrate the life and work of the historian Tony Judt, who passed away in 2010, with key sessions discussion the aftermath of the Second World War, the Post-War European Settlement, the Rise of the United States, the Fall of the Berlin Wall, and ideas to do with citizenship, welfare and social liberalism, with participation from Paris 1 and from Oxford, as well as colleagues from the US, across Europe and Paris institutions.

• What Future for Europe and the Eurozone? 17th–22nd July 2011 – Santander

This Europaeum event of the year, this time also linked to our annual summer school, brought together leading economists, lawyers, academics, politicians and think tank leaders to review the 2009-10 report on the Future of Europe 2020 – we investigated perspective graduates and academics from Europaeum universities with high-level policy-makers, professionals and experts, to explore current issues linked to Europe. This Summer School reflected on the complexities of relationships between European nations and the European Union and the future of the Euro. Speakers were drawn from both academia and the professions as appropriate. These included: leading figures from **politics** - such as Lord Tristan Garel-Jones, the Conservative peer, and Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga, a former President of Latvia; **academia** - Dr Hartmut Mayer of Oxford University, and Professor Christian Hacke of Bonn University; **think—tank policy-makers** - Richard Youngs, Director-General of FRIDE, and Emilio Lamo de Espinosa, the Director of Elcano Royal Institute for Strategic and International Studies (and Professor of Sociology at Madrid Complutense); **law** - Antonio Garrigues Walker, Chairman of the well known Garrigues law firm, and Jóse Maria de Arielza, Dean of IE Law School and Jean Monnet-IE University Chair and a legal practitioner; and **economics** - Federico Steinberg, the Economics Senior Analyst at Real Instituto Elcano for International Relations, and Professor Fernando Fernàndez, of the IE Business School in Madrid.

• Attack on our Universities

The Europaeum supported an important policy forum on the current state of Higher Education in the UK. The event on *The Universities Under Attack* was held at King's College, London, on **November 26th**, and included prominent scholars, policy-makers, and educators from Europe and beyond. Themes included tuition fees, government controls, technology, centralised administration, marketisation. Baroness Helena Kennedy, Sir Keith Thomas, and others, including Dr Paul Flather, who chaired a session, all took part from Oxford, alongside Professor Carel Stolker from Leiden University, and speakers from Princeton, NYU, and more. The conference was run by *The New York Review of Books*, and other co-sponsors included the Fritt Ord Foundation of Oslo, and the *London Review of Books* with support from *The Oxford Magazine* and *The Times Higher Magazine*.

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

- The monthly electronic e-*Bulletin* continues to go out regularly to some 800 + 'Europaeum faculty', linked scholars in partner institutions, participants in Europaeum events, friends and supporters and receives good feedback.
- *Liberalisms East and West* essays derived from a Europaeum-supported major international conference held at St Antony's College in 2009 distributed to Europaeum libraries and representatives, and other interested parties.
- 2009-10 Connecting Europe Through History around the theme of 'migration', containing reports on a number of Europaeum events linked to the programme, which received support under the EU F7 Citizens for Europe programme, was completed and distributed over the summer.
- *Liability under European Law* essays from Europaeum-supported conference in Prague in May 2011 have been published in a Czech version with an English version due in 2012.
- 20th Century Themes from the Life and ideas of Tony Judt a full podcast is to be made available of the international conference, co-sponsored in Paris at CERI, Sciences-Po last June with the New York Review of Books, on our Europaeum website.
- *Europaeum Lecture* delivered by Professor Vernon Bogdanor, then of Oxford University, now at King's College, London, in Leiden in 2009 is to be published in our lecture pamphlet series.
- *Europaeum Website* the revamp continues and data is improving, while the new theme searching facility is well received.
- Europaeum Academic Directory work continues in collecting data, now past the 120 mark, of 'link' academics from all partner institutions listed by name, job, institution(s), discipline(s), research interests, and recent publications, accessible via the website. The Directory allows for searches by colleagues seeking collaborators for Europaeum projects on EU bids, via the Europaeum or beyond, and also raising visibility. The target is to reach 200 entries by end of 2012. Links to main personal, or university sites, will mean that updates will be kept to a minimum.