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The Europaeum Mission

The Europaeum was founded in 1992 as an association of European universities, with a mission to:

- promote excellence in academic research and teaching collaboration between Europaeum partners;

- develop a 'pool of talent' to carry out research and inquiry into problems confronting Europe;

- act as an open academic network linking Europaeum partners and other bodies in the joint pursuit of new pan-European initiatives;

- explore new initiatives for universities to fulfil their many academic responsibilities in today's societies;

- help prepare, train and educate potential 'future leaders' for Europe.

The Europaeum currently comprises 12 leading European university member institutions: University of Oxford; Universiteit Leiden; Università di Bologna; Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies, Geneva; Université Paris I Panthéon-Sorbonne; Univerzita Karlova v Praze; Helsingin Yliopisto, Helsinki; Uniwersytet Jagielloński, Krakow; Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona; and Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich; Instituto de Estudos Políticos da Universidade Católica Portuguesa (IEP-UCP), Lisbon; and Universidad Complutense, Madrid.

Europaeum programmes include research projects, annual conferences and student summer schools, lectures, joint teaching programmes, public debates, staff mobility schemes, linked scholarship schemes, and a developing knowledge platform.

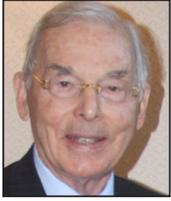
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From the Chairman of the Board of Trustees



Dr Keller

The **Europaeum** is poised to mark the 25th anniversary of its foundation. I find this a remarkable achievement. We could not have expected today's association to emerge from the germ of the idea that Lord (George) Weidenfeld launched in 1991, backed by his close friend, Sir Ronald Grierson. Credit goes to these two 'founding fathers' – and of course to the University of Oxford for embracing the idea and setting it up as one of its departments.

We can look back with some satisfaction that, over these years, we have supported many thousands of young scholars and given them enhanced and special academic experiences within a European context. Many are already successful in their professional careers. We can single out our first **Jenkins Scholar** 13 years ago, Michal Bobek, from Prague, who is now Advocate General of the Court of Justice of the European Union in The Hague. We have high expectations that many more will go on to become leaders in their fields in Europe. We have also worked with hundreds of leading academics, politicians, civil servants, thinkers, media and legal professionals, and decision-makers - meeting, discussing and working together, promoting collaboration, academic mobility, and new thinking.

The highlight of last year proved to be our **Europaeum Summer School** which explored relations between China and Europe, our first foray into this important subject, through the prism of our common problems: ageing, urbanisation, corruption, economic and social pressure and, of course, political legitimacy. This turned out remarkably well – with some dozen Chinese students joining 25 Europaeum graduates in Oxford, and speakers drawn from the US, Europe and China. It received very high evaluation marks and we should repeat such events in the future.

We had our usual range of prestige **Europaeum Lectures**, ranging from political leadership to humanitarian aid, with Josef Joffe, head of *Die Zeit*, giving an engaging talk on the UK facing Brexit, and lively **Graduate Seminars**, at Brussels, Bologna, Krakow, and Oxford, when the notion of 'charisma' in European history was explored.

We continued our **Europaeum Days** programme last year with a "*Day of European Migration*", inviting some 30 of our leading past alumni, graduates, successful research scholars and professionals, to take part in a day of meetings, policy briefings, and an important open debate, all held at the Graduate Institute, in Geneva. Keynote contributions came from José Manuel Barroso and Prince Karel Schwarzenberg – in this exciting, controversial debate, which also drew in Norbert Hofer, the Austrian presidential candidate for the Freedom Party, whose views come from the far right. It attracted a full house of maybe 700, with many hundred more outside.

The main **Europaeum Conference** last year, kindly hosted by our colleagues in Prague, celebrated the legacy of Charles V, who founded, among other institutions, Charles University, marking the 700th anniversary of the birth of this Holy Roman Emperor.

Our other jointly-offered **Teaching Programmes** in *European History* and in *European Politics and Society* – the *Vaclav Havel Programme* – linking various partners continued, as did our various scholarship programmes.

All this, of course, comes at a time of continuing difficulty for Europe – still recovering from global and Euro economic crises, facing threats from a resurgent Russia, high unemployment, and the migration crisis leading to *Euro-scepticism* and new waves of populism. Then came the shock of Brexit. In such difficult times the work of the Europaeum is, we feel, even more important than ever.

Looking ahead to 2017 and beyond, we will continue to be busy, culminating in our **25th anniversary events** to be hosted in Oxford by Lord Patten, the Chancellor of the University, and Professor Louise Richardson, Vice-Chancellor of the University. We plan to expand and enhance our membership, continue our programmes, and develop a significant new programme, to be led by Dr Andrew Graham, our Academic Council Chair, offering a highly selective group of European scholars extra opportunities, bringing in, we hope, new funds and energy.



Europaeum founders (from left) Sir Ronald Grierson, Lord Weidenfeld, Professor Peter Pulzer, Prince Hans Adam II of Liechtenstein, and Sir Peter North

Too little credit comes back to the Europaeum. Yet, invariably, our graduates respond with gratitude and high praise for our work, so well led by our energetic Secretary-General, Paul Flather. Let us end with a final word on Lord Weidenfeld, who died last year, a European visionary I got to know and admire over many years. We helped to mount a fitting memorial for him in Oxford last September. We include a valedictory note here (*see page 15*). I hope that the Europaeum will keep his memory alive in the future.

Pierre Keller

Dr Pierre Keller
1st March 2016

Europaeum Lectures have been held since the association was founded, as part of its mission to encourage an international exchange of ideas and academic mobility, many examining key issues confronting Europe.

❑ REFUGEES & MIGRANTS AT EUROPE'S DOOR: WHAT KIND OF A CRISIS IS IT? – Bologna (21st January)



Europe's so-called migration crisis is probably not such a crisis as it claimed, argued **Professor Guy Goodwin-Gill**, Emeritus Professor of International Refugee Law at All Souls College, Oxford, in the keynote lecture at our Graduate Workshop on *Mobility & Migration: a Crisis for Europe's Citizens*,

hosted with Bologna University. His talk challenged the very notion of crisis, pointing out that the total numbers today including the 1m who have entered Germany, still represent a far smaller proportion of the total European population of 500 million, that the migratory movements after the end of World War II, when more than 30 million migrants were on the move, or as in the 1920s following the Greek-Turkish war. He also argued that the rules on asylum seekers were clear, and should be implemented as all EU nations were charged to do: and if all EU nations worked together, the migration issue could be managed without each EU member feeling unduly pressured. Turkey alone had almost 3m Syrian refugees. His talk was, as usual, trenchant and inspiring, and was well received by the workshop participants.

❑ WINSTON CHURCHILL AS DEMOCRATIC LEADER – Oxford (21st April)

A keynote lecture was given on the first day of our Spring School on *Charisma & Political Leadership in European History*, hosted at the Maison Française in Oxford, by **Professor Archie Brown**, Emeritus Professor of Politics at Oxford and Emeritus Fellow of St Antony's College, on **Winston Churchill's** famed leadership skills which have been much revived. Professor Brown challenged conventional views that Churchill was unchallenged in his war-time leadership skills - much has been written on his other skills in peace time - outlining many instances, when it can be said, he benefitted from luck. Churchill was also very astute in realising how to manufacture leadership with his voice, his oratory, and his image. Professor Brown who has made a study of leadership, concludes that Churchill's contribution remains formidable but not necessarily copybook.



❑ WILL BREXIT MEAN THE END OF THE EU? & OTHER STORIES: AN OUTSIDER'S VIEW – Oxford (15th June)



Roles appear to have reversed with the UK becoming 'emotional' and Germany 'rational' according to Josef Joffe, Publisher-Editor of Die Zeit and Fellow of the Hoover Institute at Stanford University, in a talk and discussion hosted at the Maison Française, in Oxford, just days before the EU referendum vote, with polls narrowing. Lively discussion covered fake news and campaign misinformation; migration threats; the likely impact of a Leave vote on both the UK and the EU Project, and how Brexit will affect future world affairs. The event was organised by EUK@OX (six Oxford bodies united in promoting EU discussion, set up in 2014 by the Europaeum). There were contributions from Dr Paul Flather, Europaeum Secretary-General and chair, Dr Anne Simonin (then Director, MFO), Jonathan Scheele (former EC director), and Dr Hartmut Meyer (Fellow, St Peter's College).

❑ THE CASE FOR HUMANITARIAN ECONOMICS – Oxford (15th November)



Economic issues, such as the overall market context, the desired competition outcomes, the costs of delivery, and costs of sustainability, should all feature when fixing and evaluating humanitarian support and interventions, according to Gilles Carbonnier, Professor of Development

Economics at the Graduate Institute in Geneva giving a Europaeum Lecture on *The Case for Humanitarian Economics: Recalibrating Civil War and Disaster*, in the Old Library in All Souls College, Oxford, co-hosted with the Refugee Studies Centre. Questions about how easy this was, and what were the right framework were raised by Professor Alexander Betts, Director of the Refugee Studies Centre and Fellow of Green Templeton College, as discussant, and by Professor Guy Goodwin-Gill, Emeritus Professor of International Refugee Law at All Souls, and Founding Editor of the *International Journal of Refugee Law*. A book on *Humanitarian Economics: War, Disaster, and the Global Aid Market* (OUP 2016), by the author, was also launched.

❑ EUROPAEUM VISITING PROFESSORS

The movement and exchange of academic staff, between Europaeum member institutions, supports the development of broader intellectual perspectives, as well as promoting the exchange of ideas and opportunities for new collaborative initiatives.



Barbara Havelkova

Dr Barbara Havelkova, Shaw Foundation Fellow in Law at Lincoln College, Oxford, again taught a course entitled *Gender and Law* as a guest lecturer at Charles University, Prague. The course, which Dr Havelkova taught in the spring, was a full 22 hour elective course, delivered over two weekends in the spring semester. During the course, she mixed high-level academic engagement with insights into the experience of practitioners in the field: seminars included real life case studies and featured speakers from the Office of the Public Defender of Rights (Ombudsperson) and an attorney working on the rights of LGBTQ people to adopt children.

The development of collaborative, multi-centered academic courses fulfils a central objective of the Europaeum mission.

□ MA PROGRAMME IN EUROPEAN HISTORY AND CIVILISATION



This year's cohort pictured in Oxford at a seminar with Professor Steven Gunn (Merton College), discussing Henry VIII's reign

The pioneering joint MA in *European History and Civilisation* - which links the History faculties of Leiden, Paris 1 Pantheon-Sorbonne and Oxford, providing three different modes of teaching and study at each of the universities - continued with another successful year, even if efforts to ensure a wider international cohort, would help.

Almost 100 MA students have now studied on the programme, launched as a "pilot" in 2004-5. Many have gone on to exciting careers in cultural industries, public service including the EU, and academe. In 2015 a 10th anniversary reunion event was warmly attended with one in four of graduates, celebrated with a special seminar, memorial brochure, and lively dinner. Students graduating last year covered the usual range of themes in their dissertations, see below.

Linked to the programme, there are special lectures in Leiden, Paris and Oxford directed at the participants. The series at Oxford on the theme of *States, Nations and Sovereignty*, picking up on the Brexit vote, included talks by professors Steve Gunn (the kingship of Henry VIII); Martin Conway (Belgium 1930-80); Sir John Elliott (Composite Monarchies); Tom Buchanan (Spanish Civil War), Elizabeth Baigent (Sweden in her Age of Greatness); Kalypso Nicolaidis (UK, Brexit & Sovereignty); Robin Briggs (Frankish Conquests); Tracey Sowerby (European sovereignty over 400 years).

Last year's cohort completed dissertations on a range of subjects: Jan Debets (Netherlands) on *France and England portrayed in an politically escalating Dutch Republic (1770-1780)*; Vanessa Cambrelan on *Nationalism and Historic Revisionism: Examining Modern Interpretations of Post-War German Expulsion from Eastern Europe*; Tabea Wanninger (Germany) on *Game Changer Adenauer's Mutation from Embattled Chancellor to Pivotal Player in the European Concert (1950-1952)*; Jona de Jong (Netherlands) on *Between 1650 and 1750, guilds in Great Britain were more prone to innovate than their counterparts in the Netherlands*; Art van Noord (Netherlands) on *Who supports the poor? Dutch nineteenth-century parliamentary debate about state responsibility for taking care of the poor*; and Nik van Brink (Netherlands) on *Continental Drift: Rethinking the Divergence of Continental- and Analytical Philosophy*.

□ HAVEL MA PROGRAMME IN EUROPEAN POLITICS AND SOCIETY



Václav Havel

It is now five years since the start of what is known as our Havel joint *MA in European Politics and Society*, linking Prague, Paris, and Leiden, and now Krakow and Barcelona. This joint initiative links three leading European universities, combining all the strengths and specialisms of the partner institutions, to provide potential students with a unique learning experience in European Politics and Society. The EMAP is a two-year MA Programme in European Studies, delivered over four semesters, specifically linking the fields of European Politics, European Contemporary History, European Socio-Legal and Socio-Geographic studies, and European International Relations.

All successful EMAP graduates have the chance to study at two - or more - Europaeum partner universities, and receive a final degree validated by their Home University, with adjunct diplomas, plus a Europaeum Certificate. The EMAP was launched in September 2012, linking the Universities of Paris 1 Sorbonne-Pantheon, Charles University, Prague, and Leiden University, with support from scholars at Oxford, and other Europaeum partners. The course is offered together with selected Europaeum Lectures and special international graduate workshops.

There were 7 graduates on the programmes in 2016: Veronika Jirickova (Prague), Denisa Novakova (Prague), Iweta Wagnerova (Prague), David Semera (Prague), Denisa Hrcirova (Prague), Sophie Debay (Paris), and Angel LaBrusse (Paris).



MA Students participating in the Europaeum Spring School at the Maison Française, Oxford

INTERNATIONAL GRADUATE WORKSHOPS

Graduate workshops, aimed at advanced and post-doctoral students continued to thrive over the year with high demand for places and strong feedback. Each workshop involves some 20 Europaem post-graduate scholars, often from eight or more partner universities, plus Europaem professors joining local academics and practitioners. The following events took place in 2015:

☐ MOBILITY & MIGRATION: A CRISIS FOR EUROPE'S CITIZENS?

Hosted at Bologna University (21st – 23rd January, 2016)

The flows of refugees from Syria into Europe – probably the largest flows since the end of the last world war – have put migration and mobility at the top of Europe's agenda. As German Chancellor Angela Merkel has said, this is becoming "Europe's Project." The flows have raised questions of European and national identity, cultural reconfiguration, relations of centre and periphery in Europe, border controls, the Dublin protocol on refugees (which has essentially collapsed), relations with Turkey, and foreign policy regarding humanitarian intervention in crisis regions. At the heart of this crisis is a fresh test for the European Project. After building peace, delivering prosperity, and containing the Eurozone crisis, the question remains: what it is to be a European, and what does Europe stand for ?



A graduate working group in discussion

This workshop set out to explore a wide range of issues relating to the above questions, including *Fortress Europe* or *Open Europe* ? *Are there middle way alternatives* ? *What are the political and economic realities of the current crisis* ? *Should Europe strive for a common strategy* ? *Can European national governments take stances on their elected platforms* ?



Workshop participants in Bologna

Speakers included: Professor Daniela Piana (Bologna), Professor Guy Goodwin-Gill (Oxford), Professor Marco Borraccetti (Bologna), Professor Alessandra Scagliarini (Bologna), Dr Martin Ruhs (Oxford), Ms Marzia Casolari (Xenia), Mr Jonathan Mastellari (Amnesty International), Dr Antonietta Cacciani (Diversa/Mente).

Student Participants included: Ms Caterina Bracchi (Bologna), Ms Francesca Caldari (Bologna), Mr Marcin Chrusciel (Krakow), Ms Mayte Cortéz García (Madrid), Mr Alessandro Forina (Madrid), Ms Elif Naz Kayran (Geneva), Mr Konstantin Kleine (Geneva), Ms Mariana Kouprianoff (Lisbon), Mr Martin Madej (Prague), Ms Agnieszka Pyszny (Krakow), Ms Alkena Qemalaj (Bologna), Ms Giulia Raimondo (Geneva), Mr Jochem Rietveld (Leiden), Ms Ana Santamarina Guerrero (Madrid), Mr João Serrano (Lisbon), Ms Paola Tabanelli (Munich), Ms Shadi Firouzi Tabar (Krakow), Ms Ludmiła Władyniak (Prague).

☐ POLICY-MAKING INSIDE EUROPE? - BRUSSELS (22ND – 24TH FEBRUARY, 2016)

Our ninth special three-day programme of talks, discussions, interviews and visits - involving those at the sharp end of policy and decision-making in Brussels - centred around questions of *Policy-Making Inside Europe*, and tackled issues such as democracy in Europe; how the Juncker European Commission Priorities Programme is progressing; responding to the threats of terrorism; and British Euro exit and its implications. In addition to this, there was also space for the usual series of lively working group debates, on topics such as democracy inside the EU, Euroscepticism, the Eurozone, the situation in Greece and other crises, and the role of Germany inside the EU.

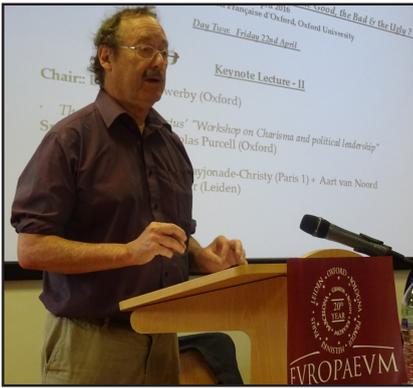
Speakers included : Paulo Rangel (MEP, Portugal), Maria João Rodrigues (MEP, Portugal), José Eduardo Leandro (European Commission), Cinzia Alcidi (Head of Economic Policy Unit, Centre for European Policy Studies), Pieter Cleppe (Head of Brussels Office, Open Europe), Carlos Coelho (MEP, EPP, Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs), Stefan Krawczyk (President, European Digital Media Association), Daniel Hannan (MEP, ECR, UK, Committee on Constitutional Affairs), Mahmoud Barimani, (Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran), Roberta Bonazzi, (Director, European Democracy Foundation).



Participants in the European Parliament

Graduate Participants included: Caterina Bracchi (Bologna), Paul Brennan (Leiden), Eline Burgers (Leiden), Francisco Cervantes (Madrid), Aleksandra Drabek (Leiden), Raber Kaluri (Krakow), Paulina Lenik (European Parliament Trainee, Brussels), Natasha Mooney (Barcelona), Jelmer Puylaert (Leiden), Monica Richter (Oxford), Olivier Santin (Oxford), Anne-Magreet Sas (Leiden), Payaswini Tailor (Oxford).

❑ CHARISMA & POLITICAL LEADERSHIP IN EUROPEAN HISTORY: THE GOOD, THE BAD, & THE UGLY - Cohosted with the Maison Française d'Oxford (21st – 23rd April, 2016)



Professor Nicolas Purcell speaking on the Charisma of Emperor Augustus

Among many attributes cited for bad leadership is charisma. This enigmatic quality was just one of the many features that we explored in this workshop, by dissecting the concept and by analysis of the leadership abilities of a range of European leaders, from Augustus in Ancient History to Napoleon, Winston Churchill, and Margaret Thatcher in modern times, and by way of Fascist or Communist leaders such as Mussolini, Hitler, and Stalin. In Greek charisma means a divine gift, a gift of grace, and Aristotle went on to write about a leader's values (ethos), passion (pathos) and arguments (logos). Has charisma drifted away from this sense in modern usage? This was a key question during this workshop, along with others such as: *Is charisma always manufactured? Is charisma necessary for successful democratic government? Are charismatic leaders to be considered somewhat powerfully dangerous? Is charisma often linked to crisis? How best to explain charisma in non-democratic and democratic leaders?*

Speakers included: Professor Archie Brown (St. Antony's College, Oxford), Professor Nicolas Purcell (Brasenose College, Oxford), Professor Didier Georgakakis (Paris 1), Professor Michael Broers (Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford), Professor Peter Pulzer (All Souls, Oxford), Professor Joost Augusteijn (Leiden), Dr Eliska Tomoska (Prague).



Graduate participants during a session

Graduate Participants included: Myriam Ardoïn (Aix-Marseille Université), Edina Bartalová (Prague/Havel), Paul Brennan (Leiden), Vanessa Camberlen (Europaëum MA), Gijs Dreier (Leiden/Havel), Jan Debets (Europaëum MA), Jona de Jong (Europaëum MA), Yvonne Giuno (Paris 1/Havel), Stephan Harraudeau (Paris 1/Havel), Mirosz Komsta (Leiden/Havel), Eva Křížková (Prague/Havel), Philip Marion (Sorbonne Nouvelle), Kelly Mayjonade-Christy (Paris 1), Clémentine Moser (Paris 1/Havel), Robert Nijstad (Leiden/Havel), David Semera (Prague), Alina Schron (Paris Diderot), Kate Terlixidou (Paris 1/Havel), Nik van Brink (Europaëum MA), Aart van Nord (Europaëum MA), Tabea Wanninger (Europaëum MA), Lars Wiben Hagen (Leiden/Havel).

❑ OPEN EUROPE, CLOSED EUROPE ?

Hosted at Jagiellonian University, Krakow (14th–16th April, 2016)

“If we do not open the door, even if only a little, we should not be surprised when less fortunate people from across the planet try to break in through the window.” In the light of these prescient words of President Juncker, we continued our over-arching theme of Migration and Europe in a successful workshop on *Open Europe, Closed Europe?*, co-hosted with the Institute for European Studies at the Jagiellonian University in Krakow. We examined the various responses to the migrant crisis from across Europe, from the welcome received by migrants in Germany to the less friendly approaches taken by the UK, Hungary, and several Scandinavian countries. Migration and mobility remain at the top of Europe's agenda, raising questions of European and national identity, cultural reconfiguration, the role of Frontex and border controls, and pressure on legal requirements and European values. Feedback from this event was extremely positive, with with more than 90% rating it as *excellent* or *very good*, and a 100% of all participants ready to recommend participation in Europaëum programmes to others (based on a return rate of 17/20 students).



Visiting the Town Hall Tower, main square in Krakow

Speakers included: Professor Zdzislaw Mach (Krakow), Dr Sylva Švejdarová (Prague), Dr Rafal Trzaskowski (Polish MP and Civic Platform), Mr Frank Guzzardo (Polish Humanitarian Action), Dr Adam Bulandra (Internkulturalni.pl), Ms Natalia Legon (Co-Organiser, Refugees in Europe), Mr Jarosław Mikuczewski SJ (Jesuit Refugee Service).

Student participants included: Ms Agnieszka Pyszny (Krakow), Ms Amelie Abdellatif (Leiden), Mr Antonio Maeda (Madrid), Ms Arbenita Sopaj (Krakow), Ms Elisabetta Frau (Bologna), Ms Ester Sabatino (Bologna), Mr Jan Řezník (Prague), Mr Marcin Zubek (Krakow), Mr Marcos Alonso Fernandez (Madrid), Ms Shannon Tanski (Krakow), Ms Tessie Loth (Leiden).

ANNUAL SUMMER SCHOOL

The Europaeum runs highly successful week-long, multi-disciplinary annual summer schools for some 30 graduates on themes of current European interest, held at a different Europaeum university each year. Three places are allocated to each member institution, with lecturers and tutors drawn from Europaeum faculties.

□ CHINA AND EUROPE: CHALLENGES FOR THE FUTURE

Hosted at the Oxford China Centre, St Hugh's College, Oxford (1st – 6th September 2016)



George Magnus delivers a keynote lecture on Chinese Economics

The Europaeum broke new ground with this year's summer school bringing in about a dozen native Chinese graduates - some from Europaeum universities - and half from the universities of Renmin and Hong Kong, to take part in a pioneering summer school looking at the differing approaches adopted by Europeans and by the Chinese to a series of common challenges in the 21st century - political legitimacy, urban growth, ageing populations, corruption, economic and social development - and the question of international co-existence in a new emergent world order. In all, almost 35 graduate students, drawn from eight Europaeum institutions plus Chinese ones, took part in the event hosted in the wonderful new premises of the Oxford China Centre at St Hugh's College, creating a 'safe space' for a free and frank exchange of views, covering even some normally 'taboo' aspects, over the course of six extremely lively and stimulating days. By all accounts speakers and graduates found it a memorable event - 94 % considered the event 'excellent' or 'very good' according to our anonymous survey to which well over 80 per cent responded.

There was the usual mix of talks, panels, graduate papers, discursive working groups, a very lively debate on China's policies in Africa, and a role-playing game involving every participant, which pitted those with Chinese heritage as a local French soliciting help from China to revive their declining region. Europeans

Speakers included: Dr Stefan Auer (Hong Kong); Dr Nicholas Bunnin (Oxford); Professor Jiwei Ci (Hong Kong); Dr Franck Duvell (Oxford); Professor Hans van Ess (Munich); Dr Paul Flather (The Europaeum), Mr John Farnell (Oxford), Ms Cao Fei (independent artist), Ms Xiaolu Guo (writer/filmmaker), Dr Robert Harris (Oxford), Dr Isobel Hilton (China Dialogue), Professor Michael Keith (Oxford), Professor Jialing Luo (Southwest University, China), Dr George Magnus (Oxford), Professor Rana Mitter (Oxford), Lord (Chris) Patten (Oxford), Mr Jonathan Scheele (Oxford), Dr Vivienne Shue (Oxford), Dr Ewan Smith (Oxford), Dr Chenqiu Wu (Fudan), Professor Yao Xinzong (Renmin), Dr Wang Yujie (Renmin).

Students included: Mr Tingjian Cai (Munich), Mr Zhonglai Cao (Renmin), Mr Giovanni Caporioni (Krakow), Ms Nie Chenwei (Oxford), Mr Luca Faccani (Bologna), Ms Elisabetta Frau (Bologna), Ms Kaisa Kantola (Helsinki), Ms Siepke van Keulen (Leiden), Mr Chen-Yu Ko (Munich), Mr Iliya Kurtev (Madrid), Mr Honggao Ma (Hong Kong), Mr Faris Mahmutovic (Bologna), Mr Robert Maurer (Krakow), Ms Vendula Mezeiova (Prague), Mr Wang Mo (London), Ms Sara Morquecho Sumba (Madrid), Ms Jehna Al-Moushahidi (Leiden), Ms Alice Neffe (Helsinki), Mr Andrew Thomas Park (Hong Kong), Ms Dai Rong (Geneva), Mr Antonio Sanchez (Barcelona), Mr Wang Shuai (Oxford), Ms Barbora Silhanova (Taipei), Mr Robert Siudak (Krakow), Mr Gregorz Stec (Oxford), Mr Martin Šebeňa (Hong Kong), Mr Hiroshi Tagami (Krakow), Ms Victoria Trifonchovska (Madrid), Ms Lucie Quian Xia (Oxford), Mr Ke Xia (Renmin), Ms Song Xia (Renmin), Ms Zhou Xiaojing (Geneva), Mr Riccardo Zappatore (Bologna), Ms Mallory Xinyu Zhan (Geneva).

represented tough and expansionist minded Chinese diplomats, economists, lawyers, planners and party chiefs bringing money and conditions. In the event, local protests in the region scuppered the plan - even with a late intervention from Ai Wei Wei !

Key themes explored included the extent to which ageing Chinese and European populations can support themselves economically; crises of legitimacy in both Chinese Communist Party and EU government; the impact of corrupt practices in both major blocs; the rise and influence of cities, sprawling in China, dominating in Europe; varying strategies and success for economic and social transformation; and whether the same theories can explain Chinese and European approaches to international relations today.



Mallory Xinyu Zhan (Geneva) holds the floor in our Graduate Debate

Our evaluation showed most respondents found the organisation and all aspects to be excellent, with the five working groups given a 100 per cent excellence rating, as well as the filmed interview with Lord Patten, a Europaeum trustee, and the last UK Governor of Hong Kong (see website). The legitimacy talks were most highly rated, led by Dr Nick Bunnin of Oxford, a co-director, and Professor Jiwei Ci of Hong Kong University. 90 per cent said they were highly satisfied that all the objectives were met, and more than 90 per cent wanted the Europaeum to continue its work.



Student participants practice Tai-Chi in a break between sessions

GRANTS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Special scholarship schemes have been an integral part of the Europaeum to promote student mobility across the association and provide exciting new study opportunities for Europaeum university graduates. Steps have also been taken to invoke existing and special Europe-wide schemes run by partner universities.

□ JENKINS SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Last year our flagship Jenkins Scholarship Scheme, set up in honour of the former President of the European Commission and Chancellor of the University of Oxford, resulted in four of our scholars developing links to Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich, with two LMU graduates coming to Oxford, and two from Oxford winners opting to study at LMU. Overall there were some 40 eligible candidates for the awards. The Europaeum raised more than £70,000 last year to help sustain the scheme through to 2018, but funds raised in the name of Roy Jenkins who helped found the Europaeum in the 1990s, to help academics, intellectuals and young scholars 'bridge Europe', are clearly dwindling. Almost 100 scholars have been supported since its launch in 2004, with the first scholar, Michal Bobek, now a Judge Advocate at the European Court of Justice. Many others have also achieved prestigious posts.



Roy Jenkins



Pictured are members of the Jenkins Memorial Trust (at the back from left to right) are Dr Toby Garfiit, Dr Paul Flather, Dr Jane Gingrich, Charles Jenkins, and Dr David Hine (chair). In the front row are pictured four of our six Jenkins Scholars this year.

The 2016-17 Jenkins Scholars (also pictured left to right) were: **Mr Tilman Graff**, from LMU, studying for a MPhil in Economics at St Antony's College, Oxford; **Mr Lucas-Jan Dorre**, from the LMU, studying for a MSt in Modern Languages at New College, Oxford, and **Ms Theresa Lieb**, from Leiden, studying for an MPhil in Geography and the Environment at Linacre College, and **Mr Michael Crimmins** from New College, Oxford, studying towards a DPhil in History at LMU. Not pictured are **Ms Anna Stanisz**, from the Jagiellonian, studying for a MSt in General Linguistics and Comparative Philology at Worcester College, Oxford; and **Mr James Dylan**, from Brasenose College, Oxford, studying towards a DPhil in Ancient History, at LMU.

The 2015-16 Jenkins Scholars who were completing their years were: **Ms Belinda Yibai Li**, from Leiden University, MPhil in Development Studies at St Antony's College, Oxford; **Mr Grzegorz Stec**, from Jagiellonian University, Krakow, MSc in Contemporary Chinese Studies at St Antony's College, Oxford; **Ms Emma Rimpalainen**, from Helsinki University, MPhil in Russian and East European Studies at St Antony's College, Oxford; **Ms Abigail Buglass**, from Trinity College, Oxford, PhD in Classics at LMU Munich; **Ms Elena Cagnoli Fieconi**, from Corpus Christi College, Oxford, PhD in Anthropology at Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne.

□ EUROPAEUM OXFORD – PRAGUE STUDY BURSARIES

The Europaeum is pleased to announce the introduction of a new study bursary scheme, linking Charles University, Prague and the University of Oxford. The Oxford-Prague Bursary Study Scheme, supported by Sekyra Group and modelled on our successful Oxford-Geneva scheme, will provide two graduate students with an award of €1000 each to spend a month doing research integral to their degree studies: specifically, one Charles graduate will undertake a period of study in Oxford, and one Oxford graduate student will spend a month attached to Charles University.

□ EUROPAEUM OXFORD – GENEVA STUDY BURSARIES

Our long-running scheme, now worth up to €1,000 to each bursary winner, culminated in three awards allowing winners to spend three or more weeks on a study visit to Oxford or the Graduate Institute, thanks to generosity from the Graduate Institute, working on research themes in human rights, war and empire, and international networks.



Aditya Kiran
Kakati

Mr. Aditya Kiran Kakati is a doctoral candidate in International History, Anthropology, and Sociology of Development at the Graduate Institute. He came to Oxford for a study visit in April-May 2016 as part of his research on cultural and military knowledge at the Indo-Burma frontier during the Second World War.

Mr. Gjovalin Macaj is a doctoral candidate at Oxford University's Department of Politics and International Relations. He came to Geneva for a study visit in June 2016 as part of his research on the UN's system of independent human rights experts.



Gjovalin
Macaj

❑ **COMPARING POLITICAL CONCEPTS IN EUROPE (2006 -)**

The Europaeum has stimulated many new international research collaborations. Small project grants enable groups to run a research seminar or workshop, co-ordinate a research proposal, or prepare bids to the European Union and other funding bodies as the following Research Project Groups illustrate:

Linked Institutions: Helsinki, Oxford, Geneva, Bologna, Paris and Madrid

Co-coordinators: Professors Michael Freeden (Oxford), Henrik Stenius and Bo Stråth (Helsinki), Nere Basabe (Madrid), *et al.*

Professor Michael Freeden reports further progress from this research group, co-ordinated by him and others from Finland, launched under the auspices of the Europaeum, and linking a range of universities including Helsinki, Oxford, Geneva, Bologna, Paris, and Madrid. The group has been investigating how key judicial and political concepts are used across (and within) European nations, linguistic groups, and political boundaries, maintaining its work through a series of annual events for more than a decade, in Helsinki, Oxford and Berlin. Professor Freeden, who is co-editor of the multi-national book project that has emerged from the research group, reports that one volume has so far been released (entitled *Parliament and*



Michael Freeden

Parliamentarianism: A Comparative History of a European Concept, edited by Pasi Ihalainen, Cornelia Ilie, and Kari Palonen, and published by Berghahn Books in Oxford), with several others on the way.

❑ **CULTURAL DIFFERENCE IN EUROPE (2005-)**

Linked Institutions: Prague, Oxford, Krakow, Madrid, and Tamkang (Taiwan).

Co-ordinators: Dr Nicolas Bunnin (Oxford), Professor Antonio Elorza (Madrid), Professor Jiri Pehe (Prague), Didier Georgakakis (Paris), with Professor Grazyna Skapska (Krakow).



The themes of cultural difference remain central to our work, following international conferences on Fragmentation in Europe which explored cultural and social challenges facing Europe in the wake of the economic crisis, which has put identity and nationality at the forefront of European debates, and followed up with a conference on Europe's crises. Next year we will look at the decline in values and the problem in being a good European. In some ways exploring the official motto of the EU, Unity in Diversity, always involving academics, intellectuals, artists, cultural managers, and politicians. Over the past 10 years we have had workshops in

Krakow, Madrid, Paris 1, Helsinki and Prague to be added. One feature has been to involve non-Europeans, offering countervailing and external viewpoints. There are also plans for a major event looking at democracy itself.

❑ **WORKING WITH INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS**



The Europaeum continues to maintain a number of productive, lively and complementary partnerships, beyond those with our 12 main University members, which has enabled us to widen the delivery our mission in more cost-effective



and far-reaching ways. Our collaboration with the New York Review of Books Foundation continues: this year we are supporting and participating in an exiting conference on Governance in China, held at Hong Kong University with participants from Europe, US, HK, as well official Chinese circles. A further NYRB event was held in Berlin on the continuing Crisis in the Middle East. We remain linked to the Vaclav Havel Dialogue Project, and participated in a conference looking at the issue of security and defence in Europe, linked to the ensuing migration crisis. We coordinated a number of events with EUK@



OX at Oxford with colleagues, leading up to the Brexit referendum vote (see also Europaeum lecture given by Josef Joffe, p. 4), and a stimulating seminar with Timothy Garton Ash, Cathryn Costello, the Rt. Hon Shirley Williams, and others. We remain in partnership with opendemocracy.net, with whom we hope to develop wider channels to disseminate our materials.



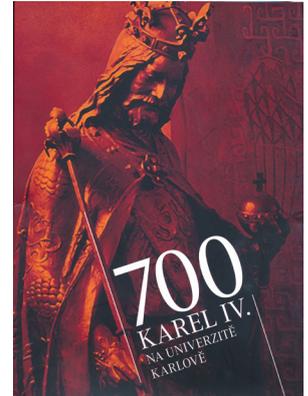
CONFERENCES, SEMINARS & DEBATES

The Europaeum has held annual conferences, covering a wide variety of themes, since its foundation, drawing on the interests and abilities of its scholars. These events draw in policymakers, media, civil servants and think-tanks, alongside professors and other experts.

❑ **LEGACY OF CHARLES IV RECTORS' CONFERENCE (EUROPAEUM, UNICA, & COIMBRA GROUP)**

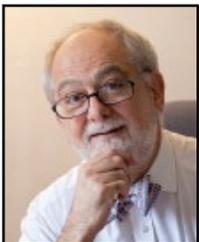
Held at Charles University, Prague (May 13th)

Charles IV, 1316-78, King of Bohemia, who became Holy Roman Emperor, is reported to have founded 13 universities, including the most famous, his greatest legacy, the one in Prague - making him one of higher education's greater ever patrons ! Charles University celebrated its founder's 700th birth anniversary in May with a gathering of some 100 rectors and deputies drawn from three leading European university groups, the Europaeum, UNICA and COIMBRA. Many took part in the special ceremonies in the Aula Magna in the old Carolinum Building, and the Europaeum Academic Council, where they sit as *ex officio* members. A special Rectors' conference examined the *Legacies of Charles IV* discussing four key themes in higher education - academic freedom, the role of research, of innovation, and value of the open society, with Professor Carel Stolker, rector of Leiden, making one keynote contribution.



❑ **NEW REPORT CHALLENGES UNIVERSITY RANKINGS TABLES**

Hosted at Charles University (19th October, 2016)



Governments and institutions should ignore leading international university rankings because they are “unreliable” and “methodologically flawed”, according to a new analysis by the **Higher Education Policy Institute** (HEPI), which has regularly collaborated with the Europaeum. Indeed, this report emerged from a seminar on university rankings policies hosted by Charles University last October, with Europaeum, COIMBRA, and European Universities Association representatives participating. Regular updates on Europaeum rankings tables from the *Times Higher Education World University Rankings*, the *QS World University Rankings*, have been shared, but without ever claiming too much. This is now confirmed by HEPI's new research which shows league table data is “unreliable and sometimes worse”, and that it is “unwise and undesirable” to give them the weight they are by governments, institutions and students. Bahram Bekhradnia (pictured left), the author, former HEPI director (who has spoken at Europaeum events), said the evidence shows that international rankings are one-dimensional, measuring research activity to the exclusion of almost everything else – despite claims to constantly improve such. The report, *International University Rankings: For good or ill?* (see website for links) concludes that commercial interests mean there is little possibility of halting the influence of these rankings, nor in correcting their most serious faults.

❑ **LISBON DEBATE: DEMOCRACY & ITS ENEMIES**

Hosted at Palácio Estoril Hotel, Estoril (27th - 29th June, 2016)

The Europaeum again facilitated a lively international debate at this year's IEP international conference, led by eight graduates drawn from Prague, Krakow, the Jagiellonian, Leiden; and Bologna and the IEP-Catholica Universities, before an audience of some 150 participants at the annual **Estoril Forum** in Lisbon, entitled *Democracy and its Enemies: New Threats, New Possibilities*, involving speakers from all over the world. The graduate debate on the topic “After the UK Referendum: Challenges and Possibilities” proved very engaging coming just days after the UK referendum vote. A keynote discussion was led by **Professor José Manuel Barroso**, a Europaeum trustee now, on the topic of *EU: Continuity and Change*, in which he urged EU leaders to take a positive stance on the Brexit fallout, with another led by **Professor Timothy Garton Ash** of Oxford on *Free Speech: Ten Principles for a Connected World*.



Graduate Debate participants from left to right: Emma Hakala, Elif Naz Kayran, Monica Richter and Silvana Amaya Arevalo

List of student participants: Elif Naz Kayran (Geneva), Emma Hakala (Helsinki) and Monica Richter (Oxford), Caterina Leao (Oxford), Monica Richter (Oxford), Silvana Amaya Arevalo (Oxford), Ho (Kracow), Sebastian Bulgaho (Lisbon), Emma Hakala (Helsinki), Robert Sudiak (Krakow).

PUBLICATIONS & COMMUNICATIONS

The *Europaem* publishes pamphlets and booklets based on lectures and other events that are held. These are printed and distributed to partner universities as well as friends of the association.

CLASSICS COLLOQUIUM ESSAYS: *METAMORFOSI TRA SCIENZA E LETTERATURA*



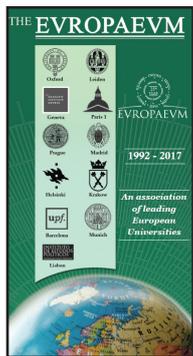
Francesco Citti

A recent volume of essays, entitled *Metamorfosi tra scienza e letteratura*, edited by Francesco Citti, Lucia Pasetti, and Daniele Pellacani (Florence: Leo Olschki, 2014), collects and integrates talks given in in Ravenna and Bologna in November 2008, as part our Seventh *Europaem Classics Colloquium* on the topic of *Metamorphoses between science and literature*. This was an especially successful Colloquium, drawing in Greek and Latin graduates and professors from Bologna, Krakow, Geneva, Helsinki, Leiden, Madrid, Oxford, Paris, Prague, plus Salamanca, Rome, Siena, and other Italian universities. Professor Citti was the lead academic director of the event. The volume, which serves as a delightful reminder of this excellent Colloquium, contains essays from classical philologists and scholars of myth, literature, and ancient science, who unravel a common theme in the idea of metamorphosis as opening up the complex and rich relationships between literature and science, and between the ancient world and modern age.



EUROPAEUM VIDEOS

In order to further increase our online presence, a new *Europaem* YouTube channel has been created, and a number of videos have already been uploaded. These include a full video of Gilles Carbonnier's *Europaem* lecture of November 15th (see p. 4) and videos of some of the main panel discussions given this year's Summer School (see p. 8).



25TH ANNIVERSARY LEAFLET

In the run up to the formal launch of our 25th Anniversary Year, from January 1st, 2017, a new and updated *Europaem* association leaflet has been printed. It outlines our vision, lists our donors, our trustees, our members, a range of world-class keynote speakers at our events, contains a short history, and summarizes our modes of activity. This is being distributed as widely as possible, in appeals to donors, to all participants at *Europaem* events, activities, and programmes this year, and among our representatives, friends and supporters, as well as across all our *Europaem* partner institutions. This will be used in conjunction with the popular *Europaem Essentials* booklet, itself reprinted last year.

EUROPAEUM WEBSITE

This continues as our main point of external contact, with a monthly record of some 51,000 hits. The content is updated weekly, and moves are under-way to continually increase the range of services on offer.



EUROPAEUM ACADEMIC REGISTER

This is now a settled feature of our website, with more than 150 'linked' academics from our 12 partner institutions – listed by name, job, institution(s), discipline(s), research interests, and recent publications – accessible to their colleagues in the search for potential collaborators, for example in joint project bids, via the *Europaem* or beyond, and also in raising visibility. Names are added every few weeks and updates are kept to a minimum.



EUROPAEUM E-BULLETIN

The monthly electronic e-Bulletin continues to go out regularly to some 1000+ 'Europaem faculty', linked scholars in partner institutions, participants in *Europaem* events, friends and supporters, and receives good feedback.

❑ EUROPAEUM DAY ON EUROPEAN MIGRATION

Held at The Graduate Institute, Geneva (October 20th-21st)

A number of Europaeum alumni were in Geneva this October, invited from member institutions to take part in the Europaeum's second special alumni day, this time on the topic of *Migration in Europe*. They were drawn from a range of our MA, graduate and summer school programmes, as well as our scholarship and bursary awards, going back more than more than five years.

Our day of activities included a fireside chat with former EU President José Manuel Barroso and former Czech Foreign Minister HE Prince Karel Schwarzenberg, a European Parliament model debate sessions, and a graduate seminar the next day.



The Panel in flow.

The Europaeum graduates were joined by others from the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva. After the great success of last year's special debate (featuring José Manuel Barroso, Nick Clegg, Nigel Farage, and William Cash), this year's debate, under the title *Can our Politicians really solve the migration crisis that confronts us today?*, followed in the same style: the panel was composed of **HE Prince Karel Schwarzenberg**, former *Czech Foreign Minister*, **Mr Barroso**, former *President, European Commission*, **Mr Norbert Hofer**, *Austrian Presidential-hopeful*, **Ms Carol Batchelor**, a representative from the *UNHCR* and chaired by **Professor Elizabeth Prügl**, *Director of the Gender Center at the Graduate Institute*.



Participants in the debate clockwise from the top: Schwarzenberg, Batchelor, Hofer, and Barroso

The result was an extremely lively and stimulating session, giving the opportunity for vastly differing ideas and approaches to be aired. Indeed, a number of students from the Graduate Institute decided to protest Mr Hofer's appearance in the debate, both through a silent protest within the auditorium and a loud one outside the building. This culminated in a representative of the student protesters, herself the daughter of refugees, reading a statement in which she denounced Mr Hofer and his policies. Consequently, this event gave an opportunity for all voices to be heard. The debate was deemed a great success, drawing over 600 people to the Graduate Institute's main auditorium at the *Maison de la paix*.

Graduate Participants included: Ms Amalie Abdellatif (*European Commission, ex-Leiden*), Mr Michael Barczay (*Geneva*), Mr Abel Biver (*Paris*), Ms Laís Meneguello Bressan (*Geneva*), Ms Francesca Caldari (*EEAS, ex-Bologna*), Mr Marcin Chruściel (*Wroclaw, ex-Krakow*), Ms Faelle Dubois Djaoui (*Geneva*), Mr Carlos Fallas (*Geneva*), Mr Parham Farhang (*Geneva*), Ms Mira Fey (*Geneva*), Ms Shadi Firouzi Tabar (*Milan*), Mr Nino Freuler (*Geneva*), Ms

Defne Gonenc (*Geneva*), Ms Egriselda González (*Geneva*), Ms Emma Hakala (*Finnish Institute of International Affairs, ex-Helsinki*), Ms Annasophia Heintze (*UNHCR, ex-Europaeum MA in European History*), Ms Corelli van Hulsten (*Dutch Foreign Ministry, ex-Europaeum MA*), Ms Elif Kayran (*Geneva*), Ms Dora Komnenovic (*Justus Liebig University, ex-Bologna*), Ms Olga Kovarzina (*Geneva*), Ms Johana Kudrnova (*Prague*), Mr Iliya Kurtev (*Madrid*), Mr Faris Mahmutovic (*Bologna*), Mr Achim Alan Merlo (*ex-Paris*), Ms Vendula Mezeiova (*Prague*), Mr Tudor Mihailescu (*Geneva*), Mr Thomas Modder (*National Police, Netherlands, ex-Europaeum MA*), Ms Silvia Pelucchi (*Geneva*), Mr Richard Procee (*ex-Europaeum MA*), Ms Giulia Raimondo (*Geneva*), Mr Olivier Santin (*ex-Oxford*), Ms Chanaka Jun Takazawa (*Geneva*), Mr Rishav Thakur (*Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Geneva*), Ms Mallory Xinyu Zhan (*Geneva*).



The 'Fireside' briefing with HE Karel Schwarzenberg (left), Professor José Manuel Barroso (centre) and Dr Paul Flather (right)

□ SUMMARY

The Europaeum operates as a charity under UK Charity Law, and as a not-for-profit company limited by guarantee under UK company law. The formal accounts are presented as required by UK company and charity law, prepared by our accountant, Lisa Burdett at CKLG Accountants from Cambridge. For the annual accrual accounts for 2015-16 show:

| | 2016 12 months to 31/3/16 | 2015 12 months to 31/3/15 |
|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Income | | |
| <i>Incoming resources from generating funds:</i> | | |
| • Subscription income from Members | 212,579 | 178,206 |
| • Bank interest receivable | 9 | 32 |
| Total incoming resources | 212,588 | 178,238 |
| Expenditure | | |
| Charitable activities: teaching, research and academic collaboration | (189,101) | (155,778) |
| Governance costs | (7,119) | (8,218) |
| Total expenditure | (196,220) | (162,273) |
| Net resources | 16,368 | 15,965 |
| Funds brought forward | 31,912 | 15,947 |
| Total funds carried forward | 48,033 | 31,912 |

The Europaeum's income continues to come from one main source – some €212,579 from our member university subscriptions. There are other forms of support in kind, which, it is estimated, is probably equivalent to one-third again of our actual annual revenue.

□ BENEFACIONS AND DONATIONS

As ever, the Europaeum remains indebted to its major benefactors, and to its academic community who volunteer their academic contributions, whose commitment continues to transform ideas into realities.

□ CENTRAL COSTS

The running costs of the office – including rent, electricity, postage, equipment, computers and telephone – amounted to €7,119. Costs, though, are constantly being honed down. Thus in recent years, publications costs have been greatly reduced. Company-related costs are kept well to a minimum by continuing to do as much as possible 'in-house', including most book-keeping, record-keeping, design, and website updating. The main cost is the Secretariat and staffing – including Secretary-General (Dr Paul Flather), plus two supported interns from Europaeum universities, backed by a part-time Web manager and design, computing, and database support, as appropriate. Most of Staffing time is spent on planning, organising, setting up and taking part in the programme of activities and teaching partnerships, and bursary schemes. The Secretary-General takes a full part in most events, chairing, moderating and giving papers. UK charity studies confirm that this is usually rated at 85 percent of staffing time, and this amount should be 're-allocated' to the activities budget.

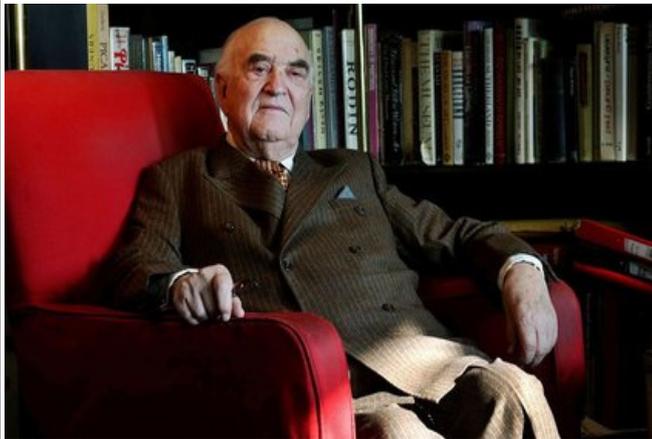
□ ACTIVITIES

The main events of the year are the annual summer school, the annual conference, and the Europaeum Day of Democracy which cost about €17,500, most offset in sponsorship, and partnership support. The Jenkins Scholarship Fund, launched in 2004 and linked to the Europaeum association, now provides up to €80,000 a year for leading Europaeum graduates to study at Oxford and Oxford graduates to study at Europaeum universities.

Future needs include upgrading the website, (now overdue), a stronger staffing base to support the Secretary-General, new equipment including a new server, terminal and related software, and support to maintain links with various partner institutions.

Overtures are underway to discover fresh stream of funding, to support and secure the future development and programmes of the Europaeum.

GEORGE WEIDENFELD (1919 -2016)



George Weidenfeld, known for his outstanding publishing career, first approached the University of Oxford in 1991, supported by Sir Ronald Grierson, then head of GEC, with an idea: to create an association to foster cross-European thinking with Britain to be centrally involved. He was picking up on the anxiety generated by Mrs Thatcher's speech in Bruges that unleashed a new vein of Euro-scepticism.

A year later, the Europaeum was founded, and George himself spearheaded a major fund-raising drive, that brought into more than £2 million, heiling to launch Oxford's prestigious MPhil in European Studies, set up the thriving Institute of European and Comparative Law, the (former) European Centre for Politics, Economics and Society, a raft of bursaries including a series for Jewish Studies, and various posts in European Thought, and European research – as well as the Europaeum.

He wanted this club to focus on younger scholars, whom he saw as the 'future leaders' to help lead a united Europe into the 21st century. The Europaeum would impart a 'sense of Europe' to all its participants, through discussions, topical themes, commonality of concerns, and most of all by sharing of different perspectives. This operated among the leading intellectuals, academics, practitioners from politics, the media, NGOs, and government, as among our international graduates.

George used to refer to the Europaeum as his 'baby' because it was his first initiative in what became a firmament of new initiatives and ideas, always building bridges – the Club of Three linked leaders in German, France and the UK; Amerus linked the US, Europe and Russia; other initiatives promoted links in the Middle East; multi-faith dialogues linked the Abrahamic faiths of Judaism, Islam and Christianity, and the Humanitas lectures brought thinkers and performers into top universities. The Institute of Strategic Dialogue continues, while the Weidenfeld Scholarships programme brings some 20-30 brilliant young scholars a year to Oxford, while Oxford's Blavatnik School of Government promotes serious policy research and teaching, these latter too conceived in Europaeum discussion.



Lord Weidenfeld (third left), pictured at the Sorbonne with Professor Michel Kaplan (left), President Paris I and former French EU Commissioner and keynote lecturer Raymond Barre.

George was an animator. An 'audience' with him, in his office at Weidenfeld and Nicolson in the Orion building tower in Leicester Square, or in his study on Chelsea Embankment surrounded by towers of magnificent book editions, under the watchful eyes of various Papal portraits, was always something to relish. No matter how bad the world seemed, one would leave energized, with another project (or few), to explore.

Even in his final months, George remained proud of this baby, with its range of workshops, policy fora, flagship summer schools, keynote lecturer, visiting professorships, research projects, scholarship schemes, and, perhaps, above all, his favourite, pioneering jointly-offered MA programmes. He relished the praise from leading figures, who participated in our activities, such as Ralf Dahrendorf, Romano Prodi, Roy Jenkins and Jacques Delors.



Lord Weidenfeld (right) at the 2001 Europaeum Conference, on the Future of European Universities in Berlin. Pictured in discussion with Paul Flather.

Today, George would no doubt despair as the UK prepares to exit the European Union. The Europaeum was, after all conceived as part of the insurance policy to keep the UK 'European-minded' - both for the future of Europe itself and to offset English nativism, but also for security, diplomacy, trade and economics, arts and culture, thinking.

George's enthusiasm, patronage, vision, bringing out critical, exciting, challenging thinking, touched so many of us. These are memories we will not lose. We owe it to him to continue this legacy – perhaps now more than ever.



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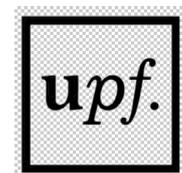
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