

Crisis as an opportunity for Europe?

1-3 October 2021

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Over the past three decades, Europe has experienced a series of disruptions: collapse of communist regimes, Balkan war, global financial crisis, the UK's departure from the EU, the refugee crisis, conflict in Ukraine, and the recent COVID-19 pandemic just to name a few. Yet it was over the past 20 months, that Europe has experienced one of the major political, economic, social and cultural crisis. Although the "way of life BC (Before COVID)" might never be back, this crisis could be seen as a critical juncture to new policy, political and institutional developments regionally and globally as well as greater awakening of need for social justice. History illustrates that crises and major threats can be useful for directing individuals and institutions to new solutions. Out of crises can emerge new and incredible opportunities, particularly if traditional approaches and paradigms are questioned and challenged. How have international organizations, national, regional, local level authorities, business and universities responded to acute challenges, and have these actually made a difference? How have these institutions responded to our citizens' needs?

1 October

9.00-9.45 Registration

9.45-10:00 **Opening Remarks**

Dámaso López Garcia (Vice-Rector of Universidad Complutense de Madrid)

Milagros Tolón Jaime (Mayor of Toledo)

Hartmut Mayer (Executive Chair, Europaeum)

10:00-11.30 **Keynote debate: Crises as Opportunities for Resilience and Renewal**

Lord Chris Patten (Chancellor of the University of Oxford)

José Manuel Barroso (former President of the European Commission)

Chair: Sally Mapstone (Principal of the University of St Andrews)

11.30-11.45 Tea and Coffee

11.45-13.00 **Panel 1: The EU in Global Affairs**

The Transatlantic Relationship with an Emphasis on Challenges of China and Russia

Speakers: Mira Milosevich-Juaristi (Elcano Royal Institute)

Jose María Beneyto (San Pablo CEU University)

Hartmut Mayer (Oxford University)

Chair: Wim van den Doel (Leiden University)

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14.00-15.15 **Panel 2: Economic Recovery: Wealth and Job Creation post-COVID**

Speakers: Armando Jiménez San Vicente (Ortega y Gasset Institute)
Andrew Graham (Europaeum)
Sarah Fowler (Oxford Analytica)

Chair: Ben Hall (European Editor, Financial Times)

15.15-15.30 Tea and coffee

15.30-17:00 **Panel 3: Climate Change - Unresolved Problems and New Dimensions**

Jürgen Großmann (Georgsmarienhütte Holding GmbH)
Marcus Lippold (Advisor to the European Commission)
Angeles Santamaria (CEO Iberdrola Espana)
Peeter Vihma (Europaeum Scholar)

Chair: James Candon (Managing Director of United Europe)

17:00-17.15 Tea and coffee

17.15-18.45 **Keynote debate: Global Crisis and Opportunity for the EU**

Julio Crespo-MacLennan (Ortega y Gasset Institute)
Maria Joao Rodrigues (President of Foundation for European Progressive Studies)
Pascal Lamy (former Director-General of the World Trade Organization)

Chair: Marcin Walecki (Director, Europaeum)

21:00 **Conference Reception** with a Guest Speaker - Charles Powell (Director of Elcano Royal Institute) at *the El Convento de San Juan de la Penitencia*

2 October

9.30-10.45 **Panel 4: Crisis and Opportunity for Gen Z**

Speakers: Biliana Sirakova (EU Youth Coordinator)
Ariadna Petri and Tuukka Brunila (Europaeum Scholars)

Chair: Tracey Sowerby (Europaeum)

10.45-11.00 Tea and coffee

11.00-12.30 **Panel 5: AI and digital transformation as Responses to Crisis**

Speakers: Jose Maria Lassalle (former Spanish Minister for Digital Technologies)
Robert Krimmer (University of Tartu)
Alice Trinkle, George Nikolou and Lukas Spielberger (Europaeum Scholars)

Chair: Roxana Radu (The Graduate Institute Geneva)

12.30-13.30 Lunch

13.30-15.00 **Debate: The Impact of COVID-19 on Democracy**

Speakers: Katarzyna Gardabkhadze (OSCE/ODIHR)
Kevin Casas-Zamora (Secretary General International IDEA)

Chair: Marcin Walecki (Director, Europaeum)

15.00-15.30 Tea and coffee

15.30-17.00 **Panel 6: EU Institutional Reform**

Speakers: Richard Corbett (Deputy Head of Secretary General's Cabinet for
Constitutional and Institutional Affairs, and former MEP)
Günther H. Oettinger (President of United Europe)
Eduardo Garcia Cancela, Lewin Schmitt and Riccardo Nanni (Europaeum
Scholars)

Chair: Hartmut Mayer (Oxford University)

17:00 **Cultural Programme**

20:30 **Conference Reception at the El Convento de San Juan de la Penitencia**

3 October

9.30-11.00 **Panel 7: The Migrants and Refugee Crisis: Unresolved Problems and New Dimensions**

Speakers: Iván Martín (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)
Natasha Saunders (University of St Andrews)

Chair: Sonia Lucarelli (University of Bologna)

11.00-11.30 Tea and coffee

11.30-13.00 **Closing Panel: Leadership in a time of Crisis**

Speakers: Roberta Metsola MEP (First Vice-President of the European Parliament)
Andrew Serazin (President of the Templeton World Charity Foundation) TBC
Manuel Muñiz (former Secretary of State for Global Spain)
Laura Nordström (Europaeum)

Chair: Andrienne d’Arenberg (Europaeum)

13:00-13:15 **Closing remarks**

13:15 **Group Photo**

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