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International Conference

"Europe in the 21st Century: Challenges and Opportunities"

18-19 May 2012

Jean Monnet Building of the European Commission, Luxembourg-Kirchberg

Programme

Friday, 18 May

10.00 – 11.00 Opening session

Introductory remarks: Armand Clesse, Director, Luxembourg Institute for

European and International Studies

Opening addresses: Mikhail Gorbachev, President, New Policy Forum; former

President of the USSR, Moscow

Michel Rocard, former Prime Minister of France, Paris

Viviane Reding, Vice-President of the European

Commission, Brussels

François Biltgen, Minister for Higher Education and

Research, Minister for Justice, Luxembourg

Fred Matser, Founder and Chairman, Fred Foundation,

Hilversum, Netherlands

11.00 – 13.00 I. Plenary session: Challenges

Panel 1: Threats to the prevailing political and socio-economic consensus: fragility of the social model; rise of the extreme right; erosion of the

middle-class; growing inequalities; decay of the political ethos

Moderator: François Tremeaud

Panellists: Christopher Coker, Jan Kavan, Lothar Rühl, Csaba Tabajdi

Coffee break

Panel 2: **The eurozone crisis:** Implosion or muddling through? Saving the euro –

at what price? A multi-speed EU?

Moderator: Mario Hirsch

Panellists: G. Michael Ambrosi, Jean-Pierre Pagé, Theo Waigel, Mingqi

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13.00 – 15.00 Lunch break

15.00 – 18.00 II. Plenary session: Opportunities and possible solutions

Panel 1: A new institutional framework for future Europe? Back to the sources

or a great leap forward? Between super state and supermarket

Moderator: Armand Clesse

Panellists: Rodric Braithwaite, Christian Franck, Philippe Herzog,

Zahari Zahariev,

Coffee break

Panel 2: A pan-European political and security community: A common

environment and energy strategy; how to involve citizens, peoples and

nations in a new European Social Contract

Moderator: Roberto Savio

Panellists: Vladimir Baranovsky, Mary Kaldor, Anatol Lieven, Karsten

Voigt, Wu Jianmin

Saturday, 19 May

9.30- 12-30 III. Plenary session: Europe facing the world

Panel 1: **EU and the wider Europe:** reformed EU, OSCE; desirability and

feasibility of regional cooperation

Moderator: Hall Gardner

Panellists: Ruslan Grinberg, Jack Matlock, Hanns W. Maull, Anatoly

Orel, René Steichen

Coffee break

Panel 2: Europe's New Frontier: going East and South? Russia and the CIS,

Turkey and the Mediterranean. Reaching out to the Pacific?

Moderator: Robert Skidelsky

Panellists: Mark Almond, Alexander Bessmertnykh, Gian Paolo Calchi

Novati, Bernard Guetta, Mesut Yilmaz

12.30 -12.45 Closing

13.00 Press-conference with Mikhail Gorbachev

13.00 – 13.30 Cocktail