

The European integration process in the eyes of others: historical perspectives, 1952-1992

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In the current literature on the historiography of European integration, a very limited space is devoted to the external relations of the EC/EU. Notwithstanding the growing importance of the EU as a global actor, scholars have mainly focused their attention on the continental process of European unification. Far from answering the controversial question over the supposed existence or non-existence of a European foreign policy, this colloquium aims at fostering a reflection over the EU, its origins and evolution from the 1950s as seen from the perspective of non-EU countries and regions.

The goal is to promote the study of the international dimension of the EC/EU, the direct and indirect impact its common policies have had on a worldwide scale, as well as the link between its international self-representation and the more general discourse of identity.

The Conference seeks to touch upon the following themes:

- the national actors and the problems concerning the difficulties to provide the EC with Institutions which would allow the member States to define a common direction in the foreign policy field;
- the supranational actors and their contribution, so often neglected in historiography, to the debate over the opportunity to strengthen the external projection of the EU and the meaning of it: what kind of international actor should the EC/EU be? What kind of global governance should it promote?;
- the postcolonial heritage in EU external relations;
- the external implications of internal policies, such as those concerning trade and agriculture, development cooperation, environment, gender policy.
- Perceptions: how has the EU been perceived by the international community and how have these perceptions developed since 1957?
- Formal and informal relations between the EC/EU and the third-countries.

Friday, 11th March 2011 – Sala Gandolfi

8.30-9.00 - Registration

9.00-9.15 - Opening: **Giuliana Laschi**, Jean Monnet Chair, University of Bologna

9.15-10.00 - **Federico Romero**, European University Institute Keynote Lecture. In memoriam: A. Milward

10.00-11.30 - Panel I Perspectives on the enlargements: meaning, shortcomings and achievements.

A. Kristoffersen, University of Oslo Organised opposition to EC membership in Norway 1970-72. The "People's Movement Against the EC" and "The Labour Movement's Information Committee"

F. Leikam, Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, Munich A Refined System. The CAP, Commonwealth Sugar and Britain's Entry into the European Community, 1970-75

S. A. da Silva Rodrigues, IPRI-UNL (Portuguese Institute for International Relations - New University of Lisbon) *Further enlargement after the crisis?*

Discussant: Dr. Giuliano Garavini, St. John's University (Rome Campus)

11.30-11.45 - Coffee break

11.45-13.15 - Panel II The European Discourse in national and Community spaces.

M. Carbonell, FNR, CERE Luxembourg

The Systematic Adoption of a Pro-European Discourse by the European High Officials in Question: their Vision of Europe Before Being Appointed to the European Institutions (1952-1967)

P. Pitchler, University of Graz

The Austrians' View on European Integration: A (Hi)Story of a Relationship 1945 to 1995

B.C. Shaev, University of Pittsburgh

Two Unions, One Future? Black African Deputies Debate European Integration in the French National Assembly, 1949-1957

Discussant: Dr. **Cristina Blanco Sío-López**, Centre Virtuel de la Connaissance sur l'Europe (CVCE)

13.15-15.00 - Lunch

15.00-17.00 - Panel III "Views from the blocs": the European integration process in the Cold War perspective.

G. Bentivoglio, University of Padua

The first enlargement in superpowers' eyes: the British case

I. Obadić, University of Zagreb

Yugoslavia and European Community (1957-1991)

A. Romano, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute *EC's (informal) relations with the Soviet bloc countries in the long* 1970s

D. Scarabelli, University College London

To what extent has the American project of installing an antimissile shield on European territory affected the integration process of the EU?

Discussant: Prof. **Federico Romero**, European University Institute

Saturday, 12th March – Sala Gandolfi

9.30 -11.00 - Panel IV The European Community from the outside: perspectives from Latin America, Japan and Turkey.

C. Blanco Sío-López, Centre Virtuel de la Connaissance sur l'Europe (CVCE) The Postcolonial Heritage of EU External Relations: the historical evolution of Latin America's perception of the European Communities 1957-1992

H. Suzuki, Faculty of International Studies and Regional Development, University of Niigata Prefecture, Japan and Keio Jean Monnet Centre for EU Studies (Tokyo, Japan) How the Common Foreign Trade Policy was Implemented in Japan - EC Relations after Solving the Trade Conflict 1957-1992

Y. Özer, Marmara University European Union Institute Relations with Turkey as an Initial Case of Association Relations of the European Integration

Discussant: Prof.ssa Francesca Fauri, University of Bologna

11.00-11-15 - Coffee Break

11.15-12.30 - Roundtable

Concluding Remarks: Dr. **Alessandra Bitumi**, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington DC, Organizer

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