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**The European integration process in the eyes of others: historical perspectives,
1952-1992.
Forlì, 11-12 March 2010.**

Call for papers deadline: 15th December 2010

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.

We particularly encourage applications from postgraduates, post-doctoral and early career academics. For paper proposals, please email as an attachment: abstracts of 500 words maximum; curriculum vitae and 250 word description of your thesis or current research

interests

All proposals and queries relating to the conference should be directed to Alessandra Bitumi at alessandra.bitumi2@unibo.it before 15th December 2010.

Please note that there is no fee for the conference and organizers will take financial responsibility for room and board expenses during the days of the seminar. Organizers will not be responsible for travel expenses.

Registration

The conference is free and open to all but registration before the conference is essential. To register please email the Europe Direct at info@puntoeuropa.eu stating which day(s) you wish to attend.

Futher Information

Travel and Trasportation

Forlì has its own small airport. It is served mainly by low cost airlines – Wind Jet and Wizzair. You can find flight destinations at http://www.forliairport.com/main/index.php?id_pag=67

The Rimini airport is now one of the many Ryan Air mini-hubs with flights to Stansted and other British and European destinations: <http://www.riminiairport.com/index.php/en/flights-timetables/destination-list>.

Finally, the Bologna airport is by far the largest one in the region and has a vast array of low cost and regular flights: <http://www.bologna-airport.it/uk/flight-information/?IDFolder=1026&LN=UK>.

If you fly to Rimini or Bologna you will have to take a train to Forlì (ca. 20-30 station-to-station from Rimini; 35-50, depending on trains, from Bologna).

From the train station to the Conference Location – which is located in the center of Forlì – you can take the bus or easily walk: it takes 10-15 minutes on foot.

Conference Location

The conference will be held at the Sala Gandolfi, Palazzo Orsi Mangelli, corso Diaz 45.

Contact Information

Should you require any general help or information during the conference you can direct basic queries to the helper on the Registration Desk. For more specific questions please contact the organizers using the following information:

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