

EUROPE AND THE LONG-TERM GLOBAL CHALLENGES

La Pairelle, Namur, September 13-15, 2019

Organizers: "PASSION FOR EUROPE", JESC



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The group "Passion for Europe" together with the Jesuit European Social Centre (JESC) are proposing a two-day session to share the Christian vision of Europe's current situation and the long-term global challenges. Our world has entered a time of uncertainty. Many distrust everything except traditional formula of independent nationhood, while others are convinced that the nation on its own cannot meet the challenges which lie ahead. This difference is itself a challenge. The growing interdependence of peoples depends on trust. This calls for respect for differing histories and, in particular, differing experience of oppression. Respect for difference, however, cannot be enough. A vision of Europe as trustee of the universal common good has much to offer. Its mission is to be both an example and an advocate of this reality and part of that mission has always been an overcoming of its own divisions, both between nations and within nations. They result partly from economic and social inequality, partly arising from differing historical perspectives and partly from a growing distrust in government in a complex technological world. Addressing these internal divisions will help overcome the harmful side effects of globalization and to resolve disagreements on how to deal with climate change which affects people's lives far beyond Europe.

PROGRAMME

FRIDAY, 13th September 2019

1:30 pm: Welcome-coffee, booklets, room check-in

2:15 pm: Introductory session "European and the long-term global challenges"

Opening by Marie de Saint-Chéron and Martin Maier SJ

Keynote speech by:

Pierre Defraigne, Executive Director of the Madariaga – College of Europe

Reaction by:

Eleonora Vitale, JESC.

3:30 pm – 4:15 pm: Open debate

4:15 pm: Break

5:00 pm - 6:30 pm: Group Session 1

6:45 pm: Dinner

(+ hand washing dishes by participants)

8:00 pm: Social networking at the library's bar

SATURDAY, 14th September 2019

7:30 am: Lauds in the Crypt (optional)

7:30 am – 8:30 am: Breakfast

9:00 am – 10:30 am: Panel 1 „Europe, trustee of a universal common good“

Moderator:

Henning vom Stein, Director Otone European Affairs Brussels

Speakers:

Klaus Buchner, Member of the European Parliament, Ökologisch Demokratische Partei

Victoria Martín de la Torre, Press officer of the S&D Group in the European Parliament and author of "Europe, a Leap into the Unknown".

10:30 am: **Break**

10:45 am – 12:15 am: **Group Session 2**

12:15 am – 1:30 pm: **Lunch**
(+ *hand washing dishes by participants*)

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm: **Panel 2 „Europe, promoting a fair society. Overcoming our divisions“**

Moderator:

Jean Peyrony, General Director, Transfrontier Operational Mission

Speakers:

Patrick Debuquois, President of “Colline de Penuel” and General Secretary of
“Caritas Catholica en Belgique Francophone et Germanophone”

Edmond Grace SJ, JESC Secretary for Ecology

Gyula Ocskay, General Secretary, CESCI (European Institute of cross-border studies)

3:30 pm: **Break**

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm: **Group Session 3**

7:00 pm: **Dinner**
(+ *hand washing dishes by participants*)

8:00 pm: **Evening piano concert in the Chapel with some musical tastes of the European cultural heritage**
Maxence Pilchen, pianist

9:30 pm: **Social networking at the Library's bar**

SUNDAY, 15th September 2019

7:30 am: **Lauds in the Crypt (optional)**

7:30 am – 8:30 am: **Breakfast**

9:00 am – 11:00 am: **Feedback / wrap-up Session**

Moderators:

Peter Rožič, Director, JESC (Jesuit European Social Centre),

Botond Feledy, ELP (European Leadership Programme)

Report from the groups, analysis and exchange on main conclusions.

10:30 am: Break

11:00 am: Mass in the Chapel

12:15 am: Lunch
(+ hand washing dishes by participants)

2:00 pm: Departure



“Passion for Europe”, a group of Christians of different nationalities and confessions involved in EU activities, was formed as a place to exchange on Europe’s future, based on Pope Francis vision for Europe and the Social Teaching of the Church.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

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GPS: 25, chemin de la Pairelle

Train: Namur Station. In front of the station: quai Rogier, Bus N°4 (Optional Bus stop La Pairelle: ask driver. Walk 1km up rue Marcel Lecomte and then follow “Centre Spirituel”)

Or: 5 km by taxi.

REGISTRATION FORM (to be sent to: info@lapairelle.be)

Name, First Name: _____

Occupation, nationality: _____

Address: _____

e-mail address: _____

Phone Number: _____

- Single room
- Double room

Arrival (date/time) _____

Departure (date/time) _____

If travel by car:

Departure from: _____ at: _____

Number of Possible places in the car: _____

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PAYMENT

Price for the whole session:

Single: 280 EUR

Couples: 350 EUR

(Payment of total fee with registration if possible or at arrival.)

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