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.

DRAFT PROGRAM

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"

Keynote speeches by: Pierre Defraigne, Executive Director of the Madariaga – College of Europe, and Alain Lamassoure, Former Member of the European Parliament, EPP
Reaction by Sarah Prenger, International President of the International Young Christian Workers.

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

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

SATURDAY, 14th September 2019

7:30 am – 8:30 am: Breakfast

9:00 am – 10:30 am: Session 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, Greens, 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".
Other speakers to be confirmed.
And one European student.

10:30 am: Break

10:45 am – 12:15 am: Group Session 1

12:15 am – 1:30 pm: Lunch

2:00 pm – 3:30 pm: Session 2 „Europe, promoting a fair society. Overcoming our divisions"

Moderator: Jean Peyrony, General Director, Transfrontier Operational Mission

Speakers: Katharina Erdmenger , Director EU representation Office at DGB-Verbindungsbüro (TBC), Fr. Csaba Böjte OFM, Edmond Grace SJ, JESC secretary for ecology.
And one European student.

3:30 pm: Break

4:00 pm - 6:00 pm: Group Session 2

7:00 pm: Dinner

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 – 8:30 am: Breakfast

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

Moderators: Peter Rožič, Director, JESC (Jesuit European Social Centre), Interns JESC
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

2:00 pm: Departure

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"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

Car-sharing from Brussels possible

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.