

Ever since the dissolution of the Roman Empire, Europe has struggled to create an entity that would re-create a realm of universal peace and harmony, offering a wide space for business and prosperity, while respecting the cultural idiosyncrasies of European nations; a non-zero sum game thriving on the abundant promises of a future eu-topia made by political, social, cultural, scientific and religious thinkers throughout history.

Exploited by various false prophets stressing hegemony and dominance over consent, the European Dream experienced its major setback in World War I and its ultimate Armageddon in World War II. Out of the ashes of material and moral devastation, and set against the rising threat of Soviet despotism, the building blocks of what has become the European Union emerged through the cooperation between nation states that just shortly before had been bitter enemies. The consolation between Germany and France constitutes the cornerstone of that alliance, and the United States of America remained the continuing sponsor of European harmonization.

Decades after the initial steps, the legacy of Robert Schuman's plan has experienced a major success: The inclusion of ten new member states, most of them formerly suffering from the yoke of Communism, signifies the final triumph over the legacy of the World Wars and the reversal of a separation that has inhibited and overshadowed the dream of European unity for too long.

But what does the enlargement mean for the process of European unity on the institutional level? How far-reaching can such a unity be? Will the idea of a European Constitution be a step towards a United States of Europe, or do the different cultural and historical facts demand for a different outcome? Is the basis of the union, which has always been economic, threatened by the necessary reconstruction of its new members? Does the protectionist debate against labor migration signal a more pragmatist approach, and a rejection of history-evoking pathos? And, finally, are there limits to enlargement? How shall we deal with future candidates like Turkey and Georgia?

The third symposium composed of American students and students from Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin shall tend to questions like these and discuss the future prospects of European Unity in light of its historical legacy.

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The European Dream

The Continuing Process of European Unification. 3rd Transatlantic Students Symposium, March 11-12, 2005



American Studies

The Transatlantic Students Symposia Series

The series builds upon the tradition of the Annual Students Conferences in providing students with a student-based and largely student-run space for the discussion of topics of contemporary relevance in a less authority-filled setting. The thematic range of the Symposia focuses strongly on practical issues in contemporary politics. Our aim is to introduce students of the humanities (not necessarily of Political Science) to political and historical topics with a strong relation to present-day issues and practical applications. Thus we provide them with an outlook into a possible post-university profession.

To achieve this, the student-based symposia will be accompanied by faculty-led workshops and courses. The symposia themselves form the concluding event of a week of related activities, visits, talks and workshops. In that regard, the Transatlantic Students Symposia stand between traditional seminars and students conferences. We will also make use of electronic media to further the transatlantic exchange.

The participants of the Symposia are students from Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and students from an American university, thus creating a truly international atmosphere.

The present symposium is held in cooperation with Georgetown University, Washington DC and Univerzita Karlova, Prague; the past symposia in cooperation with Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson. These were:

Reactions to Terrorism.

Amidst Political Answers and Cultural Questions

1st Symposium, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, April 4-5, 2003

From the National to the Global and Back?

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2nd Symposium, Bard College, March 5-14, 2004

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About this year's symposium week:

Throughout the week from March 5-13, the joint student group composed of American, Czech and German students prepares for the symposium on March 11-12 by visiting several locations and taking part in preparatory workshops. Parts of the program are:

- a visit to Prague with a focus on European history and culture, a workshop on the Czech Republic and European integration (Dr. I. Slosarcik), and a visit to the German Embassy
- a visit to Frankfurt/O and Slubice, with workshops on European identity (A. Schwell), values (Dr. J. Jacobs) and Jewish Culture (T. Kleinsorge) at Europa-Universität Viadrina
- a talk with political representatives in Berlin, Dr. A. Schwall-Düren (SPD) and Dr. A. Schockenhoff (CDU), preparatory workshops in Berlin on Europe and the UK (Prof. C. Wurm), and Europe & the US (Dr. R. Weatherston); plus cultural visits

The Symposium on March 11-12 is open for the general public and will be held at the Senatssaal in the main building of Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin, Unter den Linden 6.

Friday, March 11, 2005

UL 6, Senatssaal

13:30-14:00 Opening of the Symposium

Dr. Ursula Grawert, Foreign Office of HU Berlin
Welcome Address

Prof. Jeffrey Peck, Georgetown University
Welcome Address

Prof. Reinhard Isensee, Humboldt-Universität
Welcome Address

14:00-16:00: Session I: European Identity

Philipp Kneis, Humboldt-Universität
Ties That Bind: Europe as History, Europe as Dream
Introduction to the Symposium

Christian Chilla, Humboldt-Universität
The Hanseatic League - a Model for Europe?

Timo Tonassi, Humboldt-Universität
European Identity: How to Shape Mental Coherence

Susan Buzzelli, Georgetown University
The Impact of Pan-European Cinema on a Pan-European Identity

16:15-18:15: Session II: EU-US Relations

Janine Ludwig, Humboldt-Universität
Reading Each Other's Dreams. Mind-Mapping the US and the EU

Peter Engelke, Georgetown University
European Unification and the American Colossus: A Short History of European Reactions to the Promise and Threat of the United States

Juliane Bönisch, Dominik Bertram, Humboldt-Universität
Europe on the Fast Lane - How European Industries Fight US Economic Dominance: Airbus vs. Boeing

Valon Xharra, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh
The European Union: Economic Giant and Military Dwarf

18:30-20:00: Keynote Address

John C. Kornblum
Ambassador of the United States of America to Germany, 1997-2001
Europe and the United States: Bad Century. Good Century

Introduction: Janine Ludwig

20:00: Reception

Saturday, March 12, 2005

UL 6, Senatssaal

10:00-12:00: Session III: Issues of Constitution

David Rose, Humboldt-Universität
Constituting Europe: Chances and Limitations of the European Constitution on the Road toward a European People

Rebecca Weidner, Georgetown University
Language Rights and the Nation-State in the European Union

Wojtek Gerwel, Georgetown University
Invocatio Dei and the Constitutional Treaty for Europe: A Polish Perspective

Anja Swidsinski, Humboldt-Universität
The Bologna Process: Implementing European Identity?

13:30-15:30: Session IV: Issues of Enlargement

David Gioia, Georgetown University
Crossroads of the EU: Fear and Reality Along Europe's Borders

Kamil Valica, Univerzita Karlova
The Czech Republic and the European Union

Pavel Zastera, Univerzita Karlova
The Policy of the European Union Towards its Eastern Neighbours Russia, Belarus and Ukraine

Kristin Melby, Georgetown University
Turkey's Membership in the EU: Perspectives and Prescriptions

16:00-18:00: Session V: Culture and Cooperation

Josh Perlman, Georgetown University
Incorporating Africa into the European Dream: Four Lessons from Spain

Ewa Sobczynska, Georgetown University
Turkish Diaspora in Germany: Affecting the Foreign Policy of the Host Country

Nathan Bush, Bard College
Berlin as EU Capitol City: Philosophical and Practical Considerations

Florian Stenschke, Humboldt-Universität
How to Wake Up From the European Dream

18:30-19:30: Concluding Address

Dr. Thomas Henschel
Director, European School of Governance, Berlin
Current Aspects of the EU Reform Process

Introduction: Grit Kümmele

19:30-20:30: Concluding Discussion

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