Friday, May 11th

HUMAN RIGHTS SECTION

- 09,00 09,30 Paolo Alessi, President of the Trieste UNESCO Centre: Europe for the handicapped and discussion
- 09,30 10,00 Zlatko Tišljar, Asociation for European consceusness, Maribor: The link between languages and identity and discussion
- 10,00 10,30 Antonio Cancian, Member of the European Parliament: Religions and a European identity and discussion
- 10.30 11.15 Discussion of all lectures of this session
- 11,15 13,30 Closing plenary session to agree the conclusions of the conference: Summing up by Seán Ó Riain, discussion and acceptance of conclusions

WORKSHOPS

Room A - 2nd floor: group A Room B - 2nd floor: group B Room C - 2nd floor: group C Room D - 3rd floor: group D

Historical: Wednesday 09.05.2012 - 18.15-20.00 Political: Thursday 10.05.2012 - 14,00-15,30 Economic: Thursday 10.05.2012 - 18,30-20,00



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CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Working languages: English, Esperanto and Italian

Wednesday, May 9th

- 10,30 14,00 Registration 1st floor
- 15,00 16,00 Formal Opening: short speeches of welcome by the hosts (region, city, organizers) Introduction by Seán Ó Riain, president of Eŭropa Esperanto-Unio

HISTORICAL SECTION

- 16,00 16,30 Thomas Jansen, former EPP general secretary:
 Origins, raison d'être and development of European integration and discussion
 16,30 17,00 Božo Repe, professor at the University of Ljubljana:
 - Slovenia and the EU and discussion
- 17,00 17,30 Seán Ó Riain, president of Eŭropa Esperanto-Unio, Irish diplomat EU influence on the Northern Ireland peace process and discussion
- 17,30 17,45 Coffee break
- 17,45 18,30 Discussion on the historical perspectives of the EU
- 18,30 20,00 Workshops on historical aspects of the theme: Situation simulation Group A: EU general staff seeks a solution to a conflict between Greece and Turkey, which is escalating dangerously.

Group B: The French Government seeks a strategy to deal with the problem of young rioters, who have rebelled and been burning cars in various cities.

Group C: Press conference in which a representative of the European Court replies to questions on a Court decision that it is not discriminatory to require competence in English at the level of native speakers to work at the EU institutions.

Group D: Deals with one of the above themes or decides their own theme.

hursday, May 10th

POLITICAL SECTION

- 09,00 09,30 Stjepan Mesić, former President of Croatia and Yugoslavia:
- **Does South-Eastern Europe have an alternative to the EU?** and discussion 09,30 - 10,00 - Milan Kučan, former President of Slovenia:

The experience of a multiethnic state as a message for the EU and discussion

- 10,00 10,30 Coffee break
- 10,30 11,00 Alessandro Maran, Member of the Italian Parliament:

Rudderless Europe – It is high time to give a face to European democracy and discussion

- 11,00 12,00 Discussion on the political perspectives of the EU
- 12,00 13,30 Workshops on political aspects of the theme: Situation simulation Group A: Press conference – the EU President replies to journalists' queries on the acceptance by a democratically-elected government in an EU Member State of a

constitution which is contrary to the basic values, principles and treaties of the EU. **Group B:** Discussion on possible EU-entry of their country between some who are passionately FOR or AGAINST EU-entry, and others who are not interested in politics.

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Group C: The Flemish-Walloon negotiations aimed at constituting a new Belgian government.

Group D: Session of the European Court to discuss a concrete case where the principles of economic liberalism and basic human rights are in conflict.

13,45 - 15,15 - Lunch

ECONOMIC SECTION

15,30 - 16,00 - Mladen Staničić, retired professor, Dag Hamarskjold University College for International Relations and Diplomacy, Zagreb:

Fiscal coordination as a precondition for successful economic policy in EU and discussion

16,00 - 16,30 - François Grin, professor at the University of Geneva:

Accounting for language dynamics in globalisation: can language economics help? and discussion

16,30 - 17,00 - Giorgio Rosetti, former Member of the European Parliament: Economics and/or politics? European integration at the crossroads and discussion

17,00 - 18,00 - Discussion on the economic perspectives of the EU

Thursday, May 10th

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18,00-19,00 - Round table public discussion with former presidents Stjepan Mesić and Milan Kučan, Thomas Jansen and Gianni de Michelis on the importance of the EU for the preservation of peace in Europe and the world – outside participants' programme

18,30 - 20,00 - Workshops on economic aspects of the theme

Group A: Economists analyse the economic state of Germany in 2010 in a hypothetical situation whereby the EU was never founded and therefore Germany is not in the EU.

Group B: A European Parliament economic affairs committee seeks a strategy for economic relations with China.

Group C: Press conference – a member of the European Commission replies to questions on the theory and practice of the use of working languages in the EU institutions, on the economic aspects of multilingualism on EU language problems

in general. **Group D:** Discussion about recent developments and problems in EU Anti-Discrimination Law