

THE STATE OF THE UNION 2015 PROGRAMME

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The State of the Union conference, organised by the European University Institute (EUI), is an annual event for high-level reflection on the European Union and is a reference point in the EU agenda for policy-makers, civil society representatives, business and opinion leaders, and academics. Over the last four years we have seen the participation of the President of the European Commission, the President of the European Parliament, Presidents, Prime Ministers, and Foreign Ministers. The last edition, in May 2014, was particularly successful as it hosted one of the three EU-wide live televised debates among the candidates for the Presidency of the European Commission.

The conference's fifth edition takes place in Florence, **from 6 to 9 May 2015**, and focuses on four main topics:

- *“The Alcide De Gasperi Research Centre”*
- *“A New Schuman Declaration”*
- *“The Interface of Europe with the World”*
- *“Surveillance and Freedom in Europe”*

All the sessions on May 6th and 8th will be live streamed on the conference website at <http://stateoftheunion.eui.eu/>.

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Wednesday, 6 May 2015

Villa Salviati

13.30 – 14.30 *Registration*

14.30 – 15.15 *The Alcide De Gasperi Research Centre Opening Ceremony in the presence of Maria Romana De Gasperi*

The Opening Ceremony marks the launch of the *Alcide De Gasperi Research Centre on the History of European Integration*, at the Historical Archives of the European Union. This research centre is meant to promote innovative research, facilitating the use of primary sources and coordinating networks of historians to stimulate publications on the history of European integration. The establishment of a centre, named after De Gasperi, reflects the EUI's recognition of the people who helped shape Europe as we know it.

Opening address:

Juan Maria Vázquez, Secretary General of Universities, Ministry of Education, Culture and Sport of Spain and President of the EUI High Council

Welcome address:

Dieter Schlenker, Director of the Historical Archives of the European Union, EUI

Federico Romero, Professor of History of Post-War European Cooperation and Integration, EUI

With the participation of:

Maria Romana De Gasperi, Honorary President, De Gasperi Foundation

15.15 – 16.00 *Alcide De Gasperi: A Vision for Europe - Then and Now*

Moderator:

Stefano Polli, Deputy Director, ANSA

Discussants:

Romano Prodi, former Prime Minister of Italy

Giorgio Napolitano, former President of the Italian Republic

Church, Badia Fiesolana***15.30 – 16.30 Registration******16.30 – 18.15 A Vision for Europe: A New Schuman Declaration***

There is the pressing need to define a new narrative for Europe, as Robert Schuman did on 9 May 1950. 65 years after his original Schuman Declaration, a milestone in the process of European political Integration. Giuliano Amato, Élisabeth Guigou and Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga will present to the public a new narrative for Europe - a contemporary and compelling *raison d'être* for the EU.

Moderator:**J.H.H. Weiler**, President of the European University Institute***Authors:*****Giuliano Amato**, former Prime Minister of Italy**Élisabeth Guigou**, former Minister of European Affairs, of Justice and of Employment and Solidarity of France**Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga**, former President of Latvia***Discussants:*****Danuta Maria Hübner**, Chair, Constitutional Affairs Committee, European Parliament**Giorgio Napolitano**, former President of the Republic of Italy**Kalypso Nicolaïdis**, Professor in International Relations, University of Oxford**Romano Prodi**, former Prime Minister of Italy**Danilo Türk**, former President of Slovenia**Klaus Welle**, Secretary General of the European Parliament***18.15 – 18.30 Closing remarks*****Sandro Gozi**, Italian State Secretary for European Affairs***Lower Loggia, Badia Fiesolana******18.30 – 20.00 Tasting of Italian Specialities***

Thursday, 7 May 2015 – Badia Fiesolana

9.30 – 11.00 Plenary Session, Theatre

Presentation of the Main Results of the SURVEILLE Project – Part I

The session presents the results of the FP7 project SURVEILLE (Surveillance: Ethical Issues, Legal Limitations, and Efficiency). The presentation covers a multidimensional and multidisciplinary assessment of surveillance technologies used in different contexts.

Chair:

Martin Scheinin, Professor of International Law and Human Rights, EUI

Speakers:

Michelle Cayford, Researcher, TU Delft

Francisco Fonseca Morillo, Director for Criminal Justice Issues, DG Justice and Consumers, European Commission

Jens-Henrik Jeppesen, Director for European Affairs, Centre for Democracy and Technology

Tom Sorell, Professor of Politics and Philosophy, Warwick University

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break, Lower Loggia

11.30 – 13.00 Parallel Session I, Theatre

Presentation of the Main Results of the SURVEILLE Project – Part II

This panel focuses on the results of the legal research strand covered at the EUI in the framework of the SURVEILLE project, on assessing the intrusion into privacy and other fundamental rights through the use of surveillance technologies.

Chair:

John Mueller, member of the SURVEILLE Advisory board

Speakers:

David Anderson, UK independent reviewer of terrorism legislation

Simon Chesterman, Professor, National University of Singapore

Nancy Gertner, former United States federal court judge

11.30 – 13.00 *Parallel Session II, Max Weber Programme Common Room*

Banking supervision - Global challenges and opportunities for the EU after the Banking Union

Organised by the EUI Alumni Association

While most discussions in the EU relating to the financial crisis have thus far been mainly inward-looking, this roundtable discussion will seek to apply an outward-looking focus by exploring the potential for the EU to shape global standards for banking regulation and supervision in international standard-setting fora. It will consider substantive regulatory issues currently under debate internationally; as well as governance aspects such as EU representation and conditions for EU leadership in those fora.

Chair:

Hans-W. Micklitz, Professor of Economic Law, EUI

Speakers:

Andrea Enria, Chairman, European Banking Authority

Jonathan Faull, Director General, DG Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union, European Commission

Eilís Ferran, Professor of Company & Securities Law, University of Cambridge

Karel Lannoo, Chief Executive Officer, Centre for European Policy Studies

13.00 – 14.30 *Lunch break, Lower Loggia***14.30 – 16.00 *Parallel Session I, Max Weber Programme Common Room***

Privacy by Design and its Alternatives

One of the main findings of the SURVEILLE project is that properly addressing the privacy concerns surrounding technology creates a win-win result by improving the technological usability of the product while simultaneously mitigating or eliminating the ethical and human rights concerns. This panel discusses the concept of Privacy by Design and its alternatives.

Chair:

Christiane Höhn, Adviser to the EU Counter-terrorism Coordinator

Speakers:

Ann Cavoukian, three-term Ontario Privacy Commissioner, now Executive Director of the Privacy & Big Data Institute, Ryerson University

Alberto Pietro Contaretti, Programme Officer for EU Policies, DG Enterprise and Industry, European Commission

Claudia Diaz, Professor at the Faculty of Engineering Science, KU Leuven

George Katrougalos, Alternate Minister for Administrative Reforms and Electronic Governance of Greece and Professor of Public Law at Thrace University

Elisa Orrù, Professor, Centre for Security and Society, Freiburg University

14.30 – 16.00

Parallel Session II, Theatre

Europe's Role in Peacekeeping and Stabilization

This session examines how European states, both within the United Nations and the emerging architecture of the European Union, have contributed to peacekeeping and stabilization missions. The session examines the effects of particular missions on emerging doctrine and policy (primarily within the Balkans and Africa), as well as Europe's developing view on conflict prevention, conflict resolution and statebuilding. The panel combines scholars who have examined European foreign policy with practitioners who have been engaged in various aspects of peacebuilding and stabilization.

Chair:

Jennifer Welsh, Professor of International Relations, EUI

Speakers:

Mats Berdal, Professor of Security & Development, King's College London

Jean-Marie Guéhenno, President, International Crisis Group, Brussels

Heidi Hardt, Visiting Fulbright Fellow, EUI and Assistant Professor of Political Science at University of California, Irvine

Stephanie C. Hofmann, Associate Professor in Political Science, Graduate Institute Geneva and Deputy Director of the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding

Pierpaolo Sinconi, International Affairs Office Chief and International & Humanitarian Law Chair, Centre of Excellence for Stability Police Units

16.00 – 16.30

Coffee break, Lower Loggia

16.30 – 18.00 *Parallel Session I, Theatre**Technology, Security and Freedom in an Urban Context*

This panel focuses on the use of technological innovations in urban security by European local authorities. The SURVEILLE project covers end-user perspectives and has involved a panel of European police officers as well as the European Forum for Urban Security (EFUS). This panel asks how mayors can play a role in the European discussion on security and freedom. Participants will show how their cities make use of new opportunities and technologies to improve the quality of life and the security of citizens.

Chair:

Sebastian Sperber, Programme Manager, European Forum for Urban Security

Speakers:

Ahmed Aboutaleb, Mayor of Rotterdam

Ramon Espadaler Parcerisas, Minister of Home Affairs, Government of Catalonia

Dario Nardella, Mayor of Florence

Guilherme Pinto, Mayor of Matosinhos and President of the European Forum for Urban Security

Leen Verbeek, Vice President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Council of Europe

16.30 – 18.00 *Parallel Session II, Max Weber Programme Common Room**Competing Views of Europe? The EU and its Role in the World from the Perspective of the United States, China, Russia, India, and the Middle East*

Over the past fifteen years, the EU has emerged as an actor in world politics and has begun to assert itself on the global stage. However, we have little systematic knowledge about how the main powers with whom the EU needs to engage in the international arena view the EU, its interests, goals and capabilities. This session explores how the United States, China, Russia, India, Israel, and the countries of the Middle East perceive the EU's role and place in the world.

Chair:

Ulrich Krotz, Professor of International Relations and Director, Programme on Europe in the World, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, EUI

Speakers:

Raffaella Del Sarto, Professor, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, EUI; and Adjunct Professor, Paul H. Nitze School for Advanced International Studies, SAIS Europe, Johns Hopkins University

Sandra Destradi, Jean Monnet Fellow, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, EUI; and Senior Research Fellow, German Institute of Global and Area Studies (GIGA)

Masha Hedberg, Jean Monnet Fellow, EUI and Adjunct Professor of European and Eurasian Studies, School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS Europe), Johns Hopkins

James Sperling, Fernand Braudel Fellow, EUI; and Professor of International Politics, University of Akron

Weiqing Song, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Macau; Management Committee, European Union Academic Programme-Macao; Visiting Scholar, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, EUI

16.30 – 18.00 ***Parallel Session III, Sala del Capitolo***

The Cybersecurity Market and Policy Responses

With the explosive spread of the Internet, a major part of our daily activities takes place online. It is thus essential to guarantee security and trustworthiness of the online ecosystem. Today, the security market is growing both in terms of value and strategic importance. The aim of this session is to provide a better understanding of the different players, the dynamics among them, the most frequent business models as well as the rules regulating the sector.

Chair:

Pier Luigi Parcu, Director of the Communications & Media Area of the FSR and Director of the Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom, EUI

Speakers:

Giovanni Amendola, Head of Relations with International Authorities, Telecom Italia

Laura Bononcini, Head of Public Policy, Facebook Italy

Wassim Chourbaji, Vice President of Government Affairs, Qualcomm

Nicklas Lundblad, Senior Director for Public Policy and Government Relations for Europe and the EU, Google

18.00 – 19.15 *Parallel Session I, Max Weber Programme Common Room**The “Fourth Estate” in the “State of Surveillance”*

The publication of the Snowden files by *The Guardian* has shown how governments are using mass surveillance in a systematic, indiscriminate and unlawful way. Mass surveillance is, on one hand, eroding the role of the watchdogs and, on the other, highlighting the importance of whistleblowing. Journalists now have to find new ways and methods to safeguard their work and function. The aim of the parallel session is to discuss the role of journalism in a mass surveillance scenario.

Chair:

Pier Luigi Parcu, Director of the Communications & Media Area of the FSR and Director of the Centre for Media Pluralism and Media Freedom, EUI

Speakers:

Guy Berger, Director for Freedom of Expression and Media Development, UNESCO

Lorena Boix Alonso, Head of Unit for Converging Media and Content Unit, DG Connect, European Commission

Mogens Blicher Bjerregård, President of the European Federation of Journalists

Nicklas Lundblad, Senior Director for Public Policy and Government Relations for Europe and the EU, Google

Stefania Maurizi, Journalist, L'Espresso

18.00 – 19.15 *Parallel Session II, Refectory**Launch of GLOBALSTAT*

Statistics play an increasingly vital role in our political and societal life. As a new data gateway to developments in a globalised world, GlobalStat takes up this need and offers statistical information for a sample of 193 UN member states from 1960 to now. By including economic, environmental, political, social, and cultural aspects, GlobalStat supports a ‘beyond GDP perspective’ and ultimately aims to explore the way human beings live, the freedoms they enjoy and the limitations they face.

Speakers:

Brigid Laffan, Director of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies and Director of the Global Governance Programme, EUI

Miguel Poiares Maduro, Minister in the Cabinet of the Prime Minister and for Regional Development of Portugal

Pedro Magalhães, Scientific Director of the Fundação Francisco Manuel dos Santos

Anthony Teasdale, Director General of the European Parliamentary Research Service, European Parliament

Gaby Umbach, Director of GLOBALSTAT, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, EUI

Lower Loggia, Badia Fiesolana

19.15 – 20.30 Tasting of Italian Specialities

Friday 8 May 2015 – Palazzo Vecchio

8.00 – 9.00 Registration, Cortile della Dogana

9.15 – 9.30 Welcome Address, Salone dei Cinquecento

Dario Nardella, Mayor of Florence
J.H.H. Weiler

9.30 – 10.00 Keynote speech by Matteo Renzi
Matteo Renzi, Prime Minister of Italy

10.00 – 10.30 Keynote speech by Alexis Tsipras
Alexis Tsipras, Prime Minister of Greece

10.30 – 12.00 Morning Session

Surveillance and Freedom in Europe

This session concentrates on Europe's choices in respect of better security through surveillance with or without compromising privacy, data protection and other fundamental rights. The discussion marks the publication of the final report of the SURVEILLE project, gathers representatives of EU institutions and member states, disseminates the results of the project and discusses their policy implications.

Chair:

Miguel Poiares Maduro, Minister in the Cabinet of the Prime Minister and for Regional Development of Portugal

Speakers:

Gilles de Kerchove, Counter-terrorism coordinator, EU Council

Gus Hosein, Executive Director, Privacy International

Marietje Schaake, Member of the European Parliament

12.00 – 12.30 The State of the Union Address
by **Martin Scheinin**

12.30 – 13.00 Discussion with Frans Timmermans
A discussion on The State of the Union between **Frans Timmermans**, First Vice- President of the EC, and **J.H.H. Weiler**

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch, Cortile della Dogana

14.30 – 16.15 ***Afternoon Session***
Interface of Europe with the World

Italy, Europe and the Mediterranean

Introduction by **Paolo Gentiloni**, Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy

Europe, the Arab Spring and its Aftermath

An interview with **Mohamed El Baradei**, former Director General, International Atomic Energy Agency, by **Jennifer Welsh** and **Olivier Roy**, Chair in Mediterranean Studies, EUI

Europe and Asia

An interview with **Kasiviswanathan Shanmugam**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Singapore, by **Brigid Laffan**

The State of Trans-Atlantic Relations

An interview with **Anthony L. Gardner**, U.S. Ambassador to the European Union, by **Klaus-Dieter Frankenberger**, Foreign Editor, FAZ

16.15 – 16.45 ***Coffee break, Cortile della Dogana***

16.45 – 17.30 ***Discussion with Federica Mogherini***

Speaker:

Federica Mogherini, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy

Discussant:

Tony Barber, Europe Editor, Financial Times

17.30 – 18.00 ***Closing remarks***
Pedro Passos Coelho, Prime Minister of Portugal

Cortile della Dogana, Palazzo Vecchio

18.00 – 19.30 ***Tasting of Italian Specialities***

Saturday 9 May 2015 – Europe Open Day

European University Institute

Villa Salviati

10.00 – 17.00 Special Opening of the EUI Campus and the HAEU to the Public

Church, Badia Fiesolana

17.30 – 19.00 Concert by the “Orchestra dei Ragazzi” from the *Fondazione Scuola di Musica di Fiesole ONLUS*

See the detailed programme of the day online:

<https://stateoftheunion.eui.eu/programme-9-may-2015>

THE STATE OF THE UNION 2015 – SCIENTIFIC COMMITTEE

Mr. Stephan Albrechtskirchinger, Director Communications Service, EUI

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Dr. Dieter Schlenker, Director Historical Archives of the European Union, EUI

Prof. Anna Triandafyllidou, Robert Schuman Chair; Global Governance Programme Research Area Director Cultural Pluralism, EUI

Prof. J.H.H. Weiler, President, EUI (Chair)

Prof. Jennifer Welsh, Professor in International Relations, SPS Department, EUI



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