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UPCOMING EVENTS

Louvain-la-Neuve, 15 February 2017: European Identity

One month ahead of the Treaties of Rome 60th anniversary celebrations, the Chair will host an international conference on The European identity: on what heritage, values or missions can we found this identity?, for academics, students and other interested persons. Among the confirmed speakers are Chantal Delsol, French philosopher and political historian, Philippe Herzog, economist and politician, Sir Larry Siedentop, prominent British political thinker, and Sir Stephen Wall, former UK Permanent Representative to the European Union.

PAST EVENTS

Antwerp, 10 December 2016: Future of the Low Countries

The euphoria concerning the EU seems to be fading. A 'eurocritical' vision is overtaking the 'europhile' perspective of the past. Flanders and The Netherlands are experiencing similar tendencies. In the conference Toekomstverkenningen Richard Celis, we addressed...
the question of the future of Europe and of our (grand)children.

**Autumn 2016: The European Union after Brexit**

In the continent-wide public debate on Europe's future after the UK referendum, Luuk van Middelaar participated in several events.

> On 12 October, he was the guest in a public hearing (*audition*) by the Commission des affaires européennes of the French National Assembly, in Paris. The event was *live-streamed*.
> On 14 November, he spoke at the Schaubühne theatre in Berlin in the series *The End of Europe?*.
> On 17 November, he gave a lecture at University College London, in London, on *Europe after Brexit*.

**Autumn 2016: Migration and Integration**

> On 12 September, Noel Clycq gave a key lecture on *Europe: Migration and Integration trends* at the International Seminar on Intercultural Pastoral Care and Counselling.
> On 25 November, he co-organized a conference on *Radicalism: Marginal Phenomenon or Mirror for Society* (CeMIS) and chaired the workshop on *Radicalism and Education*.

**NEWS ARTICLES & MEDIA APPEARANCES**

**The Migration Crisis**

Luuk van Middelaar and Noel Clycq have published various articles on the migration crisis, which challenges the solidarity within the European Union.


**Europe after Brexit and Trump**

The Brexit vote and the recent election of President Trump open a new era of uncertainty. What should the position of the European Union be in this new world? On this topic, Luuk van Middelaar published ‘Protect and survive’ (*Europe’s World*), ‘Na Brexit en Trump geen masochisme graag’ (*NRC Handelsblad*), and ‘Europa na Amerika’s exit’ (*De Tijd*). He was interviewed in *Neue Zürcher Zeitung*, on 4 December 2016: ‘Die EU muss den Aufstand ernst nehmen’, on Finnish television, on Swiss Radio, and in *Knack*. 
PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH

Passage to Europe to Germany
Luuk van Middelaar's awarded book *The Passage to Europe* was translated in German in October 2016: *Vom Kontinent zur Union: Gegenwart und Geschichte des vereinten Europas* (Suhrkamp Verlag). At this occasion, he published in *Berlin Policy Journal* ('Wanted: Event Managers'), in *DIE ZEIT* ('Europas neue Kraft'), and he was interviewed on 3Sat Kulturzeit on the role of Germany.

Research publication
Noel Clycq published a paper on education systems in the *European Educational Research Journal*: “*We value your food but not your language*: Education systems and nation-building processes in Flanders’, 26 September 2016.

New research projects
Two research projects have been launched under the co-direction of Noel Clycq:

> *Do European and cosmopolitan identities play a role in the lives of youth in Antwerp?* This PhD project studies how adolescents in Antwerp discuss Europe and how they identify with each other. Could the notion of Europe be a cohesive factor in such a diverse city and enable youngsters to construct new imaginaries?

> *How do school and family socialization discourses influence European identification among youngsters?* This research project studies the role the school and family can play in the European identification process of youngsters.

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