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UPCOMING EVENTS

Louvain-la-Neuve, 13 / 14 March 2017: Europe and the intellectuals

The Chair will host an international conference on Europe and the intellectuals, in collaboration with the Paul-Henri Spaak seminars (Interfaculties School in European studies, UCL). The morning session will focus on 20th-century leading thinkers and Europe, and in the afternoon panel, a number of contemporary intellectuals will express themselves on their view on Europe.

More information will soon be published here.

PAST EVENTS

Antwerpen, 26 June 2017 - 7 July 2017: Summer school Europe: Diversity and Migration

Europe’s demographic composition is fundamentally changing and European cities are becoming increasingly diverse. In this successful interdisciplinary two-week summer school ‘Europe: Diversity and Migration’ co-organized by the Chair at the University of Antwerp, a group of international students was introduced into these issues by scholars from sociology, political science, philosophy, demography, law, economy and history. Fifteen students from ten different nationalities and from three different continents participated in this intensive summer school. More than twenty (inter)national professors gave their views on how European societies are changing and how to address the issues they are confronted with.

Each day of the summer school had a different focus and the participating students visited various sites. At the final day of the summer school and under the co-supervision of the chairholder the students presented their own project they worked on the past two weeks with some very interesting new insights.

Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, August 2017: Visiting Professor

Luuk van Middelaar was an Academic Visitor, in the month of August 2017, at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy of the National University of Singapore, the number-one university in Asia. Amongst other things, he spoke to a group of students on the EU Nobel Prize and gave a well-attended public lecture at the EU Centre in cooperation with the National University of Singapore.
**NEWS ARTICLES & MEDIA APPEARANCES**

**Teaching and identity**

As young people with immigration background in Flanders appear to feel more European than Belgian or Flemish, Noel Clycq published an article to highlight the importance of teaching as identity politics:


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**PUBLICATIONS AND RESEARCH**

**De nieuwe politiek van Europa**

On 4 October 2017, Luuk van Middelaar published his new book 'De nieuwe politiek van Europa' (Groningen, Historische Uitgeverij, 372 p.), the fruit of two years of intensive writing, drawing on new research, on his previous 'Passage to Europe' and on five years of practical political experience at the Van Rompuy European Council Presidency.

The book engages the reader on a journey through the various crises that shook the European Union in the past decade (euro crisis, Ukraine war, refugee crisis, Brexit-Trump) and then analyses in-depth the impact of these events on the European’s system of government as well as on the appreciation of public opinion, which manifest itself as opposition. He also shows how the “Brussels” European Union learns to deal with the unavoidable trade-offs and compromises between our values when confronted with such unexpected events.

The launch of the book was the occasion for numerous public events, lectures and media appearances, above all in the Netherlands and Belgium. Translations will follow from 2018.

**Migration and the future of Europe**

> Noel Clycq published a paper on the future of Europe in Tijdschrift voor Onderwijsrecht en Onderwijsbeleid ('De toekomst van Europa. Europese identiteitsconstructies van onderuit en via de school'), which discusses new research findings on how European identity is important for youngsters in Flemish cities. It also argues that European identity might be one of the few identities youngsters from diverse backgrounds agree upon.

> Together with colleagues Timmerman, Goddeeris, Fadil, and Ettourki, Noel Clycq published a book on 'Moroccan Migration in Belgium. More than 50 Years of Settlement' (Leuven, Universitaire Pers Leuven, 388 p.). This edited volume brings together 25 scholars using the example of more than 50 years of Moroccan migration to discuss topical issues in current society on Movement & Settlement, Politics & Policy, Identity & Ethnicity and Religion & Devotion.

In this book, he wrote a chapter (with François Levrau) titled 'Towards a comprehensive integration policy: a critical analysis of how social imaginations underpin Flemish integration policies', which addresses the social imaginations – how people in societies imagine themselves fitting together and how this creates a sense of belonging – underpinning integration policy.

**New research projects**

> Together with the University of Maastricht, Noel Clycq aims to survey around 10,000 youngsters in nine European cities (three in Belgium, three in The Netherlands and three in Germany) and to study how important European identity is in their lives.

> Noel Clycq discussed his work in the new international research network SIMAGINE (Social Imaginaries in a Globalizing World) in Utrecht, 1 November 2017.
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