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A vision for Europe?
**Research, Innovation
& the Democratic Deficit**

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10.30 // 11.00

REGISTRATION

11.00 // 11.10

WELCOME ADDRESS

ODA HELEN SLETNES
Ambassador of Norway to the European Union

11.10 // 12.25

PRESENTATIONS AND PANEL DISCUSSION

The Guild Policy Lab on 'A Vision for Europe' brings together some of our leading scientists who have worked on the European Union, and who have analysed popular disaffection with Europe. They will examine the root causes of European populism, how European institutions can best engage with it, and how European programmes and initiatives in Research and Innovation can best respond to these issues.

- What are some of the key threats to the European Union?
- Can research and innovation provide much-needed legitimacy for the EU?
- How can universities help overcome social and political alienation?

SPEAKERS

PROF. LUK VAN MIDDELAAR
University of Louvain (UCL)

Rethinking European integration: freedom versus protection

PROF. JAN VAN DER HARST
University of Groningen

Manifestations of Euroscepticism in Germany and the Netherlands, 1990-2017: a comparative approach

PROF. ÅSE GORNITZKA
University of Oslo

The challenge of expertise in the European knowledge democracy

RESPONDENTS

LAMBERT VAN NISTELROOIJ

MEP, Committee on Regional Development, European Parliament

NATASHA BERTAUD

Spokesperson of the President of the European Commission

MODERATOR

PROF. JAN PALMOWSKI

Secretary General, The Guild of European Research-Intensive Universities

12.25 // 12.30

CLOSING REMARKS

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NETWORKING LUNCH

ABOUT THE SPEAKERS



Luuk van Middelaar is Professor at the University of Louvain (UCL) and at Leiden University. From 2010 until 2014 he was the speechwriter and advisor of the first permanent President of the European Council, H.A. Van Rompuy. His areas of research are European constitutional law, political developments and democratic legitimacy of the EU. *"Following the Brexit vote, the EU needs to rethink the balance between the free-*

dom and the protection it aims to provide. The temptation to blame Brussels insularity or to think that some policy tinkering will suffice to bring national electorates in line must be resisted. Voters will not be fooled by ultimately empty bureaucratic slogans such as "Europe of results", "big on big stuff, small on small stuff" or "better Europe". The distinction "freedom versus protection" offers a better tool for defining a political response. It reveals real dilemmas and demands sincerity, not platitudes. Besides, many voters also want to be reassured about the future trajectory of European integration."

Jan van der Harst is Professor of European integration at the University of Groningen with a PhD from the European University Institute in Florence. He has been Head of The Department of International Relations and International Organization (IRIO) since 2012. His areas of expertise are the history and theory of European co-operation and integration, Dutch foreign policy, and China-EU relations. *"In view of the coming national elections in the Netherlands and Germany, this presentation will compare the development of Euroscepticism in both*

countries and try to explain their diverging evolution, by focusing on differences in the political-institutional context, the party system, political culture and the position of both countries in the European Union. We also try to establish which types of Euroscepticism we encounter in both countries and which motives prevail: utilitarian, political, cultural?"



Åse Gornitzka is a political scientist and Professor at the University of Oslo. She holds a Doctoral degree from the Faculty of Public Administration, University of Twente. She has been a researcher at the ARENA Centre for European Studies (University of Oslo) since

2004. Her academic interests include public policy and public administration, EU governance and decision making, and knowledge policy.

"Knowledge democracy – at national and EU level – is associated with important challenges detectable in key claims: 1) The devaluation and increasing contes-

tation of the authority of professionals, scientists and science, that is, the 'people are tired of experts' claim; 2) The increasing powers of 'unelected' experts amounting to a democratic deficit, that is, the technocracy claim; and 3) The claim that there is an increasing gap between the highly-educated and the less well-educated in the access to policy-making arenas and political-administrative elites. We need to unpack what the tensions in the 'knowledge democracy' and democratic deficits in this context imply. It is important to examine the key claims on the basis of available data from research on EU governance and governance in the Nordic political orders. We also need to consider more specifically the implications for research-intensive universities in a European political order."



Lambert van Nistelrooij has been a Member of the European Parliament since 2004. He is a member of the Committee on Regional Development and a substitute member of the Committee on the Internal Market and Consumer Protection. He has also been a member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy. He is the European Parliament Rapporteur and Negotiator for the European Structural Funds and the European Investment Fund (2014–2020).



Natasha Bertaud is coordinating spokesperson at the European Commission covering the activities of the President and policies of the first Vice-President. She also serves as spokesperson for better regulation, institutional affairs, migration, home affairs and citizenship. She holds a BA from King's College London and an MA in European Politics and Administration from the College of Europe.



Jan Palmowski became the Guild's first Secretary-General upon its creation, on 1 June 2016. A contemporary historian, he started his career at the University of Oxford, before moving to King's College London where he taught on European politics and EU integration. He was appointed Pro-Vice Chancellor at Warwick University in 2013. His international engagements include membership of the Strategy Commission of the German Science Council (2013-2016), and the Excellence Commission's joint expert group (from 2016).

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