

Workshop Descriptions “A Soul for Europe” Conference 2017

Topic 1: Cities for Europe

11:00- **Organiser:** Cities for Europe

12:30 **Title: Citizens Shape the Future of Europe**

Format: presentation & debate

Speakers: Karl-Heinz Lambertz , Alexander Freiherr Knigge, Gerry Woop

Host: Brigitte Russ-Scherer

Teaser: This workshop starts with an input on “How do cities realize their responsibility for Europe and what changes do we need?”. Selected initiatives will present their projects before the discussion is opened to the public.

02:00- **Organiser:** Cities for Europe

03:30 **Title: How can Cities Act for Europe?**

Format: roundtable discussions

Speakers: project representatives (tba)

Host: Brigitte Russ-Scherer

Active participant: Hella Dunger-Löper

Teaser: Table talks will have a focus on the specific experiences and expertise that project representatives share with the conference participants.

04:00- **Organiser:** Advocate Europe & Actors of Urban Change

05:30 **Title: European Cities From the Bottom Up - New Responses From Civil Society and Local Administration**

Format: World café

Speakers: Tamar Gurdikyan, 70 TK (Istanbul), Refugees for Co-Creative Cities (Oberhausen)

Hosts: Julia Hoffmann, Christina Nuhr, Sebastian Schlüter

Teaser: Civil society actors and local administration share the goal of wanting to improve the lives of the community. Yet, collaboration between these two groups often is disconnected. Today’s turbulent world requires that we act together, in new forms of alliances and more committed than before in order to drive future change. This session explores exemplary cases of collaboration and looks on the pain points of cross-sector collaborations as well as the places of potential. Four activists from across Europe share their insights and experiences from working in partnerships across sectorial boundaries.

Topic 2: Europe from the Bottom Up

11:00- **Organiser:** Das Progressive Zentrum

12:30 **Title: #DialogueOnEurope - New Ideas for Migration Policy**

Format: Working groups

Host: Maria Skóra

Active participants: Jo Leinen (tbc), Sir Graham Watson (tbc)

Teaser: Increased migration influx to Europe is a hot topic for politicians, journalists and experts, but so far, few satisfying solutions have found both effectively help refugees and to prevent fears of the unknown that propel the populist tide. You know how to strengthen European dimension of local governance? You have ideas for better migration and integration policy? You want to support European integrity? Join our workshop and share your thoughts for building Europe bottom-up!

02:00- **Organiser:** Arts Research Institute of Georgia

03:30 **Title: Civil Society in Georgia on the Way towards Europe**

Format: Panel discussion

Speakers: Minister Viktor Dolidze, Minister Mikheil Giorgandze, David Sakvarelidze (Artistic Director of Tzsinandali Music festival), Giorgii Sharvashidze (Rector of Javakhisvili Tblisi State University)

Active participants: Steve Austen, Nicolas Bertrand, Hannes Swoboda (tbc) (in English)

Teaser: Georgian civil society witnessed their state transforming from a former Soviet republic to having an association agreement with the European Union. How can culture form the European identity of Georgians? The European choice is a citizens' choice – two participants from Forum Tblisi taking place in October will report on the outcomes.

04:00- **Organiser:** GRAD & Felix Meritis Foundation

05:30 **Title: Creating active citizenship: The Notion of Civil Society and Culture in Belgrade and Amsterdam**

Format: Panel discussion

Speakers: Activists (Belgrade), Hala Naoum Néhmé (Amsterdam)

Host: Steve Austen

Active participants: Silke Gebel (tbc), Bernhard Schneider (tbc) (in English)

Teaser: Where is the citizen? Now that the Treaty of Lisbon (2009) has come into force, the relations between the member states and the European Union are in favour of a transnational definition of citizenship. Let's start with the citizens position and have a look at the situation in Belgrade and Amsterdam: Do we have to change our lives? Let's talk about it.

Topic 3: Arts and Politics- A Good Match?

11:00- **Organiser:** internationales literaturfestival berlin (ilb)

12:30 **Title: New Stories for Europe?**

Format: Fishbowl discussion

Speakers: Priya Basil, Daphne Büllesbach, Ivana Sajko, Paul Dujardin

Host: Simone Schröder

Active participants: Juan Gabriel Vasquez, Simon Mundy

Teaser: This fishbowl discussion brings together writers and intellectuals from different European nations. In an open dialogue with the audience, we explore possibilities for new narratives for Europe. It is inspired by a roundtable on the future of Europe, which took place at the International Congress for Democracy and Freedom as part of the 17th international literature festival berlin in September 2017.

02:00- **Organiser:** Cafébabel & N-Ost

03:30 **Title: Creating a European Public Sphere**

Format: open dialogue

Speakers: Katharina Kloss, Sébastien Vannier

Host: Andreas Bock

Active participants: "We are Europe " group members, Anke Plättner

Teaser: A European public sphere is a future necessity, but finds itself still in the foreign politics section of a newspaper. Although many political and social problems have a continental dimension, journalism only too focuses on the national level. We will take a look at the "European Newsroom" through the whole editorial process from a European perspective. The keyword of the workshop is "network". We will investigate together with the audience how European ideas, stories, and angles are developed, how research in a broad European context can be organized, how the writing - and translation - and the distribution in an European framework can be constructed. Can a European public sphere lead to a common European Narrative?

04:00- **Organiser:** Theater an der Parkaue

05:30 **Topic: What Can Theatre (for Children) Do for Europe?**

Format: Round table

Speakers: Kay Wuschek, Axel Möbius

Active participants: Nicolas Bertrand

Teaser: tba



11:00-

Organiser: BOZAR

12:30

Title: Next Generation, Please!

cont.

Format: Artistic Workshop for young people

Artist: Leni Huyghe

02:00-

Host:s Melat Gebeyaw Nigussie, Frédéric Meseeuw

04:30

(in English)

Teaser: Populism is on the rise and the European project is in jeopardy. What role does rhetoric play in all of this? The workshop will use a political speech as a point of departure to embark on a critical reflection about the past and to express hopes and wishes for the future. The different parts of the workshop consist of the analysis of the speech, followed by a discussion between the students and a brainstorming session to discuss the topics that the students will address in their own speeches. The different speeches are presented at the end of the day. The story of Europe is best told by its citizens. What do you have to say?

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