



## 29<sup>th</sup> Summer University of the New Economics in Aix-en-Provence August 27-30, 2006

### **What future for Europe: Harmonization or Competition?**

For the 29<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, followers of the “New Economics” will get together in Aix-en-Provence, France to analyze the current issues facing our countries. Following last year referenda in France and Holland, it became clear that things aren’t clear in the minds of European citizens... In 2006 we even witnessed, in countries such as Italy, France or Poland, a come back of national industrial policies. Meanwhile the EU Commission, with the support of the heads of state, is moving forward, launching new projects and preparing new directives, just as before! Europe is still in search of a vision which will appear legitimate to its inhabitants.

“New Economics” was the name given by a handful of Professors of economics in the late 70s to their approach of social phenomena. They chose that name in order to stress their opposition to what was then the dominant approach: the centralized, macroeconomic regulation of the economy. But they did not stop at criticizing the ongoing governmental policies; the goal of their meetings was also to share their efforts to reach a better understanding of those phenomena and consequently to suggest the appropriate reforms. It is with the same spirit of scientific excellence that we wish to look this year at the past and future of Europe.

During our previous summer meetings we often noticed that the laymen, as well as legislators and even sometime economists, hold a wrong understanding of the market and of competition. Hence we felt the need to explain to a larger audience the true working of the market: the market is a competitive entrepreneurial discovery process. But assuming competition is welcomed in the market field; does that mean that competition should prevail as well in the field of institutions? Many doctrines and concepts have been developed those past decades to argue just the contrary: the level playing field doctrine, the doctrine of harmful tax competition, or concept such as social dumping or the race to the bottom. Are those doctrines pushing us in the right direction? What exactly needs to be harmonized in order to prepare a free and prosperous Europe, or better, a free and prosperous world? The purpose of this 29<sup>th</sup> Summer University is to clarify this issue.

To do so, some eminent scholars from the disciplines of law, economics, philosophy, history and sociology will offer their analysis of competition and their vision of what Europe could and should look like. It will also be interesting to learn how things are perceived from the various corners of our enlarged European Union and beyond. Finally, to develop a correct understanding of recent development and potentiality within Europe, we will also greatly benefit from the experience of those who have plaid recently a more direct role in the field of politics.

You will find attached the program of the 29<sup>th</sup> Summer University. We hope to meet you there, with many freedom lovers, for what should be an exciting meeting.



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## 29<sup>TH</sup> SUMMER UNIVERSITY OF THE NEW ECONOMICS

### WHAT FUTURE FOR EUROPE: HARMONIZATION OR COMPETITION?

#### SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

##### **Opening diner at the Hotel Roy René (with invitation)**

*Diner speeches by:*

Pr. Vaclav Klaus, President of Czech Republic

*The future of the EU*

Maître Jean-Philippe Delsol, Lawyer, Lyon

*Europe: A Tax Haven?*

#### MONDAY, AUGUST 28

### INSTITUTIONAL DIVERSITY IN EUROPE: CHANCE OR HANDICAP?

*9:30-11:00 Plenary Session*

##### **Diversity and Competition**

Pr. Chantal Millon-Delsol, University of Marne la Vallée

Pr. Gerald O'Driscoll, Cato Institute, Reno

Pr. Jean-Philippe Feldman, University of Bretagne Sud

*11:30- 13 :00 Plenary Session*

##### ***Which institutions for Europe?***

Pr. Vaclav Klaus, President of Czech Republic

Pr. Pr. Angleo Petroni, University of Bologna

Dr. Yevgeny Volk, Heritage Foundation, Moscow

Pr. Hardy Bouillon, University of Treves

Pr. Patrick Minford, Cardiff University

Pr. Jacques Garello, University Paul-Cézanne Aix-Marseille

Pr. Pedro Schwartz, Universidad Autonoma, Madrid

*Afternoon: Parallel sessions*

Those sessions will be held in French or in English. They offer further opportunities to debate on issues related to the topic of the day and will be led by some of the morning speakers or by other participants. For the Monday parallel sessions we will have in particular:

*14.30 – 15.45 Séminaires parallèles – Concurrent Sessions*

**Competition and Economic Growth:** Patrick Minford (Great Britain) – Pierre Garelo (France) [Room Mirabeau]

**Du Cassis de Dijon au rejet de la Constitution :** Chantal Millon Delsol (France) – Jean Philippe Feldman (France) [Amphi David]

**Competition in the Market for Ideas:** Jo Ann Kwong (USA) – Greg Rehmke (USA) – Stefan Spath (USA) [Room Peiresc]

*16.00 – 17.15 Séminaires parallèles – Concurrent Sessions*

**Le processus de la concurrence institutionnelle :** Angelo Petroni (Italie) – Joseph Pini (France) – Pedro Schwartz (Espagne) [Amphi Mirabeau]

**Globalization, Culture and Science:** Ron Bailey (USA) – Nick Gillespie (USA) – Fabio Padovano (Italy) [Room Peiresc]

*18:00 Cocktail at the Palais Vendôme hosted by the Major of Aix-en-Provence*

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 29**  
**TAXATION IN EUROPE:**  
**SETTING THE RULES OF THE GAME**

*9:30-11:00 Plenary session*  
***The European fiscal mosaic***

Pr. Victoria Curzon-Price, Professor of Economics, University of Geneva  
Mr. Pierre Bessard, AGEFI, Switzerland  
Pr. Gérard Bramoullé, University Paul-Cézanne Aix-Marseille  
Maître Jean-Philippe Delsol, Lyon

*11 :30-13 :00 Plenary session*  
***The future of fiscal policy in the EU: harmonization, flat tax or fiscal federalism***

Pr. Enrico Colombatto, ICER and University of Torino  
Dr. Krassen Stanchev, IME, Sofia  
Pr. Lars Feld, Professor of Economics, Marburg University

*Afternoon: Parallel sessions*

*15h00 – 16.15 Séminaires parallèles – Concurrent Sessions*

***Le « dumping fiscal »: une crainte ou un espoir ?*** Victoria Curzon Price (Suisse) –  
Commentaires : Jean Philippe Delsol (France), Benoîte Taffin (France), Radu  
Nechita (Roumanie) [Amphi Mirabeau]

***Taxation and Justice:*** Enrico Colombatto (Italie) – Comments : Hardy Bouillon (Germany),  
Barbara Lamprecht (Austria) [Room Peiresc]

*16.30 – 18.00 Séminaires parallèles – Concurrent Sessions*

***Déficits et dettes publiques en Europe :*** Pierre Garello (France) – Commentaire : Philippe  
Maître (France) [Amphi Mirabeau]

***Fiscal Competition in the US:*** Véronique de Rugy (France), Gérald O’Driscoll (USA)  
[Room Peiresc]

*20.00 Dîner à l’Univers Café / Dinner at the Univers Café*

## **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30 SOCIAL PROGRESS IN EUROPE**

*9:30-11:00 Plenary Session*  
***A European labour market?***

Mrs. Elena Leontieva, LFMI and Former economic adviser to the President  
Pr. Bertrand Lemennicier, University Panthéon-Assas  
Pr. Philippe Stoffel-Munck, University Paris 2, Assas

*11:30-13:00 Plenary Session*  
***Social Dumping and competitiveness***

Mr. Axel Arnoux, Chauvin-Arnoux SA  
Pr. Jiri Schwartz, Prague University and Liberalni Institute  
Pr. Antoine Gentier, University Paul-Cézanne Aix-Marseille  
Dr. George Lane, University Paris-Dauphine

*15:00-16:15 Plenary Session*

***“The Norms of Liberty” and their implication for social policy***

Pr. Douglas Rasmussen, Saint-John’s University

Pr. Douglas Den Uyl, Belarmine College

Pr. Pierre Garelo, University Paul-Cézanne Aix-Marseille

*16:30-17:30 Plenary Session*

***The Road to Serfdom?***

Presentation of the French translation of the Reader Digest’s version of Hayek’s  
Essay: JasminGuénette, IEDM, Canada

Presentation of a manifesto for a policy agenda for the coming elections: Jacques  
Garelo (ALEPS)

*18:00 Closing cocktail of the 29<sup>th</sup> Summer University*