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**MAY 31, 2012**  
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09.30 **Welcome & Opening Session**  
Prof.ssa Franca Alacevich- Dean of the Faculty of Political Science  
Prof.ssa Valeria Fargion – Jean Monnet Chair

10.00/10.45 **Philippe Schmitter** – Emeritus Professor Stanford University and European University Institute  
**“The Euro-Crisis: Will it be a good one or a bad one?”**

10.45/11.00 Coffee break

11.00/13.00 **Parallel sessions.** Discussion of the position papers presented by the different national teams and identification of the relevant Rapporteurs

13.00 Lunch break

14.30/16.30 Plenary Session – Presentations by the *Rapporteurs* and general debate  
Chair: Roberto Castaldi  
Contributions by Prof. Laura Leonardi, Prof. Rossella Bardazzi, Prof. Giorgio Natalicchi

16.30/17.00 Coffee break

17.00/17.30 Prof. Marcello Verga – University of Florence  
**“Public discourse on the European Identity”**

**JUNE 1, 2012**  
Polo delle Scienze Sociali – Auditorium

09.15 **Welcome & Opening Session** - Prof. Alberto Tesi, Rector of the University of Florence  
Pasquale Baldocci, Former Italian Ambassador,  
**“A new vision for the European Union”**

9.45/11.00 **First session**  
**“United in Diversity. Core Premises for 21 Century Europeaness”**  
Chair: Rosa de Pasquale, Member of the Italian Parliament  
MEP Niccolò Rinaldi (ALDE) reacts to the Position Papers by the National Teams of  
Belgium: “How to Build a European Identity?”  
Denmark: “European Democracy and Integration

The Role of the Media”.

Estonia: “Public Perception within the EU. How to Address the Lack of Understanding”  
Finland: “On the Question of European Identity”  
Hungary: “United in diversity? Creating and strengthening of the European identity”  
Spain: “Bringing Europe closer to citizens. Cross-border cooperation and European identity”  
Sweden: “What did the crisis bring to the

11.00/11.15 Coffee break

11.15/12.40 **Second session**  
**“Exit Strategies from the Euro-crisis”**  
Chair: Massimiliano Guderzo, University of Florence  
MEP Leonardo Domenici (S&D) reacts to the Position Papers by the National Teams of:  
Cyprus: “Why further integration of Eurozone Members via intergovernmental Treaties - such as the fiscal compact – is not desirable”  
Czech Republic: “Reconstructing Common Europe-Focus on the Core  
Germany: “Solidarity in the EU – a long way to go!?”  
Italy: “A proposal to increase separate waste collection through better labelling of commercial products”  
Lithuania: “The Euro: situation and perspectives”  
UK: “Europe needs Stronger Leadership to win over the British Public”

12.40/13.00 Prof. Urban Strandberg - University of Gothenburg  
**“Universities’ role and responsibilities in the European Integration Process”**

13.00/14.00 Lunch break

14.00/15.15 **Third session**  
**“Towards a Pan-European Educational System”**  
Chair Annick Magnier, University of Florence  
MEP Luigi Berlinguer (S&D) and Fiara Imbriadori (national Agency of the Lifelong Learning Program) react to the Position Papers by the National Teams of  
Austria: “Promotion of Minor Pupils’ Education in Europe”  
Bulgaria: “The European Youth wants its “Youth in Action”  
Latvia: “ Eu Higher Education system: diversity with a common purpose”  
Poland: “Increasing the potential of young Europeans through the creation of interactive

universities”  
Romania: “From Bologna to Bucharest. Reforming Romanian higher education system”

15.15/16.45 **Fourth session**  
**“Politics, Institutional Innovations and European Citizenship”**  
Chair: Valeria Fargion, University of Florence  
Pavel Trantina (European Economic and Social Committee) MEP Carlo Casini (EPP) react to the Position Papers by the National Teams of:  
Ireland: “Referendum Re-runs and the EU’s Commitment to Participative Democracy – A Fatal Contradiction”  
Luxembourg: “Legitimacy problems in the EU”  
Malta: “ Gender equality in the EU”  
Netherlands: “ Delegated legislation and the implications for European Integration”  
Portugal: “ Obliging European Parties to Participate in the Trans-nationalization of European Politics”  
Slovenia: “A Call for a renewed and inclusive European political press”

16.45/17.00 Coffee break

17.00/18.00 **Fifth session**  
**“Europe in a Multi-polar World”**  
Chair: Marco Mayer, University of Florence  
MEP Paolo Bartolozzi (EPP) reacts to the Position Papers by the National Teams of  
France: “The EU and China: un unavoidable cooperation”  
Greece: “The EU Presence in International Organizations”  
Slovakia: “The current profile of EU external relations:  
is there any possibility to improve their effectiveness?”

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