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The University of Melbourne

Level 2, 234 Queensberry St, Carlton

PROGRAM

Day 1

Thursday 27 March 2008

8.40 – 9.10 Conference Registration

9.10 – 9.15 Welcome

A/Prof Philomena Murray (Director, Contemporary Europe Research Centre, The University of Melbourne, Australia)

9.15 – 9.30 Opening Address

H. E. Bruno Julien (Ambassador of the European Commission Delegation in Canberra, Delegation of the European Commission to Australia and New Zealand)

9.30 – 10.30 Jean Monnet Keynote Address

Prof Phillippe C. Schmitter (European University Institute): ‘The Experience of European Integration and the Potential for Northeast Asian Integration’

Chair:

H. E. Bruno Julien (Ambassador of the European Commission Delegation in Canberra, Delegation of the European Commission to Australia and New Zealand)

10.30 – 11.00 Morning Tea Break

11.00 – 12.10 Session 1: How Europe Looks at Asia

Session Chair: Dr Ben Wellings (Deputy Director, National Europe Centre, Australian National University, Australia)

- Dr Fraser Cameron (European Institute for Asian Studies, Belgium): ‘The EU and Asia: Assessment of EU Policy since 2001’
- A/Prof Philomena Murray (Contemporary Europe Research Centre, The University of Melbourne, Australia): ‘How Europe Looks at Asia: Between Expectations and Capabilities’

12.10 - 13.10 Lunch**13.10- 14.20 Session 2: How Asia looks at Europe**

Session Chair: Prof Pascaline Winand (Director, Monash European and EU Centre, Monash University, Australia)

- Ms Nicole Alecu de Flers (Institute for European Integration Research, Austria): ‘The EU in the Eyes of Asia: From internal integration to external projection?’
- Dr Natalia Chaban (University of Canterbury, New Zealand): ‘The EU through the Eyes of Asia’s National Elites: Views from Japan, South Korea, Mainland China, SAR Hong Kong, Singapore and Thailand’

14.20 – 14.50 Afternoon Tea Break**14.50 – 17.10 Session 3: Regionalism, Governance and Cooperation**

Session Chair: A/Prof Philip Bull (Director, Innovative Universities European Union Centre, La Trobe University, Australia)

- Prof Kennedy Graham (University of Canterbury, New Zealand): ‘EU and Asian Approaches to Global Governance’
- Prof Joseph A. Camilleri (La Trobe University, Australia): ‘Restoring the Silk-Road: Perceptions, Perspectives and Policies’
- Ms Tânia Felício (United Nations University – CRIS, Belgium): ‘The European Union and ASEAN: Normative Power(less) in Regional Security and Human Rights’
- Dr Dimitrios Konstadakopoulos (University of the West of England, United Kingdom): ‘Cooling the Earth? The Changing Priorities of EU-Asia Technology Cooperation’

18.30 – 19.00 Pre Conference Dinner Drinks

Graduate House (224 Leicester Street, Carlton)

19.00 - Conference Dinner

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Day 2**Friday 28 March 2008****9.30 – 10.00 Conference Registration****10.00 - 11.10 Session 4: Asian Integration – Going Nowhere?**

Session Chair: Prof Georg Wiessala (Director of Research, University of Central Lancashire, United Kingdom)

- Prof Douglas Webber (INSEAD, France): Soft-Core (East) Asia: Differentiated Cooperation in an Amorphous Region
- Dr Lay Hwee Yeo (Singapore Institute of International Affairs, Singapore): ‘The Missing “Cs” in East Asian Regionalism’

11.10 - 11.40 Morning Tea Break**11.40 - 13.25 Session 5: Economic Relations between the EU and Asia**

Session Chair: A/Prof Mile Terziovski, (Deputy Director, Contemporary Europe Research Centre, The University of Melbourne, Australia)

- Prof Elzbieta Kawecka-Wyrzykowska (Warsaw School of Economics, Poland): ‘EU-ASIA Economic Relations : Prospects and Challenges for Closer Cooperation’
- Dr Heungchong Kim (Korea Institute for International Economic Policy, Korea): ‘A Korea-EU FTA in the Context of EU’s External Strategies towards Asia’
- Mr Natee Vichitsorasatra (Loughborough University, United Kingdom): ‘Bilateralism and Multilateralism: A Balancing Act for Material and Ideational ‘Cooperation’ between the EC and East Asia’

13.25 - 14.25 Lunch

14.25 – 15.35 Session 6: Global Issues – Can the EU and Asia Cooperate?

Session Chair: Dr Pradeep Taneja (The University of Melbourne, Australia)

- Mr Bertrand Fort (Asia-Europe Foundation, Singapore): ‘Can Asia and Europe cooperate?’
- Prof Georg Wiessala (University of Central Lancashire, United Kingdom): ‘Engaging with the “Other East”: A Critical Analysis of the Current State of the EU’s Asia Policy’

15.35 - 16.00 Afternoon Tea**16.00 – 17.25 Roundtable: Towards a Comprehensive EU-Asia Strategy?**

Chair: A/Prof Philomena Murray (Director, Contemporary Europe Research Centre, The University of Melbourne, Australia)

Discussants:

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- Mr Bertrand Fort (Asia-Europe Foundation, Singapore):
- Dr Lay Hwee Yeo (Singapore Institute of International Affairs, Singapore)
- Prof Douglas Webber (INSEAD, France)

17.25 – 17.30 Concluding Remarks

A/Prof Philomena Murray (Director, Contemporary Europe Research Centre, The University of Melbourne, Australia)

17.30 – 18.15 Conference Reception



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