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Series of seminars "EU Observer Connecting worlds to promote European Education among universities, schools, and civil society Organizations"

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April 10, April 30, May 22, 2015

Within the *Jean Monnet - Lifelong Learning Programme* project, promoted by the European Commission, the Department of Social Sciences and Economics at the University La Sapienza of Rome, together with the European Observatory and the University for Europe are pleased to invite you to participate to the series of seminars *"EU Observer Connecting worlds to promote 'European Education Among universities, schools, and civil society Organizations"*.

Three conferences will take place at the Campus of the University of Rome Sapienza (Piazzale Aldo Moro 5, Rome) and will have daily duration.

April 10, 2015

"Realizing the Economic and Monetary Union. Building Political Union. The contribution of the Italian Presidency of the EU Council and the current developments"

The Italian Presidency of the EU Council, which ended in late December 2014, was marked by the attempt to translate the current tensions within the Union in the expression of a common will of change. Operating in an unfavorable economic situation and in an unstable international context, the Italian Presidency has had to cope with the difficulties caused by the need to boost growth in a context largely focused on budgetary discipline.

During the Semester shared priorities for the coming years have been identified, and many have called for the implementation of "a new way of doing politics in Europe." The Conference therefore aims to compare expectations with results obtained during the Italian Presidency of the EU Council, also updating the public on the current developments, projects and perspectives. The purpose of the day of studies will also be the to explain and highlight the importance of the issues that European and national institutions are dealing with, in particular framing the current set of implemented and proposed policies about Economic and Monetary Union in sight of the desired Political Union.

April 30, 2015

"The new European *governance*: the risks and the potential for the EU member states"

The financial crisis and the global economic recession have resulted in economic deterioration in all European countries. The economic crisis, leading to social tension, exacerbated the financial crisis and led to uncertainty about the perspectives of the single currency itself.

Therefore, the European governance had to be adapted to the new circumstances and it had been so far characterized by an architecture of binding budgetary policies for the Member States of the EU, through the establishment of a more rigid framework for the coordination and control of economic policies. A common framework for the economic policies of the Member States have been introduced, in particular for measures aiming to boosting growth and employment.

The symposium will aim to outline the pillars of the new European governance model, analyzing the potential and risks for the member countries. The seminar aims to stimulate exchange of ideas about what solutions could adapt to current European issues and on what measures should be implemented to overcome the difficulties that still persist, without sacrificing the common desire to strengthen the Union.

May 22, 2015

"Towards a European Policy: the impact and role of Civil Society and of the Universities"

One of the most discussed topics in the context of the European Union is the need for a real Political Union, consistent with the aims and objectives of the Union itself. The need to give a different and more relevant role to European Citizenship was repeatedly emphasized, because it could play a function of impulse to the formation of a common consciousness, aimed at a significant advance towards the objectives of economic and social growth of the European Union.

The conference aims to identify which tools are best suited to promote a different and greater involvement of civil society in the European processes and to investigate the possible impact of such an involvement on the actual achievement of the common goals of the EU members. The European Institutions can use tools of *soft power* for the attainment of its objectives but necessary condition for this to happen is the dissemination of informed knowledge and full understanding of the content related to the European Union itself. In this context, the field of training and formation plays a relevant role: schools and universities, cultivating knowledge, can significantly contribute to the dissemination, application and formation on European issues and topics, contributing to the development of a real Political Union of the Citizens.



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