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How Europe is dealing with community, citizenship and humanity concepts? What kind of universalism is displayed, believed, practiced by the European Union? What are the relations with its neighbours and the world in general?

The idea of the conference is to invite sociologists, political theorist and jurists working from an international political sociology perspective to meet and discuss philosophers, lawyers coming from critical legal theory around this theme of the boundaries framing the conceptualisation of humanity when enunciated by the EU.

It will also be the occasion to discuss the transformation of mobility practices and surveillance of mobility, and the reconfiguration of the relation to freedoms and fundamental rights implies by the establishment of a discourse of dangerousness and suspicion going with techniques of “anticipation” and prediction.

Preliminary Program

WEDNESDAY 27 OCTOBER

FIRST SESSION: 3:00–5:00 pm

“No Outside of Humanity?”

With the blurring of the concepts of political community, citizenship and cosmopolitanism, and the call for humanity and globality, what are the philosophical understandings of boundaries nowadays? How they resonate to Europe?

Presidence: Bruno Latour *

Participants:

- Costas Douzinas (Birbeck) *
- Rada Ivekovitch (Collège de philosophie Paris) *
- Rob Walker (University of Victoria)*
- Engin Isin (Open University)*
- Opening questions by a young scholar : Francesco Ragazzi (Leiden University) *

ROUND TABLE 5:00-7:00 pm

Introduction: Ghassan Salame *

“European boundaries of humanity: drawing lines in borderland?”

The opening debate will be the occasion to present the major books on the subject, to discuss with their authors, to present a short state of the art coming from these books, and to present the themes of the conference addressing research frontiers questions, which need to be answered through interdisciplinary perspectives. Its purpose is to give the audience immediately a sense of the key questions, to set the terms of debate, and to determine the kinds of questions that will dominate discussion in the future.

Hosted by the Paris School of International Affairs and CERI-Sciences Po

EVENING 8:00 pm – Dinner at the restaurant

THURSDAY 28 OCTOBER

FIRST SESSION 9:00-12.00 pm

“The Undesirables”

The sociology of European frontiers and the practices of border controls and of policing at a distance which set up the parameters of who is considered as a wanted (or unwanted) human being or/and foreigner citizen inside the EU, regarding nationality, class, money, alleged threats... Biopolitics and governmentality, subjectification, ban opticon.

Presidence: Christian Lequesne *

Participants:

- Didier Bigo (Sciences Po Paris) *
- Frédéric Gros (Université Paris XII/Sciences Po Paris)*
- Bulent Dicken (Lancaster University) *
- Marc Bernardot (Université du Havre) *
- Opening questions by Young scholar : Julien Jeandesboz (Sciences Po Paris)*

LUNCH: 12:00-13:30

SECOND SESSION 1:30-4.00 pm

“The World as Us: Beyond Diplomacy”

Transforming the world? The europeanisation of the world? A cosmopolitan empire? This session will analyse the international politics of the discourse concerning humanity (human security and human rights) and how it is handled by the EU in comparison with other partners. The projection of Europe outside, reframing the USA, convincing the BRIC? Subjectivation of others.

Presidence: Karoline Postel Vinay (Sciences Po Paris)*

Participants:

- Ivan Manhoka (Sciences Po Paris)*
- Peter Mandaville (George Mason university)*
- Vivienne Jabri (King’s College)*
- Patrick Hanafin (Birkbeck) *
- Drosilla Cornell (Rutgers)
- Opening questions by a young scholar : Arnaud Kurze (George Mason University)*

THIRD SESSION: 4:30-7:00

“Critical Geographies of Humanity”

What are the alternative constructions of humanity? How does Europe look from the periphery? How does humanity is divided along spatial and temporal lines?

- Oscar Guardiola Rivera (Birkbeck) *
- Julia Chryssostali (Westminster) *
- Joao Pontes Nogueira (PUC Rio)*
- Paulo Luiz Moreau Lavigne Esteves *
- Opening questions by a young scholar : Christian Olsson (ULB) *

FRIDAY 29 OCTOBER

FIRST SESSION: 9:00 –12:30 pm

“Technologies, Bodies and Identities: The Reframing of Human Boundaries”

The technological practices of biometrics and exchange of data between state bureaucracies concerning authentication of individuals and reasons of rejection or pre-emptive policy of interdiction of entry, the role of security industry into the reconfiguration of the human being boundaries and possibilities of freedom, the ethical dimension, the relations with the “neighbours” and the “others” and the question of colonialism, imperialism or tutorship...

Presidence: Gilles Favarel-Guarrigues (CERI-Sciences Po) *

Participants:

- Peter Burgess (PRIO) *
- Anastasia Tsoukala (C&C, Paris)*
- Nils Zurawski (Universität Hamburg) *
- Pierre-Antoine Chardel (Télécom Ecole de Management)*
- Emilio Mordini (The Centre for Science, Society and Citizenship)*

LUNCH: 12:30-2:00 pm

SECOND SESSION: 2:00-6:00 pm

“The Boundaries of Rights and Privacy?”

The discourse of human rights and the legal practices of European and American Courts concerning who is accepted and who is denied, and under what reasons, the case of Roma, the data protection and the challenge of an international legal regime accepted as such beyond the EU.

*Presidence: Sergio Carrera (CEPS Brussels) **

Participants:

- Marc Salter (University of Ottawa) *
- Mireille Delmas Marty (Collège de France)*
- Elspeth Guild (Nijmegen) *
- Judith Toth (Minority Research Institute Budapest)*
- Charles Raab (University of Edinburgh) *
- Mervyn Frost (King's College) *

The workshop will take place at CERI-Sciences Po, 56 rue Jacob, 75 006, Paris, France.

There are no participation fees.

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