



Carrying Forward Humanism and Regenerating European Solidarity

Two recent events make sense for a reflection on the European future: the Nobel Peace Prize awarded to the European Union and the special meeting of the European Council held on 22-23 November 2012.

The award emphasizes great European achievements: 1) recognition of the essential role the European Union has played in reconciliation amongst European people, “The EU is a unique project that replaced war with peace, hate with solidarity.” said Martin Schulz; 2) an invitation to make headway at a moment when Europe is experiencing a difficult period of time; 3) an incentive for Europe to assert to the world the values of peace, democracy and respect for human rights.

On the other hand, the special meeting of the European Council ended with divergence about the EU’s Multiannual Financial Framework (MFF) 2014-2020, but the EU Council statement still shows a sign of optimism, “a sufficient degree of potential convergence to make an agreement possible in the beginning of next year”. A European budget is important for the cohesion of the Union and for jobs and growth in all the member states. China is greatly concerned about the current situation in Europe and curious to find out the reasons behind.

Europe is the cradle of modern humanism, whose experience is essential to human history. China is wondering whether European communities can overcome difficulties with a regenerated solidarity. Many Europeans still believe in such an endeavour. However, Rousseau told us that a general will is not the sum of individual wills, but a new entity different from all the individual wills of the citizens.

This conference will “make a detour in the past to go forward” (Edgar Morin) with reference to the European and Chinese traditional humanism so as to bring out the ethics needed for regenerating a new European solidarity.

The flaring tension over East and South China Sea is getting worldwide concern. Could not Europe once again inspire the world and prove reconciliation and solidarity are possible?

Time	Wednesday, 23rd January 2013, 2:25 pm – 6:00 pm
Venue	GH803, G Core, The Hong Kong Polytechnic University (PolyU)
Language	English, French and Chinese

Programme Schedule at a Glance

9:00 am – 10:30 am	Departure from Macao to Hong Kong	
10:30 am – 11:30 am	Hotel Check-in	
12:00 pm – 2:00 pm	Lunch Reception	
2:15 pm – 2:25 pm	Registration	
2:25 pm – 2:32 pm	Welcome speech, Judy Tsui, Vice President of PolyU	
2:32 pm – 2:42 pm	Greeting speech, Mr. Vincent Piket, Head of Office of EU to HK and Macao	
2:42 pm – 2:45 pm	Greeting speech, Mr. Herman Van Rompuy, President of EU Council (video)	
2:43 pm - 2:53 pm	Europe, an Ordeal of the Peace Building	<i>Paul, Tran V. T.</i> Founder of China-Europa Forum, Former European Commission Ambassador to WTO/GATT
2:53 pm - 3:05 pm	North and South? Interdependence among European Members States	<i>SONG Xinning</i> Jean Monnet Professor at Renmin University of China
3:06 pm - 3:15 pm	La réconciliation franco-allemande et germano-polonaise (video)	<i>Martin Schulz</i> President of EU Parliament (video)
3:15 pm – 3:30 pm	Franco-German Military Cooperation and Common Ethics	<i>Manfred Rosenberger</i> Colonel and Member of EuroDefense (Germany)
3:30 pm – 3:40 pm	European Humanism and its Role Today	<i>DING Wei</i> Professor of Hong Kong Baptist University, President of European Association in Hong Kong
3:41 pm – 3:55 pm	Tea Break	

3:55 pm – 4:10 pm	In Times of Crisis Thinking European Spirit	<i>Gil Delannoi</i> Professor of Sciences-Po (France)
4:11 pm – 4:25 pm	Humanism in Chinese Traditional Thinking	<i>YANG Xusbeng</i> Professor of Beijing University
4:26 pm – 5:26 pm	Round Table with participation of Sebastian VEG, Director of the French Centre for Research on Contemporary China (CEFC); Mr. XIN Wang, President of Economic Studies of the Journal <i>Economic Observer</i> ; Dr. Fredrik Fällman, Prof of City University of HK; Ms. YANG Ziyun, Vice editor-in-chief of Website <i>Tencent News</i> ; Mr. YANG Tingjun, Chief editor of the <i>World Chinese Weekly</i> ; CAI Chongguo, Deputy Director of <i>China Labour Bulletin</i> .	Moderator <i>Peter QIU</i> Phoenix TV
5:27 pm – 5:42 pm	Advancing Countercurrent to not Recoil	<i>QIN Hui</i> Professor of Tsinghua University
5:43 pm – 5:51 pm	Closing Remark by Dr. CHEN Yan, President of China-Europa Forum	
5:52 pm – 6:00 pm	Closing Remark by Prof. HUANG Chu-Ren, Dean of Faculty of Humanities, PolyU	
6:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Reception Buffet	

Annex:

FIRST MACAU-HONG KONG SINO-EUROPE DEBATE

Macau, 20-22 January, and Hong Kong, 23 January, 2013

The First Macau-Hong Kong Sino-Europe Debate which will be held on **20-23 January, 2013** in Macau and in Hong Kong, is initiated by the China-Europa Forum. This **Debate** with themes covering from *Euro Crisis and China's Social Transition to Peace in Europe and East Asia*, will be supported by the Macao Foundation which was established in 2001 with objectives to promote culture, community, economy, education, science, academics and philanthropic activities, and co-organised by Phoenix TV, the China-Europa Centre of the Hong Kong Polytechnic University and the Institute for Advanced Humanistic Studies of Beijing University.

The First Macau-Hong Kong Sino-Europe Debate aims to create a confluence of ideas in which multi-stakeholders will get together to discuss, exchange and share points of view. Thinkers, entrepreneurs, media elites, and public intellectuals coming from Chinese and European communities will contribute to the key issues of our times and new models of world governance, and try to seek solutions to common problems and challenges.

In order to widely disseminate information and views, and achieve significant impact and visibility, a multi-dimensional media coverage has been established with the involvement of television, internet media, newspapers and magazines.

Peter QIU's Talk, a weekly 30 minutes talk show with substantial overseas Chinese viewers from the Phoenix Satellite Television in HK, will host and record the entire debate. A series of interviews with experts and speakers will be broadcasted on TV programmes.

Other influential media outlets throughout the Chinese mainland, HK and Macau have confirmed to attend the event, including

Newspapers:

- *Southern Metropolis Daily*, one of the most influential newspapers based in Canton;
- *The Beijing News*, a liberal daily based in Beijing;
- *Economic Observer*, one of the most liberal economic newspapers based in Beijing;
- *China Daily*, official English newspaper ;
- *Chengdu Daily*, Chengdu city newspaper.

Web-site:

- *Tencent.com*, the most visited portal site in China ;
- *People.com.cn*, People's Daily official website ;
- *Ifeng.com*, one of the most liberal websites in China;
- *nandu.oeeee.com*, official website of the Southern Metropolis Daily.

Reviews:

- *Southern Weekend*, one of the influential weekly newsmagazines based in Canton;
- *Boao Review*, official Weekly of Boao Forum for Asia
- *Open Times*
- *Beijing Culture Review*, and others...

Hong Kong Medias:

- *Ming Pao Monthly*,
- *Hong Kong Economic Journal Monthly*,
- *Asiaweek*,
- *Macau Daily* and others to be confirmed.

International Medias

International Herald Tribune

Others to be confirmed