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## Conversations for the Future of Europe

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**Objective:** To guide the steps of the European Union and to mobilise its citizens so as to make policy change possible, it is not sufficient to analyse the past and criticise the present. It is necessary to develop concrete proposals for a better future and to subject them to critical multidisciplinary discussion. The Conversations for the Future of Europe aim to contribute to such discussion.

The focus of our Conversations will be to consider concrete and politically feasible projects which may guide the future development of the Union. A concern for political applicability, however, is compatible with creativity and boldness. Indeed, it may require it.

**Format:** Each Conversation will focus on one issue manifesting as a major challenge to the EU. The issue will be briefly introduced by two presenters, each presenting a brief proposal for how to address this challenge. Presentations will be followed by comments from one or two discussants after which, there will be a general discussion.

**Output:** The aim of the Conversations is to facilitate debate and inspire far-sighted, creative ideas for how to address current policy problems. However, we wish to share those ideas with a wider community. We will therefore invite all presenters to publish their contributions on our online blog. It is also our intention that some Conversations will be developed into more substantive pieces and published as debate sections in academic journals such as the *Journal of European Public Policy* (with whom we are in contact).

## Programme

**Tuesday, 15 January 2019 | 13.00 - 14.30 | Sala Europa, Villa Schifanoia**

### ***The Future of Refugee Policy and Burden-Sharing in Europe***

EU refugee and asylum policy has been subject to growing controversy in recent years. Is the solution mandatory re-distribution of refugees among member states? How else can we ensure a fair sharing of costs and burdens across member states?

Speakers:

**Eiko THIELEMANN** | London School of Economics

**Matthias LÜCKE** | Kiel Institute for the World Economy and Academic Co-Director  
MEDAM/EUI

Discussant: **Andrew GEDDES** | EUI

**Tuesday, 19 February 2019 | 13.00 - 14.30 | Sala Europa, Villa Schifanoia**

***Free Movement and Social Rights Conditionality***

Should access to social benefits and advantages be restricted for EU citizens who exercise their treaty-based rights to freedom of movement?

Speakers:

**Martin SEELEIB-KAISER** | University of Tübingen

**Dorte SINDBJERG MARTINSEN** | University of Copenhagen

Discussant: **Martin RUHS** | EUI

**Tuesday, 5 March 2019 | 12.00 - 13.30 | Emeroteca, Badia Fiesolana**  
**(Date and time change!)**

***The Future of European Monetary Union***

The European financial crisis and the Greek bailouts threw the future of Europe's Economic and Monetary Union into doubt and led to calls for reform. How can current monetary and economic governance frameworks be strengthened? Is the absence of central co-ordination of fiscal policies within EMU sustainable? In what direction should the future evolution of the Union's fiscal and monetary framework move?

Speakers:

**Waltraud SCHEKLE** | London School of Economics

**Eloïse STÉCLEBOUT-ORSEAU** | European Fiscal Board

Discussant: **Emmanuel MOURLON-DRUOL** | University of Glasgow

**Tuesday, 30 April 2019 | 13.00 - 14.30 | Sala Europa, Villa Schifanoia**

***The Future of Social Policy in the European Union: Can Social Investment provide the basis for a European Social Union?***

On 20 February 2013, the European Commission adopted its "Social Investment Package" (SIP). The SIP sets out a strong case for the contribution that well-designed social policies can make to economic growth as well as to protecting people from poverty and acting as economic stabilisers. But the package is still in its initial phases. Can a more comprehensive package at the EU level strengthen the capacities of welfare states to adapt to the economic and social pressures of integration, globalisation, and demographic and technical change? How should such a package look? What dangers lurk?

Speakers:

**Chiara SARACENO** | University of Turin

**Anton HEMERIJCK** | EUI

Discussant: **Julian GARRITZMANN** | EUI

**Tuesday, 4 June 2019 | 13.00 - 14.30 | Emeroteca, Badia Fiesolana**

***Differentiated Integration***

Speakers:

**Frank SCHIMMELFENNIG** | Swiss Federal Institute of Technology (ETH), Zürich

**Sergio FABBRINI** | LUISS

Discussant: **Sandra KRÖGER** | EUI