



EUROPE AND AMERICA IN THE 1980s: OLD BARRIERS, NEW OPENINGS

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PROGRAMME

Florence, 14-15 May 2010

FRIDAY, 14 MAY

- 08.45 Welcome
Stefano Bartolini, European University Institute
- 09.00 Introduction
Kiran Klaus Patel & Ken Weisbrode, European University Institute
- 09.15 **Panel 1: Cleavages and Debates**
- N. Piers Ludlow**, London School of Economics
Who Speaks for Europe? Evolving Transatlantic Dialogues during the 1980s
- Mark Gilbert**, University of Trento
Intellectual Overstretch? The EC Between the SEA and the Treaty of Maastricht
- Frédéric Bozo**, Sorbonne-Paris III
France, the United States and NATO: Between Europeanization and re-Atlanticization (1990-91)
- Discussant: **Kiran Klaus Patel**
- 11.15 *Coffee break*
- 11.30 **Panel 2: Problems and Trends**
- Matthias Schulz**, University of Geneva
Euromissiles, the INF, and Europe
- Edwina Campbell**, US Air Command and Staff College
After the Edwardians: Transatlantic Relations and the Evolution of European Politics in the 1980s
- Christian Wenkel**, German Historical Institute, Paris
France and the Problem of German Unification – A European Challenge in a Transatlantic Context
- Discussant: **Gabriele D'Ottavio**, University of Bologna
- 13.30 *Lunch*

15.00

Panel 3: Borders and Bridges

Angela Romano, European University Institute
The Madrid CSCE Meeting: Is There Still Room for Cooperation in Europe?

Antonio Costa Pinto & Nuno Severiano Teixeira, University of Lisbon
Dilemmas of Democratic Consolidation, Cold War, and EU Membership: Portugal and the Transatlantic Ally

Ksenia Demidova, European University Institute
The Deal of the Century: The Impact of Construction of SNGP on the US-West European Relations During the First Term of the Reagan Presidency

Discussant: **Friedrich Kratochwil**, European University Institute

SATURDAY, 15 MAY

09.00

Panel 4: Contemporary Perspectives

Marten van Heuven, US Foreign Service & National Intelligence Council (Retired)
European Integration in the 1980s: An American Practitioner's View

Graham Avery, Honorary Director General, European Commission
Attitudes to Enlargement of the European Union

David Buchan, Oxford Institute for Energy Studies
The 1980s: A Defining Decade for Europe and the US

Discussant: **Ken Weisbrode**, European University Institute

11.00

Coffee break

11.15

Panel 5: The Long and the Short Term

Duccio Basosi, University of Venice
The International Economic Dimension of Transatlantic Relations in the 1980s

Giles Scott-Smith, Leiden University
Reviving the Transatlantic Community? The Successor Generation Concept in US Foreign Affairs, 1960s-1980s

Ken Weisbrode, European University Institute
Contending Mental Maps of Atlanticism and Europeanism

Discussant: **Aurélie Gfeller**, European University Institute

13.15

General discussion

By most accounts, the 1980s represented a return to the high politics of the Cold War with economic and social relations taking a back seat to a resurgence of military tension, followed by the dramatic winding down of the East-West conflict. Other transatlantic issues – particularly those that predominated during earlier decades like trade, the environment, and monetary policy – seem to have withdrawn to the margins. Yet European integration took critical steps in the 1980s; several people have even argued that the Delors era achieved more in European integration than any period since the establishment of the Coal and Steel Community

Where does the United States—and, more broadly, transatlantic relations—fit in this story? Was this a case of benign neglect, or were there important steps taken across the Atlantic which facilitated the deepening, and paving the way for the later widening, of the EU? What does the relative absence or presence of transatlantic consensus in the 1980s tell us about the nature of the post-war (i.e. 1989) relationship and the nature of international order itself? Should American and European governments have paid more prominent attention to non-military issues during this decade? If so, which, and how?

This conference will seek to answer these questions while formulating a new research agenda for work on the 1980s in multiple fields of political, social, economic and cultural history.

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