

**“Max Weber Fellows’ Contribution to Social Sciences and Humanities”**  
*MWP Alumni Conference*  
*10 - 12 June 2009*

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*June 10<sup>th</sup> 2009 Wednesday 17:00*

*17:00 Opening of the Conference*

Ramon Marimon, Director Max Weber Programme

*17:15 Opening lecture*

Chair: Anna Cichopek, European University Institute

Introduction of Speaker: Kiran Patel, Department of History, European University Institute

Charles S. Maier (Department of History, Harvard University)

*"Between Social Science and Surprise: Abiding Dilemmas of Historical Explanation"*

The meltdown of the world's financial systems during the past year, like the collapse of the state-socialist regimes in Russia and Eastern Europe in 1989, should never have happened. But these will not be the last implausible futures that lie in wait to surprise us. Social science predicts few of these events but claims to explain all of them. History forswears prediction but claims it can derive useful lessons through causal analysis. These twin efforts lay at the heart of Max Weber's research program, which ultimately he sought to complete through decisionist wagers. History, too, continually confronts abiding problems of explanation -- among them, revolutions and ruptures, the relation of "macro" and "micro", the interaction of part to whole, the challenge of periodization -- which historians seek to overcome through reliance on narrative and contingency. But can this effort really succeed, or should we be satisfied with analogy rather than explanation, what Robert Musil called "the likeness of it happens"? Or perhaps even just with something like musicality, a sense of aesthetic understanding derived from the very complexity of the past?

- 18:45 Performance by EUI Choir, Villa la Fonte garden
- 19:20 Cocktail



*June 11<sup>th</sup> 2009 Thursday morning*

- 09:00 – 13:15
- Coffee break: 10:30 – 11:00

**Interdisciplinary Panel (Thursday morning), Seminar Room, 09:00 – 13:15**

Chairs: Roman Petrov, Donetsk National University of Ukraine, and Reinhard Slepcevic, European University Institute

*Religion, Ideas and Politics* 9:00 - 10:30

1. Rinku Lamba, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi - *The Law of Love versus Man-Made Law: Two Distinctive Approaches for the Resistance of Oppression*  
Discussant: Mariano Barbato, University of Passau
2. Mariano Barbato, University of Passau / Brigitte Le Normand, Indiana University Southeast / Chiara de Franco, King's College, London - *How to do God in politics. Lessons from the Apparitions of Medjugorje and the Movement of St. Egidio*  
Discussant: Stephanie Mahieu, Center for Constitutional and Political Studies, Madrid
3. Wojciech Zaluski, Jagiellonian University, Krakow - *Human Nature after Darwin*  
Discussant: Arthur Dyevre, Center for Constitutional and Political Studies, Madrid

**Doing Science – but how?** 11:00 - 13:15

4. Matei Demetrescu, Goethe University, Frankfurt - *Pitfalls of Post-Model-Selection Testing: Experimental quantification*  
Discussant: Alicia Perez-Alonso, University Carlos III, Madrid
5. Jeanine Miklos - Thal, University of Mannheim - *Nomination Contests: Theory and Empirical Evidence from Professional Soccer*  
Discussant: Nicolas Berman, European University Institute

**Welfare State, Health, Human Rights (Thursday morning) Conference Room, 09:00 – 13:15**

Chairs: Mariely Lopez-Santana, George Mason University, Fairfax and Raya Muttarak, European University Institute

**Social inequalities, health** 09:00 – 10:30

Chair: Mariely Lopez-Santana, George Mason University, Fairfax

1. Rasmus Hoffmann, European University Institute – *Are Socioeconomic Differences in Mortality greater in a more Equal Society?*  
Discussant: Furio Stamati – SPS researcher, European University Institute
2. Margherita Fort, University of Bologna - *Health-Education Gradient in Europe*  
Discussant: Stan Van Alphen – SPS researcher, European University Institute



3. Raya Muttarak, European University Institute - *Any Benefits from Growing Up in an Interethnic Family? Evidence from Health Access and Cognitive Development of Mixed Ethnic Children, Second Generation and Native Children in the UK*  
Discussant: Nicola Pensiero – SPS researcher, European University Institute

**Welfare state, rights and public health 11:00 – 12:30**

Chair: Raya Muttarak, European University Institute

4. Andras Miklos, Harvard University – *Public Health and the Right of States*  
Discussant: Miriam Ronzoni, European University Institute
5. Yoko Akachi, WHO Geneva - *Developing civil registration systems in countries with least coverage*  
Discussant: Can Aybek, European University Institute
6. Juan Raphael Morillas, University of Durham - *The Welfare State and Income Redistribution*  
Discussant: Jane Gingrich, European University Institute

**Ageing and innovation 12:30-13:00**

Chair: Raya Muttarak, European University Institute

7. Alexander Peine, Utrecht University – *The rise of the “Innosumer” – how baby boomers will shape the future of consumer products*  
Discussant: Mariely Lopez-Santana, George Mason University, Fairfax

General discussion 13:00 – 13:15

➤ *Lunch: 13.15 – 14.30*

***June 11<sup>th</sup> 2009 Thursday afternoon***

- *14:30-18:00*
- *Coffee break: 15:45 – 16:15*

**Panel on Academic experience (Thursday afternoon) Conference Room, 14:30 – 15:45**

Chairs: Umut Aydin, Bogazici University, Istanbul and Francesco Maiani, Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration, Lausanne

1. Anna lo Prete, University of Turin - *E-learning platforms: creating and managing an online course in Moodle*
2. Mariely Lopez-Santana, George Mason University, Fairfax - *The transition from graduate school/post-doctoral fellowship to a full-time position*
3. Stephanie Mudge, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne/UC-Davis – *The American job talk: Notes on interviewing at a research university*

4. Valentina Fava, European University Institute - *Politics and Academia: Practising Gender Equality in Science*
5. Brigitte Le Normand, Indiana University Southeast - *Educating the Majority: teaching in non top-tier American Universities*

**Roundtable and Open Discussion on the three year experience of the MWP, 16.15 - 18.00**

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Chair: Ruediger von Krosigk, Edinburgh University

Brief interventions of Maria Heracleous (ECO MWF 2006-2007), Ruben Ruiz Rufino (SPS MWF 2006-2007), Sakis Gekas (HEC MWF 2006-2008), Rinku Lamba (SPS MWF 2007-2008), Roman Petrov (LAW MWF 2006-2008), Belén Olmos Giupponi (LAW MWF 2007-2009), Violet Soen (HEC MWF 2008-2009), Fang Xu (ECO MWF 2008-2009), Vincent Rebeyrol (ECO MWF 2008-2010)

*June 12<sup>th</sup> 2009 Friday morning*

- 09:00 – 13:15
- Coffee break: 10:30 – 11:00

**ECO Panel (Friday morning), Seminar Room, 9:00-13:15**

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Chairs: Stelios Bekiros, European University Institute, Paolo Pin, European University Institute

1. Thomas Hintermaier, Institute for Advanced Studies, Vienna, *Debt Portfolios*  
Discussant: Carlos Ponce, University Carlos III Madrid
2. Fang Xu, European University Institute, *Testing for unit roots in bounded non-stationary time series*  
Discussant: Stelios Bekiros, European University Institute
3. Paolo Pin, European University Institute - *On Price Dispersion, Search Externalities, and the Digital Divide*  
Discussant: Vincent Rebeyrol, European University Institute
4. Joanna Wolszczak-Derlacz, Gdańsk University of Technology - *The impact of trade and outsourcing on skill specific wage convergence in an integrating Europe*  
Discussant: Alicia Perez-Alonso, University Carlos III Madrid
5. Gianmario Impullitti, IMT Lucca - *Global Innovation Races and Wage Inequality*  
Discussant: Edith Sand, European University Institute
6. Roberto Galbiati, CNRS, EconomiX and Cepremap, Paris - *Spillover Effects in Crime: Evidence from a Natural Experiment*  
Discussant: Paolo Pin, European University Institute



7. Maria Heracleous, American University, Washington - *Retargeting conditional cash transfer programs: The case of Oportunidades in urban Mexico*  
Discussant: Simona Grassi, European University Institute
8. Carlos J. Ponce, University Carlos III de Madrid - *Waiting to copy: On the dynamics of licensing*  
Discussant: Florian Schuett, European University Institute

**HEC Panel (Friday morning) Sala A, 9:00-13:15**

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Chair: Simon Levis Sullam, European University Institute

**War and Peace**

1. Violet Soen, European University Institute - *Patronage and Politics during the Dutch Revolt: The case of loyal noblemen revisited.*  
Discussant: Heather Jones, London School of Economics
2. Iryna Vushko, European University Institute – *The Napoleonic Test*  
Discussant: Heather Jones, London School of Economics
3. Katja Haustein, Cambridge University – *From Sight to Site: Walter Benjamin's Self-Portraits*  
Discussant: Joshua Derman, European University Institute

**Transnational history**

4. Sakis Gekas, University of Manchester – *The Colonial Mediterranean; A Workshop report*  
Discussant: Brigitte Le Normand, Indiana University Southeast
5. Roberta Pergher, European University Institute – *Settling Differences - Toward a Transnational History of Fascist Imperialism*  
Discussant: Brigitte Le Normand, Indiana University Southeast

**SPS Panel (Friday morning) Conference room, 9:00-13:15**

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Chairs: Diego Muro, European University Institute and Mariano Barbato, University of Passau

**Domestic Politics**

Chair: Diego Muro, European University Institute

1. Marc Berenson, University of Sussex - *Where and How Is Political Culture Relevant to Post-Communist Governance? Deciphering the Whys of Extractive and Distributive Policy Implementation in Poland, Russia and Ukraine*  
Discussant: Reinhard Slepcevic, European University Institute
2. Helen Callaghan, Max Planck Institute for the Study of Societies, Cologne - *Pride and prejudice? Motives for economic patriotism in the market for corporate control*  
Discussant: Mariely Lopez-Santana, George Mason University, Fairfax



3. Ruben Ruiz Rufino, Spanish National Research Council, Madrid - *Understanding Electoral System change*  
Discussant: Umut Aydin, Bogazici University, Istanbul

#### EU and International Politics

Chair: Mariano Barbato, University of Passau

4. Anne Rasmussen, Leiden University - *Does Europe affect how interest groups interact with their national political parties?*  
Discussant: Isabelle Engeli, European University Institute
5. Jan Meyer-Sahling, University of Nottingham - *Post-accession sustainability of civil service reform in Central and Eastern Europe*  
Discussant: Silja Haeusermann, European University Institute

#### LAW Panel (Friday morning) Sala B, 9:00-13:15

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Chairs: Francesco Maiani, Swiss Graduate School of Public Administration (IDHEAP) and Nikos Lavranos, European University Institute

1. **Rule of law in International Law**  
Stéphane Beaulac, University of Montreal - *Étude croisée Italie / Canada sur l'immunité des États et le jus cogens en droit international*  
Discussant: Mouloud Boumghar, European University Institute
2. **Comparative Law**  
Cristina Poncibò, University of Turin - *Some thoughts on the methodological approach to EC Consumer Law Reform*  
Discussant: Firat Cengiz, European University Institute
3. **Europeanisation of law**  
Roman Petrov, Donetsk National University of Ukraine - *The role of the EU in "Europeanisation" of third countries' judiciary: cases of Russia and Ukraine*  
Discussant: Ekaterina Mouliarova, European University Institute
4. **Principles and methods of law**  
Ottavio Quirico, European University Institute – *A Purely Formal Theory of Law – The Deontic Network*  
Discussant: Chiara Valentini, European University Institute

➤ *Lunch 13.15 – 14.30*



*June 12<sup>th</sup> 2009 Friday afternoon, Conference Room*

The Max Weber Programme experience and the challenges of higher education in Europe, 14:30

Chair: Ramon Marimon, Director, Max Weber Programme

Keynote speech by Mme Odile Quintin, Director General for Education and Culture, European Commission

Closing remarks, Yves Mény, President, European University Institute

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