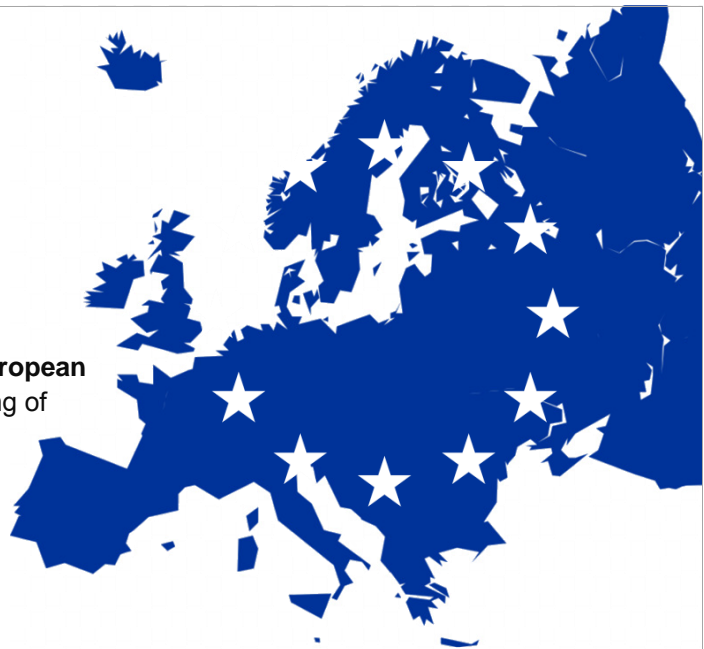


Europa, Quo Vadis?

Conference on **the future of the European Union** on the occasion of the opening of the **General Representation of the Government of Flanders** in Italy

Academia Belgica, Rome
Tuesday, 26 February 2019



Programme:

08:30-9:00 Registration and coffee

Part I: Introductions on the Future of Europe

9:00-9:10 *Welcome*
Mr. **Geert De Proost**, General Representative of the Government of Flanders in Italy

9:15-9:40 *Keynote Lecture on the Future of Europe*
Mr. **Geert Bourgeois**, Minister-President of the Government of Flanders

9:45-10:10 *Current Political Priorities of the EU: from Brussels to Rome and Back*
Mr. **Vito Borelli**, Deputy Head of Representation and Head of Political Reporting of the European Commission in Italy

10:15-10:30 Coffee/ tea break

Part II: Panel Presentations and Discussion

Moderator: Prof. Dr. **Daniela Felisini**, Jean Monnet Chair, Università di Roma Tor Vergata

10:30-10:50 *Strengthening the Democratic Legitimacy of the EU: the Importance of the 2019 European Parliament Elections*
Prof. Dr. **Nicola Lupo**, LUISS University Rome

10:55-11:15 *Deepening the EU as a Political Union of Values: Aspects of Rule of Law and Human Rights*
Prof. Dr. **Jan Wouters**, KU Leuven, Columbia University New York, Sciences Po Paris, LUISS University Rome, University of Ottawa and College of Europe Bruges

11:20-11:40 *Enhancing the Constitutional Dialogue between the European Court of Justice and National Courts*
Prof. Dr. **Cristina Fasone**, LUISS University Rome

11:45-12:05 *Making the EU Geopolitically and Geostrategically Relevant again: a Mission Impossible?*
Prof. Dr. **David Crikemans**, University of Antwerp, University College Roosevelt Middelburg and Geneva Institute of Geopolitical Studies

12:10-12:45 **Panel Discussion** and Q&A

Free admission, registration required via sanderbortier@gmail.com

Due to limited seating, registrations will be accepted on a first come, first serve basis.

The conference in English will take place in the **Academia Belgica**: Via Omero, 8, 00197 Roma RM.



Vito Borelli

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