

EUROPE 70 YEARS AFTER THE MOLOTOV-RIBBENTROP PACT

Conference in the European Parliament in Brussels

October 14, 2009

TENTATIVE PROGRAMME

08:30-09:00 Registration

09:00-09:40 OPENING

Jerzy Buzek, President of the European Parliament
Irena Degutienė, Speaker of the Lithuanian Parliament
Gundars Daudze, Chairman of the Latvian Parliament
Maria Åsenius, State Secretary for EU Affairs, Office of the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Sweden

09:40-10:00 WELCOME ADDRESSES BY HONORARY GUESTS

Welcoming letter by **Vaclav Havel** (tbc)
Lech Wałęsa (tbc)
Vytautas Landsbergis

I. SESSION. EUROPE FROM THE MOLOTOV-RIBBENTROP PACT TO THE FALL OF THE BERLIN WALL

Moderator: **Dr. Algirdas Jakubčionis**, Vilnius University

10:10-11:00 MOLOTOV-RIBBENTROP PACT AND ITS CONSEQUENCES TO FURTHER DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPE

Speakers:
Stéphane Courtois, historian, Centre national de la recherche scientifique, France
Egbert Jahn, historian, political scientist, University of Mannheim, Germany

Debate with the floor, including:
Françoise Thom, historian, Sorbonne University, France
Janusz Kurtyka, Institute of National Remembrance, Poland
Dennis Deletant, historian, University College London, Great Britain (tbc)

11:00-11:15 Speaking time

11:15-11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30-12:15 THE ROAD TO FREEDOM AND REUNIFICATION OF EUROPE

Speakers:
Ludger Kühnhardt, Center for European Integration Studies, University of Bonn

Debate with the floor, including:
Aivars Stranga, historian, University of Latvia
Tzvetan Todorov, Centre national de la recherche scientifique, France (tbc)

12:15-12:30 Speaking time

12:30-14:00 LUNCH HOSTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE SEIMAS OF THE REPUBLIC OF LITHUANIA

II. SESSION. POLITICS OF MEMORY: NATIONAL, EUROPEAN, GLOBAL

Moderator: **John O'Sullivan**, Radio Free Europe

14:00-14:45 DEALING WITH THE TOTALITARIAN PAST: NATIONAL EXPERIENCES

Speakers:
Jože Dežman, historian, National Museum of Contemporary History, Slovenia
Emanuelis Zingeris, Member of the Parliament, Chairman of the International Commission for the Evaluation of the Crimes of the Nazi and Soviet Occupation Regimes in Lithuania

Debate with the floor, including:
István Rév, Open Society Archives, Hungary
Toomas Hiio, Institute of Historical Memory, Estonia

14:45-15:00 Speaking time

15:00-16:15 PROSPECTS FOR APPRAISAL AT THE EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL LEVEL

Speakers:
Hans-Gert Pöttering, Member of the European Parliament
Carlos Closa Montero, National Research Council, Spain
Mart Laar, Former Prime Minister, Member of the Parliament, member of the Foundation for the Investigation of Communist Crimes, Estonia

Debate with the floor, including:
Göran Lindblad, Chairman of the Swedish delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Sweden
Joe Wood, the German Marshall Fund of the United States, USA
Dainius Žalimas, Vilnius University, Lithuania

16:15-16:30 Speaking time

16:30-16:45 COFFEE BREAK

16:45-17:30 STRENGTHENING RESEARCH AND INCREASING PUBLIC AWARENESS: POSSIBLE INITIATIVES AT THE EU LEVEL

Speakers:
Pavel Žáček, Institute for the Study of Totalitarian Regimes, the Czech Republic
Camilla Andersson, Institute for Information on the Crimes of Communism, Sweden

Debate with the floor, including:
Dominique Reynié, Fondation pour l'innovation politique, France (tbc)
Ronaldas Račinskas, International Commission for the Evaluation of the Crimes of the Nazi and Soviet Occupation Regimes in Lithuania

17:30-17:45 Speaking time

17:45-18:15 CONCLUDING REMARKS

Jacques Barrot, Vice President of the European Commission
Remigijus Šimašius, Minister of Justice, Lithuania