



Conference

40 YEARS OF EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT DIRECT ELECTIONS

22nd – 23rd of November 2018

Badia Fiesolana, European University Institute, Florence

The conference is organised jointly by the Alcide de Gasperi Research Centre (EUI) and the Historical Archives of the European Union (EUI), with the support of the Robert Schuman Centre (EUI), School of Transnational Governance (EUI), the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Rome Office, the Association ‘Friends of the Historical Archives of the EU’, the European Parliamentary Research Service (EUI-EP History Roundtable), the European Parliament Information Office for Italy and the European Parliament’s Former Members Association.

PROGRAMME

22 November 2018

14.00 - 14.15 Welcome Coffee and Registration

14.15 – 15.00 Welcome addresses

Renaud Dehousse (President of the European University Institute)

Enrique Baron Crespo (Former President of the European Parliament)

Emmanuelle Ortoli (President of the Association ‘Friends of the Historical Archives of the EU’)

Etienne Bassot (Director of the Members’ Research Service, European Parliamentary Research Service)

15.00 – 15.15 Video-message by: Antonio Tajani (President of the European Parliament)

15.15 – 16.00 Keynote speech by: Adrienne Héritier (Professor, European University Institute)

‘European Parliament Ascendant. Parliamentary Strategies of Self-Empowerment in the EU’

Q&A

16.00 – 17.15 The road to a more powerful European Parliament, 1979-2019

Chair: Karl Magnus Johansson (Professor, Södertörn University/ European University Institute)

Daniele Pasquinucci (Professor, University of Siena)



Alfredo De Feo (Professor at European College of Parma, EUI Fellow, Former official of the EP)

Alain Lamassoure (Member of European Parliament, Former Minister)

Desmond Dinan (First Visiting Fellow, European Parliamentary Research Service)

Q&A

17.15 – 18.30 EUI-EP History Roundtable:

‘Conversation on the 40 years of European Elections’

Moderator: Deirdre Curtin (Head of Department of Law, European University Institute)

Enrique Baron Crespo (Former President of the European Parliament)

Monica Frassoni (Co-chair of the European Green Party)

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9.00 – 9.30 Address by Patrick Cox (President of the Jean Monnet Foundation for Europe; Former President of the European Parliament)

Introduced by: Monica Baldi (European Parliament’s Former Members Association)

9.30 – 11.00 The contribution of the European Parliament to the construction and democratisation of Europe

Chair: Adrienne Héritier (Professor, European University Institute)

Klaus Hänsch (Former President of the European Parliament)

Francis Jacobs (Adjunct Senior Research Fellow, University College Dublin; Former official of the European Parliament)

Christine Neuhold (Professor, University of Maastricht)

Birte Wassenberg (Professor, University of Strasbourg)

Q&A

11.00 – 11.30 Coffee break

11.30 – 13.00 The role of Political Groups and European Political Parties

Chair: Carine Germond (Professor, Norwegian University of Science and Technology (NTNU)/ European University Institute)

Richard Whitaker (Associate Professor, University of Leicester)

Luciano Bardi (Professor, European University Institute)

Wojciech Gagattek (Professor, University of Warsaw/ European University Institute)

Martin Kamp (Secretary-General of the European People’s Party Group)

Q&A



13.00 – 14.30 Cocktail Lunch

14.30 – 16.00 Elections Roundtable:

‘Towards the 2019 European Parliament elections’

Moderator: Brigid Laffan (Director of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute)

Laurens Jan Brinkhorst (Former Member of the European Parliament)

Laura Ferrara (Member of the European Parliament)

Íñigo Méndez de Vigo (Member of the Spanish Congreso de los Diputados and Former Minister)

Q&A