



Europe Day

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Europe's way out of the crises

Conference

Haifa

2nd of May 2013

Venue: *University of Haifa, Hecht Museum*

The conference will be held in English

Context and concept:

"Europe will not be made all at once, or according to a single plan. It will be built through concrete achievements which first create a de facto solidarity." In his declaration on the 9th of March 1950 the French Foreign Minister Robert Schuman proposed the creation of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) to establish a peaceful future for Europe. The ECSC became the first of a series of supranational European institutions that would ultimately become today's „European Union“. 63 years later the European Union is facing new challenges: The Euro-Crisis, political upheaval, the process of enlargement and the creation of common European identity. The Haifa Center for German and European Studies (HCGES) is organizing the Europe Day at the University of Haifa to remember the first steps towards the European Union and to discuss its current state and future perspectives. Two academic panels will discuss the political, economic and culture aspects of Europe. At the same time there will be a European Market on which European member states, cultural institutions and local restaurants will provide a taste of Europe.

- 10.00 a.m. Opening
Prof. Perla Werner, Vice Rector of University of Haifa
Prof. Eli Salzberger, Director of the HCGES
- 10.15 a.m. Keynote
Europe's future perspectives
Andrew Standley, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the State of Israel
- 10.45 a.m. Panel 1: Crises in the Euro zone – Scenarios and global consequences
How can Europe overcome its financial and political crises? Are the European institutions ready for this challenge? What global impact does the Euro crisis have? Is the European Union ready for a further enlargement?
- Chair: **Dr. Esther Lopatin**, HCGES
- Fernando Carderera**, Ambassador of Spain to Israel
Breifne O'Reilly, Ambassador of Ireland to Israel
Andrei Marga, Head of the Romanian Cultural Institute
Prof. Benjamin Miller, School of Political Science, University of Haifa
Prof. Benjamin Bental, Department of Economics, University of Haifa
- 12.00 a.m. Coffee Break
- 12.30 a.m. Panel 2: A common European identity? Cultural policies of the European Union?
Is Europe evolving to a new distinct sense of identity? Is there a common European identity? How can Europe keep its cultural diversity while creating a common identity?

Chair: **Prof. Fania Oz-Salzberger**, HCGES

Tomáš Pojar, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Israel

Jörg G. Klinner, Head of the Language Department, Goethe
Institute, Israel

Prof. Hubert Wandjo, CEO University of Popular Music and
Music Business, Germany

Maja Snippe, Student Union, University of Haifa

13.45 p.m. Lunch Reception (for invitees only)

10.00-15.30 p.m. Living Europe – a European Market

Venue: Café Desche

Partner: Student Union

Market stands done by European member states, cultural
institutions and local restaurants.