

The Warsaw Debates

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The concept

« Giving birth to new ideas, to mutual inspirations and transforming ideas into tangible realities relayed through political action »

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The goal of the Warsaw Debates is to provide representatives of the political, economic, cultural, academic, artistic, student circles with an opportunity to discuss with full freedom of speech, behind locked doors, all opinions being allowed.

«The three main principles of the Debates are freedom of speech, openness and friendliness »

Date and Location:

The Debates shall take place on Saturday, **November 16th 2013** at the Warsaw Royal Castle (Zamek Królewski w Warszawie)

Partners:

- Jérôme Chartier, Peresident, Les Entretiens de Royaumont
- French Embassy in Poland
- Foundation Jean Monnet pour l'Europe
- The Warsaw Royal Castle

Organiser:





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History of the Warsaw Debates

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Let us get back to the Royaumont Debates.

The first meeting took place in 2003 around the « Is France stepping backwards ? » theme : a very relevant subject, if we realise how deeply anchored in the French national sub consciousness is the feeling that we are certainly not performing as well as the others do. In 2004 and 2005, the debates on the « Are politics a profession ? » and « Is it necessary to leave in order to succeed ? » themes have also raised much attention from the participants and contributed to the growing success of the event. The next year, 2006, during the presidential campaign, a reflexion on « What if you were the President of France? » has permanently anchored the event as part of the national debate.

This rapid growth compelled the organisers to make a break in 2007 in order to think over the future of the Royaumont Debates, to find ways and means of making them unique and recurrent.

In 2008, when the global growth has been suffering due to an unprecedented crisis, the debate was organised around the: «Structuring the French growth» theme. Among the speakers, Muhammad YUNUS, Nobel prize winner, standing behind the widespread use of micro-loans, François FILLON, Prime Minister, Jacques ATTALI, CEO of Planet Finance, Manuel VALLS, current minister ...

In 2009, « Let us dream of capitalism » was a reflexion on the strong and weak points of our system and a quest for a perfect economic model, taking into account its environmental impact. Among the participants, Claudie HAIGNERÉ, president of the Cité des Sciences et de l'Industrie, Emmanuel FABER, deputy general manager of the Danone Group, but also Xavier BERTRAND, François HOLLANDE, Eric BESSON, Jean-Pierre JOUYET, Alain JUPPÉ...

In 2010, the « France 2030 - how to succeed » theme proposed the speakers and the audience to imagine together what could France become in a twenty years' time. This edition has gathered many key figures such as Michel BARNIER, Dominique REYNIÉ, Göran PERSSON, Fadela AMARA, Henri de CASTRIES, Ramon FERNANDEZ, Laurent PLANTIER, Alain SEBAN, Charles BEIGBEDER, Christel BORIES, Jean-Luc TAVERNIER, Christophe THURIAUX, Gérard LONGUET, Carole COUVERT, Augustin de ROMANET, Jean-Marc BORELLO, Michel BOUVARD, Antoine FRÉROT, Atanase PÉRIFAN, Aldo CARDOSO, Michel MAFFESOLI...

In 2011, the subject was « Loving France », and in 2012, « Reinventing work ».

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Programme « REINVENTING EUROPE »

8:30 AM Welcome breakfast

9:15 AM Inauguration of the Warsaw Debates

- **Jérôme CHARTIER** - President of the Entretiens de Royaumont – French MP
- **Aleksander POCIEJ** - Polish Senator
- **Pierre BUHLER** - French Ambassador in Poland

10.00 AM Opening speech

Do we need Europe?

Financial, economic, social crisis: do we need Europe? Are the national States playing an important role in the globalised economy? Is the European zone a strength, or a constraint? Is protectionism the best mean to preserve the European model and civilisation?

- **Jean-Marie CAVADA** - Member of the European Parliament, Deputy Chairman of Nouveau Centre and UDI, Chairman of Mouvement Européen - France

10.30 AM General guidance

Europe, are our values uniting or dividing us?

Europe means one thousand years of history and values to be protected. What is the situation of these values in 2013: a common denominator or a point of discord? At the hour of the Internet, when emerging countries are getting more power, is the world not reconfiguring around new values?

- **José Maria GIL-ROBLES** - Former President of the European Parliament, President of the Jean Monnet Foundation for Europe

11.15 AM The big debate

Immigration, secularism, work, unemployment, retirement, family Do we have a common political approach?

Immigration, secularism, work, unemployment, retirement, family...: the European states are facing similar challenges. Do we have a common political approach? Which convergences are we able to find? Can the experience of ones strengthen the actions of the others by sharing best practice?

- **Władysław KOSINIAK-KAMYSZ** – Minister of Employment (Poland)
- **François COLOMBIE** – Chairman of the Supervisory Board, Auchan Poland, Russia and Ukraine
- **Pierre Jean COULON**– Member of the EESC (European Economic and Social Committee)
- **Paweł KOWAL** - President of the EU-Ukraine Group, European Parliament
- Moderator: **Maciej BUKOWSKI** – President of Institute for Structural Research



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2.30 PM Round Tables

Taking 3 challenges (3 parallel round tables)

1 – Europe, land of success – building European industrial champions.

Today, there are 27 industrial policies, which are not harmonised. The EU needs a common industrial strategy, supporting its big champions according to the Galileo or Airbus model, which is the only way to face China. How to build the new "Airbuses" in 2013?

- **Isabelle BENOLIEL** - DG Competition of the European Commission, President of the Jean Monnet Association
- **Henryka BOCHNIARZ** – President, Lewiatan (Polish employer's association)
- **Włodzimierz KARPIŃSKI** - Minister of Treasury (Poland)
- Moderator: **Tomasz LIS** - Chief Editor, Newsweek Poland weekly

2 – Environmental and energy challenges?

Energy is one of Europe's biggest challenges, the most relevant step to provide a huge boost. Moreover, the environment-based economy has a significant growth potential and an economy denying this fact would face a severe crisis. Europe may lead the way for the other countries of the globe.

- **Marcin KOROLEC** - Minister of Environment (Poland)
- **Marek KAMIŃSKI** – Polish explorer
- **Claude NAHON**– EDF, Sustainable Development Director
- **Maximilien ROUER** – President, BeCitizen
- Moderator : **Michał KURTYKA**, Chairman of the Supervisory Board, BPI Group

3 – Globalisation, an opportunity for Europe ?

The only right way for Europe to make a fresh start is globalisation and finding a place within it. The continent shall get richer by conquering markets throughout the world, and not by fiscal competition between European States. We need to use all the historic networks of the European countries in Africa or in the Middle-East, to reconstruct Euro-African or Eurasian economic channels, which are logical from the geostrategic point of view and are just waiting there to be developed.

- **Andrzej MALINOWSKI** – President of the Private Employers' Association
- **Mikołaj PINDELSKI** – Programme Director, Warsaw School of Economics
- **Edouard TETREAU** – Strategic advisor (www.mediafin.fr), essayist, Founder of the site www.etatsunisdeurope.com
- Moderator : **Jarosław KURSKI**, Deputy Chief Editor, Gazeta Wyborcza daily

4.00 PM General guidance – Humanistic and wining Europe

- **Bernard NADOULEK** – Philosophe, Strategy Consultant, Professor of Comparative Studies of Civilization



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4.30 PM The large perspective

Loving Europe

Loving Europe: it is not a simply proclamation of faith, it's a necessity. In 30 years, none of the European Union member states shall belong to the G8. The fight needs to take place at the European level if we want to preserve our model and our civilisation, save our industry and jobs, defend our values, implement our rules at the international level (human rights, environmental protection ...). And in order to be a power, Europe requires political strengthening and enlargement.

- **Yves BERTHELOT** – President, World Organisation Against Torture (OMCT), former Executive Secretary of the United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)
- **Claude FISCHER** – President, Confrontations d'Europe
- **Aleksander SMOLAR** – President of the "Batory Foundation"
- **Michel GUENAIRE** - author of the book « Le retour des Etats »
- Moderator: **Wawrzyniec SMOCZYŃSKI** – Foreign Affairs Editor, Polityka weekly.

5:45 PM Conclusion

- **Maciej WITUCKI**, Chairman of the French Chamber Commerce and Industry in Poland (CCIFP), Chairman of the Warsaw Debates

6:30 PM – 10:00 PM Evening at the Kubicki Arcades of the Royal Castle.

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