

WHY THE EU FAILS SEMINAR PROGRAMME

Thursday 3 December

9.30 Opening words: Raimo Väyrynen, the FIIA

9.45 – 12.30 Session 1: **Why the EU fails – grasping the issue: what does it mean when we say that the EU fails**

Chair: Dr Hanna Ojanen

Speakers:

Kalypto Nicolaïdis, Oxford University and the Reflection Group on the Future of the EU

Andrew Moravcsik, Princeton University

Anand Menon, Birmingham University

This session serves to set the agenda and allow for a first discussion on what we mean by failure, or by success, what perceptions of failure might mean for the EU, and how we might be able to assess failure and success. Dr Nikolaïdis will present “cartography of failure”, followed by comments and alternative conceptions by Dr Moravcsik and Dr Menon. The session will also give an overview about possible synergies between the conference results and the work of the Reflection Group on the Future of Europe.

12.30 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 17.30 Session 2: **The EU and its citizens: Euroscepticism, public opinion, lack of political leadership, member states’ “two-way game”, migration**

Chair: Toby Archer

Panel debate with

Thomas Wallgren, University of Helsinki

Brigid Laffan, University College Dublin

Catharina Sørensen, Danish Institute for International Studies

Paweł Świeboda, demosEUROPA

This panel seeks to address a central paradox of the European Union: why a political organisation that has been central to providing peace and prosperity to a continent previous wracked with bloody warfare and poverty could generate the widespread phenomenon of Euroscepticism? Why do most European citizens treat the EU with, at best, a lack of interest and at worst, outright hostility? Is this lack of popular support the predictable outcome of an elite led process where often big industrial and business interests seemed to be coming first? Or could it be that the member states themselves are responsible with domestic political elites taking credit for what goes well whilst blaming the EU when things go wrong?

18.30 – 19.30 Private tram tour to the dinner venue in downtown Helsinki

19.30 Dinner at Töölönrinta Restaurant

Friday 4 December

9.00 – 10.00 Keynote speech: Jorma Ollila, vice-chair of the Reflection Group on the Future of the EU

10.00 – 12.30 Session 3: **The EU and its member states: supranationalism, opt-outs, financial crisis, EU regulatory institutions, Lisbon strategy**

Chair: Dr Teija Tiilikainen

Speakers:

Sixten Korkman, Finnish Business and Policy Forum (EVA)

Erkki Liikanen, Bank of Finland

Philippe Herzog, Confrontation Europe

Andrew Moravcsik, Princeton University

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch

13.30 – 16.30 Session 4: **The EU's influence outside its borders: neighbourhood, norms, crisis management, global role, human rights**

Chair: Dr Timo Behr

Speakers:

Maria Strömviik, Lund University

Ricardo Soares de Oliveira, Oxford University

Nick Witney, European Council on Foreign Relations

Anne Deighton, Oxford University

The session aims to take a fresh look at the EU's failure to become an effective external actor. It will ask how the EU has sought to use its influence outside its borders and why it has so often failed to wield this influence effectively. In how far has the EU failed to become an effective foreign policy actor and what are the reasons for this failure? Has the EU failed because of particular problems related to its policies and institutions, or due to a lack of consensus amongst its member states? What is the role of the EU's power deficit vis-à-vis the United States? And how will the emergence of new international actors affect the EU's role as an external actor?

16.30 – 17.30 Concluding speech: Mark Leonard, European Council on Foreign Relations