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LE FORUM DE WEIMAR

The « Weimar Youth Forum » ou « Forum de Weimar » is an annual event created to gather the european associations partners of the POLITEIA network: the *Conférence Olivaint* (France) and the *Studentenforum im Tonissteiner Kreis* (Germany) with the regular participation of the *Conférence Olivaint* in Belgium.

This event is looking forward to honour the tradition of the Weimar agreement, highlighting the diplomatic collaboration between France, Germany and Poland. Summit meetings are yearly organised, the first one was actually in Weimar, between high officials from the three countries.

Since 2004, the first meeting in Varsovie, the members of the three associations (Centrum Miedzynadorow Inicjatyw (Poland), le StudentenForum (Germany) et la Conférence Olivaint (France)) gather themselves in the Weimar spirit, each year hosting one of them hosting the event. This "Forum" share the same goal: promote in an apolitical frame the reflection and the exchange of knowledge over political, economic and social issues in Europe. The association network POLITEIA is willing to contribute by exchanges and debates to the development of an international public opinion.

EDITION 2017

Hosted by the Conférence Olivaint with the support of the Student Forum, **the meeting will occur on the 7th, 8th and 9th of April in Paris.**

It will gather about thirty academics, students and young professionals coming from Germany, Belgium, Poland and France to think, debate and exchange through conferences and workshops about the role by the Weimar forum with it special links in order to build the Europe's future. This year, the topic selected is the digital medial, and its articulation with underlying themes, namely democracy, sovereignty and competitiveness.

The meeting will lead to a synthesis of the exchanges for all the participants and the partners of the event.

The language of the meeting documents, conferences and workshop will be the English.

PARTICIPANTS

CONFÉRENCE OLIVAINT



The Conférence Olivaint, an apolitical association, is the oldest French student association. Since its foundation in 1875, it never stopped to be a place conducive to exchanges and debates, offering to many students from prestigious French universities and schools the opportunity of an additional training to political life, public reflection and debates.

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STUDENTENFORUM IM TONISSTEINER KREIS E.V.



The Studentenforum is a forum of dialogue and projects. This network consists in gathering students and young professionals from scientific, economic or political fields, with an experience abroad. Independent and interdisciplinary network, the Studentenforum is willing to develop the Germany opening over the world and the international cooperation. Its action is only based on volunteer involvement and its members' commitment in civil society.

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CONFÉRENCE OLIVAINT DE BELGIQUE



Created 50 years ago, the Royale Association Conférence Olivaint de Belgique a.s.b.l. ("Conférence Olivaint") is a formation centre to "governance", such as institutions, rules, process and behaviours that affect the power exercise at a local, national and international level. It is aiming to offer to students a further training for the purpose of the exercise of future professional responsibilities highlighting a citizen commitment.

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PARLAMENT STUDENTOW RZECZYPOSPOLITEJ POLSKIEJ



The Student Parliament of the Republic of Poland is an independent organisation promoting the official voice of the Polish students' society. It gathers students' unions from all universities across the country and debates on issues relating to higher education. PSRP represents students towards public authorities on the highest level as well as on the international arena.

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PROVISIONAL SCHEDULE

FIRST DAY – FRIDAY, APRIL 7TH

- **17h – participants' reception**
- **19h – welcoming speech**
- **21h30 – diner and party**

DAY 2 – SATURDAY, APRIL 8TH

- **8h-9h - Breakfast.**
- **9h-9h30 - Introduction** – methods and introduction of the day
- **9h30h-10h30 - Conference 1 – « Digital age, the democratic renewal ? »**
- **10h30-12h – Workshops 1**
- **12h-13h30 – Lunch**
- **13h30-14h30 Conference 2 – « Global economy at the digital age : does Europe still have a say ? »**
- **14h30-16h Workshops 2**
- **16h-16h30 Coffee time**
- **16h30-17h30 Conference 3 – « Is an European digital sovereignty possible ?»**
- **17h30-19h Workshops 3**
- **19h - Gala evening**

DAY 3 - SUNDAY, APRIL 9TH

- **8h-9h - Breakfast**
- **9h30-11h - Conference « Digital Europe».** Presentation of the workshops' results and synthesis of the entire work.
- **11h30-12h – Overview**
- **12h-13h - Lunch**
- **14h-18h Cultural afternoon and participants return**

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS

Each of the three seminar issues will lead to a conference of an hour by one or several specialists invited for the occasion, and will be followed by workshops overseen by members from the different foreign associations.

Each workshop will be the opportunity for a small number of participants (7 to 10 persons) to discover alternative point of view about one of the sub-themes. At the end of the day, every participant will have take part to three workshops, each driven by one member from a different association and culture.

Those members are instructed to articulate the workshop around three sub-questions picked by them. A workshop secretary has to report the essential of the discussions. Each group will have to resume their debates in one half-page. It will contribute to the general synthesis collectively discussed at the seminar conclusion. The summaries and the final discussion will be published in a booklet.

SEMINAR THEME : DIGITAL EUROPE

When digital technology appears in all areas of society, it seems appropriate to think about the effectiveness of European cooperation in this field, in particular from a political, economic and legal point of view.

CONFERENCE 1 – POLITICAL STAKE

DIGITAL AGE : THE DEMOCRATIC RENEWAL ?

Digital technology permits the disintermediation of political and social relationships in the society. Thus, the expression of ideas and opinions can avoid traditional channels thanks to the Internet, encourage by the atmosphere of mistrust against classic media. An opinion versatility can now be observed, regarding for example the current unpredictability of surveys. The digital technology can also facilitate the expression of the citizens' willingness as much for the elections than for the standards development process. It allows a reconciliation from the citizens and the institutions. Many policy initiatives have emerged, putting the citizen at the centre of the public life. The digitisation process of the administration also involves the emergence of algorithms power. They allow the decisions objectivity by their neutrality, even if this neutrality is frequently discussed, and its progressive generalisation in public services such as school, justice or police can interrogate.

Workshops themes:

- *Direction expression of opinions and ideas*(with Camille Bensiam)
- *Standard collaborative development t*(with Noémie Gorin)
- *Democracy facing algorithms* (wth Viviane Cusset)

CONFERENCE 2 – ECONOMIC STAKE

GLOBAL ECONOMY AT THE DIGITAL AGE : DOES EUROPE STILL HAVE A SAY ?

Digital age has redefined the global-economic game rules. Some countries seems well aware of these rules, to the point that they absorb today the majority of the advances in Europe in this new industry. The European delay becomes more and more crucial : unable to impose its own firms to the American or Chinese giants, but also disrupted in its own territory by new disruptive formats, has Europe understand the emergence of a new paradigm ?

Workshops themes:

- *At the scale of individuals : education and digital technology* (With Anna Steinberg)
- *At the scale of firms : Are European start-ups and big firms on the road of the digital area ?* (with Joseph de Maleissye-Melun)
- *At the global scale : Economic war on the digital field* (With Jean Gilardo)

CONFERENCE 3 – LEGAL STAKE

IS AN EUROPEAN DIGITAL SOVEREIGNTY POSSIBLE ?

Against web leaders, European countries are facing difficulties to keep their sovereign' states prerogatives. American firms are holding the web keys, while avoiding responsibilities on security issues. A strong European cooperation, including a legislative one, could allow to retake control on those subjects and face new issues such as the digital identity.

Workshops themes:

- *the transfer of personal data from the EU to the U.S* (With: Benoît Pontoizeau)
- *The net neutrality consecration in debate* (With: Armand Meyer)
- *The web European securing* (With: Gautier Von Gysel)
- *Digital identity issues* (With: Antoine Audras)

