

THE STATE OF THE UNION - Online Edition: **Friday 8 May 2020**

Europe: Managing the COVID-19 Crisis - #SOUCOVID19

The event will be in English with no translation

10.00 – 11.30 CEST - MORNING SESSION - COVID-19: Health Policy and Society

Welcome:

- **Renaud Dehousse**, President, EUI

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- **Dario Nardella**, Mayor of Florence
- **Enrico Rossi**, Governor, Tuscan Region

Institutional Welcome:

- **Luigi Di Maio**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Italy

High-Level Address:

- **Ursula von der Leyen**, President, European Commission (*tbc*)

High-Level Address:

- **Charles Michel**, President, European Council

Panel Debate I: COVID-19: Health Policy and Society

As the full impact of the COVID-19 pandemic is felt across Europe, this panel will address questions relating to the health emergency and its societal implications. What are the factors that will determine the projected short and long-term development of the pandemic? What are the prospects for better testing and a vaccine? What are the best containment and suppression public health strategies? How can governments manage national public health systems under extreme stress? What is the role of the EU and international organisations in this respect?

Moderator: **Ellen M. Immergut**, Dean, Social and Political Sciences Department, EUI

Co-Moderator: **Assia Brandrup-Lukanow**, MD Specialist in Public Health Medicine

Speakers:

- **Andrea Ammon**, Director, European Centre for Disease Prevention and Control (ECDC)
- **Dorit Nitzan**, Regional Emergency Director, World Health Organization (WHO)
- **Xuejie Yu**, Professor and Dean, School of Health Sciences, Wuhan University

13.00 – 14.30 CEST - AFTERNOON SESSION - COVID-19: Economic Policies for the aftermath

Opening High-Level Address:

- **Christine Lagarde**, President, European Central Bank

High-Level Discussion:

- **Paolo Gentiloni**, Commissioner for Economic and Financial Affairs, with **Roula Khalaf**, Editor, Financial Times

Panel Debate II: COVID-19: Economic Policies for the Aftermath

The economic impact of the COVID-19 crisis will be immense, and governments across the EU as well as EU institutions have already announced measures to support people and economic activity. This panel will discuss the short and long-term economic outlook, and the appropriate policy response and questions which need to be addressed at a national and EU level. Is the ECB doing enough to maintain liquidity? What should a recovery fund look like? What will the long-term implications of such measures be? Is the response at national level adequate and well targeted? Does the European response go far enough to maintain liquidity and support the recovery?

Moderator: **George Papaconstantinou**, Professor, School of Transnational Governance, EUI

Speakers:

- **Laurence Boone**, Chief Economist, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)
- **Jeroen Dijsselbloem**, Former President, Eurogroup
- **Ricardo Reis**, A.W. Phillips Professor of Economics, London School of Economics

17.30 – 19.00 CEST - EVENING SESSION - COVID-19: Global Cooperation

High Level Discussion:

- **Kristalina Georgieva**, Managing Director, International Monetary Fund, with **Roula Khalaf**, Editor, Financial Times

Panel Debate III: COVID-19: Global Cooperation

As COVID-19 has spread around the world, it has exposed weaknesses in international cooperation arrangements put in place to respond to health emergencies of this kind, as well as their economic and social repercussions. This panel will address questions such as: are existing institutions and governance arrangements well equipped to steer the international response? How could international cooperation be improved? How can trade flows and international value chains be protected from collapsing? How can global growth, as well as financial stability be preserved?

Moderator: **Nathalie Tocci**, Director, Italian Institute of International Affairs (IAI)

Speakers:

- **Mari E. Pangestu**, Managing Director, Development Policy & Partnerships, The World Bank
- **Jeffrey Sachs**, Director, Center for Sustainable Development, Columbia University
- **Alexander Stubb**, Director, School of Transnational Governance, EUI, and Former Prime Minister of Finland

Closing High-Level Address:

- **Giuseppe Conte**, Prime Minister, Italy

Scientific Committee composition:

- **Giacomo Calzolari**, Professor of Economics, EUI
- **Madeleine de Cock Buning**, Professor, Digital Politics, Economics and Societies Cluster, STG, EUI
- **Renaud Dehousse**, President, EUI
- **Jos Delbeke**, Professor, Sustainability Cluster, STG, EUI
- **Peter Drahos**, Professor of Law and Governance, EUI
- **Philipp Genschel**, Professor of Comparative and European Public Policy, EUI
- **Vincenzo Grassi**, Secretary General, EUI
- **Bernard Hoekman**, Robert Schuman Chair, Dean of External Relations, EUI
- **Marco Incerti**, Director of the Communications Service, EUI
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