INTRODUCTION:

Democracy in crisis, leadership in crisis of legitimacy?

"We need a visionary political leadership". This is the message of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Thorbjørn Jagland to young leaders in eastern and south-eastern Europe. In a context fraught with difficulties, lack of leadership has instilled a crisis of confidence within our societies. The citizens of the western democracies are apparently experiencing widespread disillusionment, reflected in increasing abstentionism at elections. Politics is no longer seen as a means of improving daily lives and ensuring practical responses to problems. Beyond this, however, freedom of the press, media and judicial independence and equality among citizens would no longer seem to be taken for granted, even in the older democracies.

In order to bridge the yawning gap between them and their political, economic and social leaders, citizens are feeling the need to reaffirm and reappropriate the values and foundations of our democracies.

At the inaugural session, Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, President of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, defined leadership as the capacity for identifying the requisite upstream action and the ability to conceive of policies beyond the short term, to explain them to the citizens and to take responsibility for them, especially when they are strongly criticised.

What it the hallmark of this crisis? According to Wendelin Ettmayer¹, the lack of solutions to problems fosters a crisis situation. For instance, the collapse of the Lehman Brothers Bank in the USA in autumn 2008 had terrible repercussions on the world economy and caused problems for many countries. Trade dropped off, industrial production plummeted, and budget deficits and public debts soared. Globalisation, which is characterised by interconnecting countries and economies, exacerbated the crisis, which quickly took on worldwide dimensions.

This situation, in which the world economy and finance spun out of control, showed up the politicians' weaknesses and undermined their legitimacy. By intensifying the political crisis and highlighting the weaknesses of some of its mechanisms, the economic and financial crisis is forcing us to search through all the available instruments for the appropriate remedies.

What is the relevant level of governance for effective public action? It would appear that in Europe, the nation state is still the main framework for such action. In Wendelin Ettmayer's analysis, we are still stuck with 19th-century structures for resolving crises and conflicts and coping with the new challenges facing us. A new type

¹ Former Austrian Permanent Representative to the Council of Europe.

of European leadership is nevertheless emerging, proposing an alternative for taking up our common challenges together.

"Innovation distinguishes between a leader and a follower", says the Secretary General of the Council of Europe, Thorbjørn Jagland, quoting the head of the Apple Company, Steve Jobs. "He is right. Europe is more in need of innovative leadership than ever".

For the fifth year in a row the Summer University in Strasbourg has brought together the new generation of European leaders to address the issue of the crisis of leadership from three different angles: the crisis of democracy, the crisis of politics and civil resistance and democratisation.

² Speech of Thorbjørn Jagland, http://www.schoolsofpoliticalstudies.eu/speech-thorbjorn-jagland-2010.aspx

OPENING LESSON BY

Sylvie Kaufmann, Editor-in-chief of the Le Monde newspaper, Paris

"Europe's problem is captaincy"

"I am not madly keen on football, but it is very difficult to avoid soccer fever at the moment in France. The defeat in the last World Cup and all the subsequent ups and downs, the revolt and then the players' strike in protest against the exclusion of one of their colleagues, Nicolas Anelka, who had abused the coach, and the whole shambles which inevitably led to France's elimination from the Cup, forced us into a major debate on the reasons for the crisis in French football. Of course the players are too rich, too spoilt, too arrogant and too individualistic. The team is split up into various clans, the clan of the suburban players, the provincial players, the Muslims, the African blacks and the Caribbean blacks; all these clans reflect the compartmentalisation of French society, preventing the team from playing as a team, since it lacked the team spirit. However, the main criticism was directed at the coach, who had failed in his role as a leader. At the end of the day, the French rout was a crisis of leadership, because neither the coach nor the team captain managed to impose a team spirit, which is a *sine qua non* for any chance of a successful soccer team.

Nor was the French team alone in facing such problems, even though our "Blues" provided the biggest spectacle – outside the stadium, unfortunately. The Italian and English teams also suffered, and in each case the leadership was under challenge. The Wall Street Journal summed it up in a headline: "Europe's problem is captaincy: Faltering football powers seem to be suffering from weak leadership at the World Cup". The challenge facing the team leaders was to affirm their authority without alienating the players whom they needed in order to win. For the French coach it was too late: when he tried to exert his authority on the pitch, at the crucial moment, he had already been discredited.

In fact, I think that if the problems with the European football teams continue during this World Cup, especially against the Latin American teams, which have shown great consistency so far, it should not be long before our American friends start publishing press articles comparing the decline in European football with the decline in Europe in general. It you removed the reference to "football" from the title of the Wall Street Journal article I have just quoted, it would read "Europe's problem is captaincy: Faltering powers seem to be suffering from weak leadership". And to tell the truth, even if the parallel is rather simplistic, it is not completely unjustified. The European Union does have a leadership problem, and some of its Member States are also absorbed in their own leadership problems, often because of weak governmental coalitions. And here again the challenge for the government is sometimes to assert its



authority, that is to say to lead without alienating the "players" – in this case the workers, the citizens – whom it needs in order to win.

The challenge for the government is to assert its authority, to lead without alienating the citizens, whom it needs in order to win Let us, however, return to the crisis in the soccer teams. Another leadership crisis simultaneously occurred with consequences that were potentially much more serious, this time on the other side of the Atlantic. This crisis began last Monday when the news began to circulate in Washington that General Stanley McChrystal, NATO Chief of Staff in Afghanistan, had spoken to a journalist from the American magazine Rolling Stone. The fact of a US General at war speaking out is already objectionable in itself, in a world where each word is now regularly checked by the communication services. But General McChrystal was not just over-talkative: he actually made sarcastic, contemptuous comments to the Rolling Stone journalist about the representatives of the American civilian authorities, including the Vice-President of the United States, concerning the requisite strategy for Afghanistan.

Apparently, this was not the first time this General had criticised the Vice-President, and some are now saying that President Barack Obama should have reacted faster. This time in any case, Barack Obama was determined not to pass over the insult, however valuable General McChrystal was to him in his role as military leader in Afghanistan. He could not possibly under-react to such a challenge at a time when he himself was facing other challenges on the domestic and international stage, namely a question of leadership.

Two days after the Rolling Stone article was published, the President summoned the General to the White House and announced that he was being replaced by another high-level general, the man who successfully disentangled the United States from the Iraqi fiasco, General David Petraeus.

In this case President Obama exercised his leadership to the full. His authority had been challenged and he restored it by sacking the arrogant, garrulous general, even if the timing could not have been worse, because General McChrystal was to have organised the "surge" strategy on the ground in Afghanistan, with new reinforcements to combat the Taliban, in a war which has been going on for nine years without really producing the expected results.(...) The swift, firm decision by Barack Obama was welcomed in Washington as proof of his restored leadership, whereas his popularity ratings were dropping and he might seem weakened generally.

Will this be enough? Of course not. If General Petraeus fails in Afghanistan, President Obama will be criticised for not having kept General McChrystal on, and his leadership will be under renewed attack. So in fact leadership is not solely a question of authority. It also involves goals and results.

A French businessman of my acquaintance who runs a major company has for many years, in fact since his time at university, followed a definition coined by Rontchewski, a rather obscure French philosopher but someone whom he greatly

admires, to the effect that *authority* is a quality which motivates men without the need for physical or symbolical violence. In other words, authority or leadership is not exercised by physical or mental force.

I find this definition interesting, because it applies to the two examples which I have just mentioned, the French football team, and President Obama in dealing with his presumptuous general.

Let us now take the example of Barack Obama's predecessor at the White House, George W. Bush, who had the same powers as Barack Obama. The United States lost its leadership under the Presidency of George W. Bush. Why? Because he went for the wrong goals, and the results were not achieved. This weakened the authority of the US President and his country vis-à-vis the rest of the world.

Of course America showed leadership in deciding to invade Iraq in 2003, whether we agreed with the decision or not. Europe was divided on the issue. Very many countries, including France, condemned this intervention, but others agreed to join in. But what happened? The invasion of Iraq was based on false arguments - the famous weapons of mass destruction - and above all, the Americans had not prepared for the subsequent phase, the occupation and rebuilding of the country. The Neo-Conservative idea of imposing democracy from the outside on an unprepared people proved to be an illusion, and perhaps even a serious mistake. After a brilliant military operation, the intervention turned into a fiasco and alienated a large part of the Arab-Muslim world. This was a blatant example of failed leadership. George W. Bush never recovered from it, a President whose leadership had been saluted after the 9/11 attacks. And even that period is now been challenged, because under the Obama Presidency it is being acknowledged that the Bush Administration went far too far in suppressing people suspected of taking part in terrorist activities. The Guantanamo Prison Camp, which President Obama has still not managed to close because several dozen prisoners remain within its walls, is a persistent black spot which has horribly weakened American leadership worldwide.

By contrast, Barack Obama based his leadership right from the outset on his moral authority, his personal experience and his political commitments, presenting himself as "Not Bush". Mid-term, his popularity is slipping among his compatriots because of the difficulties he is encountering in implementing the promised reforms, but outside the Arab-Muslim world, he is still a globally respected leader. At the G20 Summit in Toronto this weekend, the American leadership was not challenged, not in the sense of the United States having to be the masters of the world but of Barack Obama being the legitimate leader of a country which happens to be a superpower.

China was also at the G20 meeting. China is also a superpower, and yet it does not exercise leadership. Why? Because for the moment it does not want to do so, but also, and above all, because China lacks the moral authority of the United States and Europe. Because unlike the United States, China is exemplary in terms neither of governance nor of democracy, nor, for the moment, of technological or intellectual

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Leadership also means respecting values such as transparency, power-sharing with all the democratic institutions, respect for the independence of these institutions, including the independence of the media and integrity

innovation. It is a country which has a very high growth rate and spectacular economic performance, but whose moral authority is undermined, in the eyes of the world, by its restrictions on public liberties. So here we see again that leadership is not just a question of power, it is also a matter of moral authority, goals and results. If China aspires to exercising regional leadership, or in a possible future, world leadership, it must become a model, an "inspiring power".

I have spoken to you about football, Barack Obama and China. I would also like to give you two examples closer to my home, France, from our recent, indeed current history. The examples are of two French presidents who were very strong presidents, who were elected by a large majority under absolutely democratic conditions, but who both ran into problems of leadership.

The first is our current President Nicolas Sarkozy. He has often been nicknamed the "hyper-President" because he is hyperactive; this is his personal and political nature. He is active on all fronts at the same time, and concentrates a great deal of power in the Elysée Palace. This is due to our political system, but he has his own way of accentuating it. Last week he even interfered in the problems of the French football team. He invited Thierry Henry to his office on the very day the player got back from South Africa. He has also attempted to interfere with the sales of my newspaper, something which is actually still going on as we speak. And this interference has shocked many people in France, because a President of the Republic should have no hand in the change of ownership of an independent newspaper. The outcome of this hyperactivity has been great confusion at a time when the country should be closing ranks to cope with dire economic straits. You will know all the western European countries, and also other newer EU member states, are discussing strict austerity plans and strategies. At a time when the political world needs to unite the population behind it, doubt is spreading about the President's leadership, because he is considered as being actually responsible for everything, including the many financial scandals and affairs concerning privileges reserved for members of the government, which are front-page news at the moment.

The other example was François Mitterrand, a socialist President who was triumphantly elected in 1981, putting an end to twenty-three years of right-wing rule. Re-elected in 1988, François Mitterrand also completed his second term in the midst of confusion. I think he had even lost some credit among those who had brought him to power. In this case, it was the lack of transparency, and even occasional mendacity, which weakened his leadership. François Mitterrand lied to the French about his past during World War II, his private life and especially his illness, which he concealed from the population, a disease which struck him down at the end of his second term of office.

THE CRISIS OF LEADERSHIP

What lesson should we draw from all these examples? Leadership is not mere power or force. Leadership embraces moral authority, goals, results, inspiration and also, obviously, respect for values such as transparency, power-sharing with all the democratic institutions, and respect for the independence of these institutions, including the independence of the media and integrity."

Conference A:

Leadership in a time of crisis (financial and economic, globalisation, terrorism, organised crime, etc...)

Chair:

Wendelin Ettmayer,

Ambassador, expert in international relations and writer, Vienna

Speakers:

Mindia Ugrekhelidze, former Judge in respect of Georgia, European Court of Human Rights

Masahiro Kawai,

Dean and Director General of the Asian Development Bank Institute

Palais de l'Europe, 28 June 2010, 14.00-16.00, room 5

CHAPTER 1:

Leadership in a time of crisis (financial and economic, globalisation, terrorism, organised crime, etc)

The financial and economic crisis has had an impact on the world's economies: the inevitable domino effect of the crisis has affected some countries more radically than others. Some are still struggling to recover and rebuild, while others, for example in Asia, have regained rapid growth.

A number of dysfunctions have been brought to light, such as various shortcomings in the financial, economic and political systems. One of the causes of the currency crisis in Europe has been weak political leadership. A single European currency without any real European economic governance to supervise it constitutes a deficiency which was accentuated by the crisis. This weakness in the monetary policy conducted since the late 1980s has been highlighted and aggravated by the crisis.

This shows the need for strong institutions capable of responding to such challenges by means of mechanisms for dealing with crises. This is where the leadership concept comes in. Without appropriate leadership, how can we hope to take up regional, national and global challenges?

Nor should we forget that crisis situations are often conducive to corruption and the activities of criminal organisations and terrorists. Leadership is doubly important, whence the urgent need to define it and decide the form which it must take and the optimum means of reinforcing it. Even if it is difficult, indeed impossible, to single out one exemplary model for leadership, it is important to ascertain the potential components of such a model.

Mr Ettmayer, Mr Ugrekhelidze and Mr Kawai provided us with outline analyses in their presentations, summarised below.

Wendelin Ettmayer, Ambassador, expert in international relations and writer, Vienna

"Lack of sovereignty in Europe, the trans-Atlantic divide and globalisation: leadership in crisis"



"(...) Any discussion of leadership in times of political, economic and financial crisis and any debate on globalisation, terrorism or organised crime call for a number of comments. In my view, "leadership in times of crisis" is a highly optimistic title, because in many periods of crisis there is no one to take the helm. If leadership is the capacity to motivate people to overcome difficulties, we can also say that it is the capacity to mobilise people to achieve common goals. I have a feeling that it is not so much the leaders who decide the future, but rather it is the future which decides what the leaders will say.

Let us take the example of Europe. The recently concluded Lisbon Treaty set up a series of new institutions, pointing to a new style of leadership in Europe. But when the President of the United States, Barack Obama, is looking for a leader to speak to in the European Union, he does not phone the new EU President but turns to the German Chancellor or the French President. To me, this is a symptom of a crisis, because the real leaders are not the purported leaders of the European Union. Can nation states respond to the international and global crises challenging democracy today? The G20 Summit which took place in Toronto recently once again showed that rhetoric has taken the place of analysis, initiative-taking and leadership. Fanciful ideas are replacing foreign policy.

What obstacles are awaiting our future leaders? The divided sovereignty of Europe represents one structural difficulty. (...) Sovereignty used to be absolute within the individual State, but nowadays, inside the European Union, we are facing a lack of genuine leadership. The fact is that in many fields, such as security, finance and the economy, we are delegating our authority. The sovereignty which Austria has forfeited over its own currency and borders has not really been transferred to the European Union, and that is where the problem lies (...): there is no European (economic and financial) governance or government. Some countries are demanding leadership, while others want stronger government. In this context, how are we to exercise genuine governance, in the absence of any legitimate authority?

The divide between us and the United States, which is widening because of a revolution in European diplomatic relations, is the second problem. For centuries, the legitimacy of foreign policy was geared to reinforcing the power of the States. In contemporary Europe, the war mindset in foreign policy has given way to a values mindset. This revolution has taken place in Europe, but not in the United States, which has preferred to follow the traditional way of foreign policy based on the army, the military. To Americans, foreign policy without an army is like a baseball team without players. (...)

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In contemporary Europe, the war mindset in foreign policy has given way to a values mindset. This revolution has taken place in Europe, but not in the United States, which has preferred to follow the traditional way of foreign policy based on the army, the military The lack of sovereignty in Europe, the trans-Atlantic divide and globalisation explain the leadership crisis. The weakness of the international community is a fact. How are we to reinforce its role, and who will do so: the UN, OSCE, the Council of Europe or NATO? Furthermore, the difficulties linked to such individual characteristics as responsibility, courage and populism, as well as our personal attitudes, also make leadership a difficult task.

Mindia Ugrekhelidze, former President of the Supreme Court of Georgia from 1990 to 1999, and former Judge with the European Court of Human Rights from 1999 to 2001.

"Between autocracy and anarchy: proper balance in leadership"



"Leadership has been the subject of many studies. It is a multifaceted issue which can per se signify two different things. First of all, there is the so-called "static" approach, which corresponds to the leader's status, role and function. Secondly, leadership can refer to the dynamic aspect, the fact of making things work as a leader. These two simple definitions many seem confusing, particularly in a period of crisis, because leading becomes more difficult at such times. What does leadership require, and what extra elements are needed in times of crisis? In the normal run of things, the work of leaders is fairly clear: broadly speaking, they must inspire, unite, organise and lead a group of persons. Leadership validity can be tested by means of sociological research methods, gauging the strength of the interpersonal connections forged by the leadership. Another method can be used to measure the condition and reliability of inter-institutional connections. It is vital to institutionalise interpersonal relations. Where this has been done, we must ascertain whether or not the relations have been adequately institutionalised, otherwise emergency measures will be needed. The success of leadership therefore lies in a proper balance between interpersonal and inter-institutional relations.

(...) In periods of crisis, the leader's task is not only to make things work and to unite people. Crises have either positive or negative repercussions, depending on the situation or the leader's personal characteristics. New relations are required at certain times between the leaders and the public, on the one hand, and between the leaders and the institutions, on the other. The role of leadership increases in times of crisis, because it must offset the shortcomings and lacunae, overcome the difficulties and solve the problems of the critical situation with the leaders' help. If the leaders fail to offset the crisis, they become an integral part of it and can no longer help the country to overcome it: there is even a risk of exacerbating the crisis.

Again the requisite solution to the crisis depends on how the latter was triggered. The measures needed cannot be exhaustively listed; we must confine ourselves to formulating a general "model hypothesis" for all types of situation. Kurt Lewin originated the concept of "leadership styles", according to which there are three different styles: autocratic, democratic and "laissez-faire". The first style takes leadership as being concentrated in the hands of the leader, who does not consult others and takes decisions on behalf of the whole group. The second, democratic leadership, involves making decisions with the agreement, or at least after consultation, of the whole community. The third case, laissez-faire leadership,

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involves refraining from intervening, although laissez-faire sometimes lapses into anarchy. (...)

If the crisis is rooted in the leader's autocratic style, democratisation may be the only solution. At the opposite extreme, unduly liberal and democratic leadership may produce anarchy and chaos. It is therefore necessary and legitimate to reinforce the leader's authoritarian style. Autocratic leadership cannot, however, be used as a long-term solution to a crisis. The device of concentrating power on one political leader must be confined to crisis situations and be accompanied by certain safeguards. (...)

As for the long-term perspectives, various constitutional reforms would appear promising in crisis situations. I consider constitutional reform as the right way forward, even if it is not unanimously accepted and if it causes confrontation between the government and opposition.

In conclusion, I would like to raise the question of charisma. Is it good or bad for a leader to have charisma? What form should charisma take? (...) The leader should never be incompetent, or excessively egotistical or arbitrary. We must make genuinely democratic choices, adopting reasonable and realistic solutions. Our awareness of democracy is indispensable, and we must constantly reinforce our culture of democracy."

Masahiro Kawai, Dean and Director General of the Asian Development Bank Institute, Tokyo

"Innovation? Stability? Responses to the economic and financial crisis"

"(...) I would like to speak to you about the world financial crisis, and more specifically about the manner in which this crisis has been managed, the reforms which have been advocated and the role of Asia, a region which plays a predominant role in the world.

There are several reasons for this crisis, including mistakes in the field of macroeconomic policy, especially in the United States, the United Kingdom and other countries outside the Euro zone. These countries have long been implementing unduly lax monetary policies. Large quantities of liquid assets have been injected into the market, which has fostered property speculation. The second problem is the failure of national and international surveillance, whether in the United States, the United Kingdom or other countries outside the euro zone such as Iceland or the Baltic States. The crisis was not confined to the US and the UK but extended to other economies too (...). Where Asia, Latin America and Africa were concerned, the crisis particularly affected trade, which fell in 2009, accompanied by a decline in industrial production and GDP. These indicators began rising again when interest rates were lowered, and the latter have in fact remained low ever since in most of the crisis-hit countries. Central bank balance sheets have had to be increased to in order to provide assets to inject into the money markets. There has also been a budgetary deficit in many countries, and an increase in public sector debt.

This time we managed to avoid the worst-case scenario, namely a Great Depression as in the 1930s, when all the states attempted to assure their own protection to the detriment of their neighbours by increasing customs tariffs, devaluing currency, etc. This game always has losers, and it led to the beginnings of a globalised economy in the 1930s. This time round there was a macroeconomic response in terms of monetary policy, budgetary expansion and support for the financial sector. Furthermore, there was international political co-operation, particularly in the G20. This was supported by the global institutions (IMF, WTO, World Bank, Financial Stability Board, etc) without recourse to protectionist policies, which only worsen the problem. Furthermore, the emerging economies are currently very dynamic, which has helped prevent the collapse that occurred in the 1930s.

At world level, reforms have been initiated in the financial field with the introduction of regulating and surveillance mechanisms. Legislative Bills which would seem headed in the right direction have been tabled in the United States and the United Kingdom. Some progress has been noted at EU level. On the other hand, the question



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At times of crisis you must further emphasise your commitment with a rules-based system like the WTO's. You must not increase vour customs tariffs when your economies are in difficulty. This crisis may be an opportunity for new reforms. There again, what is needed is leadership, and the leaders must be able to persuade the citizens and the industrial sector

in this field is how to encourage the financial sector to continue innovating while preserving stability. The authorities lay the emphasis on stability, owing to the recent crisis, but the financial sector wants to function within a system that does not stifle financial innovation. There is an ongoing debate between innovation and stability. Moreover, the global economic and financial architecture has changed, particularly through the intermediary of the IMF. Consequently, at global level the economy must face up to certain long-term problems: the Doha cycle of trade negotiations which must be completed, the post-Kyoto framework for climate change which is still to be determined, and lastly, the global recovery.

In connection with the leading role played by Asia in this crisis, I think that it has shown a very high level of leadership thanks to a series of stimulus measures at the national level (China in particular has introduced incentive measures to support its growth and that of neighbouring countries; Japan increased its contribution to the IMF by \$ 100 000 000 after the crisis, etc). We can see many schemes under way in the Asia region to support growth and prevent the financial downturn from affecting it. This new leadership in Asia reflects several factors: increased economic vigour, confidence, maturity and trade activities in Japan, Korea, China and India. Enterprises in these countries are increasingly active in interconnecting the countries of Asia and forging links with the rest of the world. Asia underwent a financial crisis in 1997 and 1998, and the lessons which it learnt have stood it in good stead. Even so, it is still facing major challenges, such as establishing institutions to foster regional co-operation. (...) Asia has much to learn from European integration. Furthermore, it must maintain its support for the Doha cycle at the WTO and take action on climate change to mitigate the environmental effects. We must ensure that our projects comprise efforts to change the growth model which has so far targeted European and North American markets and centred on a type of growth detrimental to the environment and to the social situation of the emerging economies in Asia.

(...) This leadership issue is a critical matter. It is vital to be able to respond quickly, decisively and effectively to any crisis. (...) I think the financial community responded fairly responsibly to the world financial crisis, without resorting to policies that would be detrimental to neighbouring countries. This has averted a re-run of the 1930s Great Depression, which is positive in itself. However, this leadership capacity must also take account of the long-term impacts of the crisis, and incorporate long-term responses. (...) The international community has reacted very well. At times of crisis you must further emphasise your commitment with a rules-based system like the WTO's. You must not raise your customs tariffs when your economies are in difficulty. This crisis may be an opportunity for new reforms. There again, what is needed is leadership, and leaders must be persuasive with their citizens and the industrial sector.

Furthermore, you must work with the international community and not withdraw into introspective policies. Such international forums as G20, the IMF, WTO and the FSB (Financial Stability Board) are indispensable. I think that this time, thanks to these bodies, the international community has managed the crisis extremely well".

THE CRISIS OF LEADERSHIP

Conference B:

The crisis of politics and democracy

Chair:

Klaus Schumann, former Director General of Political Affairs, Council of Europe

Speakers:

Zarko Puhovski, Professor, former President of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights for Croatia, Zagreb

Gert Weisskirchen, former Member of the Bundestag, Wiessloch

Volodymyr Schapoval, President of the Central Electoral Commission of Ukraine

Palais de l'Europe, 28 June 2010, 14.00-16.00, room 1

CHAPTER 2:

The crisis of politics and democracy

The crisis of politics and democracy raises the question of the actual state of democracy in Europe and beyond. The "crisis" concept requires us to ponder the dysfunctions in our current political systems.

The issue of the democratic deficit at the centre of the debates in Europe points to a malaise and a malfunction in society. What are the reasons behind this situation? Who should take responsibility for this setback? While we often point to the citizen's lack of interest and involvement in politics, particularly in the light of the high rates of abstention at elections, the citizen is not the only one to blame. Various factors have led to the democratic deficit, and they vary from country to country: suspicion of politicians, lack of transparency and clarity in the function of the institutions, and lack of legitimacy in some governments.

To challenge a dysfunctional system is to challenge its values. The fact is that respect for values is necessary to the health and balance of any society. The context of a recent economic crisis has also exacerbated the acknowledgement of political crisis, or more precisely of policies. The resurgence of populist, and sometimes xenophobic discourse is a threat to our democratic societies. This type of political strategy raises the question of ethics in democracy and the roles of the different players: if society is to function properly, the citizens, the media and the politicians must place themselves at the service of democracy and the common interest.

Ethics is an essential value which really comes into its own in this context. It is in times of crisis (whether political or economic) that the leadership concept must play a frontline role in problem-solving. We might, however, wonder what makes an individual a legitimate leader in a democratic society. Must he or she necessarily be democratically elected, or is charisma enough?

Thanks to their experience, Klaus Schumann, Gert Weisskirchen, Zarko Puhovski and Volodymyr Schapoval provided analytical data on the crisis of politics and democracy and what role leadership should play in this setting.

Klaus Schumann, former Director General of Political Affairs, Council of Europe

"Crisis of democracy and lack of ethics"

We face a world of paradoxes: there have never been so many people living in democracies, and at the same time there have never been so many people disappointed with democracy.



Citizens are turning their backs on institutional politics, participating neither in the political debate nor in elections, with abstention rates of 80%, particularly during the recent European elections in some countries. When citizens do vote, it is often in order to express populist, or even occasionally xenophobic views.

We are confronted with identity politics and rhetoric. This holds for the north, south, east and west of Europe. And the economic crisis is exacerbating the political crisis, the crisis of democracy, as is the lack of regulation and political supervision of financial interests.

The result of this imbalance of power between the economy and democracy is that all the major decisions are increasingly being taken outside of Parliament, beyond the democratic process. So this leads to doubt as to the relevance and reliability of the decision-making process (...).

We are seeing a lack of mutual trust among politicians, but also a loss of citizen trust in the authorities and more generally, democratic fatigue. This is a deontological crisis, an ethical crisis; there is a glaring lack of moral authority (...).

We should also mention the ambivalent role of the media, which reduces the political debate to a clash of personalities. More often than not, the media come across as a business, a source of profits, rather than placing themselves in the service of democracy as public-interest service providers."



Gert Weisskirchen, former Member of the German Parliament (Bundestag), from 1976 to 2009; former Vice-President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly (2005)

"Morality and ethics for the proper functioning of democracy"

"(..) Politicians are weak, playing a kind of game. (...) Politicians do not always engage in open dialogue with the electorate. They sometimes deliberately disguise their weaknesses and are insincere in their dealings with the general public. People wishing to enter a career in politics should bear this in mind and use their competences to serve their democracies to the best of their abilities.

Morality or ethics in politics is an essential element for democracy, which comprises elements of admiration. A politician who is responsible for his constituency, indeed for his country, is one who is capable of changing and improving realities. Any chasm between expectations of a democratically elected representative and his day-to-day behaviour will try people's patience, arouse suspicion of democracy and ultimately lead to crisis between the political institutions and the electorate. This crisis is currently looming large in many European countries.

Why is demagogy on the increase, particularly at a time of crisis? Why do politicians never manage to carry out what they have promised?

When we see what our leaders, world leaders, actually do, we realise that there is a very serious crisis in political circles. They should produce a new statutory framework to sort out the finances of the different countries. They should also ensure that the citizens and peoples of nation states worldwide can find renewed confidence in their leaders in the face of the crises we are experiencing. I also hope that journalists will have the courage to criticise mistakes which have been committed and that the politicians will hear these criticisms."

Zarko Puhovski, Director of the European University for Peace, Austria, and former President of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights for Croatia, Zagreb (2000-2007)

"Living with conflict is in the very nature of democracy"



"(...) I think the theme of the Conference, "The Crisis of Leadership", is misleading. When we look at democracy from a theoretical and practical viewpoint, the leadership concept is extravagant. It is a problem which relates to the very foundations of democracy. These foundations are very simple: we citizens are autonomous political subjects, adults who, as we say in psychology, do not need leaders. (...)

The word "leader" does not in fact necessarily refer to a democratic leader: the first idea it suggests is really one of "charisma". The question of strong leadership is primordial, automatically pushing the idea of democracy into the background. (...)

The citizenship issue is central to the debate on the crisis in politics, because there is no democracy without citizens. The cradle of democracy is the crisis of the old regime. Democracy lives through crises, and is in permanent conflict with the concept of stability. The aim is not to swing from one extreme to the other, but to constantly seek compromise. However, increasing stability does not always have the effect of increasing democracy.

The advantage of living with conflicts in democracy is that we can deal with them not by wielding power and resorting to violence but by means of resolutions and dialogue. Living with conflict is in the very nature of democracy.

Two words which are important to the community are "politics" and "media". *Politisa politica* originally referred to an activity geared to promoting the common weal. Politicians were the actors of the common good. "Media" refers to mediation. The verb "to mediate" refers to a set of institutions and practices situated between the source and the target of the information. Both these concepts have now lost their initial meanings. A parliamentary election in any democratic community now boils down to a political "genocide", in the sense that the people are no longer needed. Where the media are concerned, they do not play the role of mediator, as they should, but rather see themselves as producing information. They have the power to "fashion" information and we have no means of supervising journalists. All the politicians whom I know live in fear of journalists. This means that the media are the problem of modern democracy, because it is a new power which lacks a democratic counterbalance. The wealthy control the media for their own purposes. We can draw two conclusions from this situation. First of all, politicians are playing a new role; and secondly, how are we to fill in the time between elections? Should we "sleep"

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politically for the intervening years or can we act in between times? Demonstrations and all other forms of peaceful action are selective means of challenging the situation in a given country.

Countries and citizens need leadership, a direction, support. However, they cannot confer a political role on experts. In this context, the idea of "participatory democracy" comes into its own, because it is a system in which more or less all decisions are taken by all members of society by public deliberation. (...)"

Volodymyr Schapoval, President of the Central Electoral Commission of Ukraine

"The different perceptions of leadership"

"(...) There is no one definition of leadership. In Europe we consider that there are groups of countries with differing perceptions of leadership.

In Ukraine and Ireland the political approach differs widely, for a variety of reasons. The politician is part of society, and can put forward certain ideas, give them concrete expression and execute them. The characteristics and attitudes peculiar to post-Soviet states, namely collectivism in public affairs, lead to a specific kind of leadership. There are times when this approach has played an important and positive role for society. However, it often involves outright rejection of individualism. These features necessarily influence the approach to leadership. (...)

The question of status must also be taken into account in any discussion of leadership. In a parliamentary system, the Prime Minister must be considered as the leader. In Ukraine, for instance, the post of President predetermines the leadership status of the person occupying this post. In fact, I think there are three categories of situation. A party can generate or create a leader, but this is politically rather unclear. In the United Kingdom, for example, over the last ten to fifteen years, the main political parties have failed to pinpoint political leaders with the same status as Margaret Thatcher.

Another fairly common scenario is where the parties gather round behind leaders who have already proved their worth. The latter may have lost the leadership of a party, as happened in Ukraine when President Yanukovych became the head of a party which already existed. Valid candidates can join, become members or leaders of a party, or stand for election.

A leader reflects society, he or she is the product, the result of changes in society at a given point in time, and the political personality must reflect society's values. (...)

An elected leader must be appointed to a post if he or she is to have any legitimacy. He must be legitimately recognised, whence the importance of elections.

In recent history, Joseph Potsoski was acknowledged as a great leader just before World War II when he play a key role for Poland. He refused to stand for the Presidency even though he had a very good chance of election. This political figure, who is now rather obscure, was acknowledged as the Father of the Nation, even though he never won any elections, and he has been pushed into the background. Elections are vital, because they constitute a democratic process which helps ensure status and legitimacy. And I think legitimacy is of the essence.



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In conclusion, I would just mention the enormous complexity of the concept of leadership in the contemporary world. It is very difficult to reduce everything to a single leadership model. I believe that the strongest and most legitimate leader is one who has been recognised by society. Only such a leader will have the requisite authoritative competences and instruments to influence events."

CHAPTER 3:

Civil resistance, democratisation and democratic stability

In a world which is characterised by intense trade and interconnected economies, climate change, the terrorist threat and organised crime are common challenges to be taken up by global actors in unison. What is the optimum response to these challenges, which threaten our societies on a daily basis?

Leaders do not hold exclusive responsibility for the proper functioning of democracy. All members of society can contribute actively to changing society, or at least to attempting to resolve dysfunctions. This is the principle of active citizenship, where everyone has the "capacity to take an active role in public affairs, whether through formal democratic structures, through the press, through public debate, through associations, political parties, trade unions, local clubs and societies or simply through informal networks and mutual aid amongst neighbours, friends and family"3.

This Chapter introduces the whole concept of "civil resistance", which prioritises the tactic of "non-violence" and places the citizen at the heart of the action. In so-called democratic societies, citizens must be allowed to express disagreement and combat injustices. However, in many societies where freedom of expression is trampled underfoot, civil resistance is becoming more organised and developed and thus offers an alternative to violent resistance, which is unfortunately too common. This Chapter also introduces the issue of effective contestation. How can we ensure the effectiveness of resistance, in order to establish lasting democratic stability? In other words, we should be thinking about the means of ensuring that popular democratisation processes introduce changes which are enduring and above all are based on genuine values. In the decision-making process, the issue of respecting human rights must be central to all action.

Peter Ackermann, Arwa Hassan and Goran Svilanovic, who are specialists in these questions of civil resistance, democratisation and democratic stability, provide their insights.

³ https://eurofound.europa.eu/areas/qualityoflife/active.htm

Conference C:

Civil resistance, democratisation and democratic stability

Chair:

François Friederich,

Co-ordinator of the Council of Europe Schools of Political Studies Programme

Speakers:

Peter Ackerman,

Founding President of the International Centre on Nonviolent Conflict (ICNC), Washington DC

Arwa Hassan,

Specialist in international development and civil society organisations in the Middle East, Frankfurt

Goran Svilanovic,

OSCE co-ordinator for economic and environmental activities, Vienna

Palais de l'Europe, 28 June 2010, 14.00-16.00, room 9



Peter Ackerman, Founding President of the International Centre on Nonviolent Conflict (ICNC), Washington DC, and member of the Council on Foreign Relations and of the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

"Civil non-violent resistance for more democratic governance"

I would like to mention some misunderstandings about civil resistance, which is sometimes a bit like a change of regime; when we talk about triggering change, it means an individual attempting to bring about change from the outside, that is to say a coup d'état in a different form. These movements necessitate mass participation, and they can seldom be initiated from the outside, even if people can sometimes influence events from the inside.

Secondly, you do not have to be a pacifist to take part in peaceful or passive resistance. Looking at all the resistance movements that have been initiated since 1900, we note that they were led by people who would have used an option other than force if they had had the choice. Civil resistance is used as a means of changing the regime in power because people consider the strategic consequences of conflict. What are we to think of Martin Luther King, for instance, who opposed the use of violence? He wrote a book entitled *Why We Can't Wait* in which he tells how despite protests, he decided to continue resisting until he obtained results. The key element here, as in the case of Gandhi, (...) was the fact of creating these disturbances in order to undermine the opposing party's power structure.

Another interpretation problem shows that this approach does not work against all violent regimes, as proven by the history of civil resistance. Non-violent resistance is essentially an act of disruption and disturbance which makes it more difficult for the opposing party to remain in power and retain its legitimacy. The key element in civil resistance is the fact of a change of loyalties in the bureaucracy, among individuals who are in power in terms of economic structures, and civil resistance movements succeed most definitely when they also involve soldiers and members of the military. Studies have been conducted on this subject. There have been 350 insurrections since 1900. We have noted two different tactics, namely non-violence and violence, as the two main methods. In two-thirds of the 320 violent insurrections, the success rate was 25%. In the civil resistance movements, the success rate was higher, namely 50%. (...)

You will also notice that since civil resistance movements require mass co-operation and participation by society, they lead to more democratic forms of governance once the transition has been completed."

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Non-violent tactics:

over 200 different tactics have been registered, including: non-cooperation, civil disobedience, street theatre and acrobatics; singing, poetry, humour, surveillance of institutions, budgets, expenditure and public services, social networking technologies (facebook, blogs), education and training, social and economic empowerment initiatives, demonstrations, petitions, marches,

sit-ins and boycotts

Arwa Hassan, Specialist in international development and civil society organisations in the Middle East, Frankfurt.

"Rethinking strategies for the self-fulfilment of civil society"

"I would like to stress that corruption is still one of the major problems which civil society is attempting to combat in the Middle East. Corruption is a stumbling block not only for the full implementation of human rights but also for development in the Middle East. This problem intensifies when corruption becomes systemic: corruption really impregnates all spheres of society and prevents basic service provision for the citizens. Over the last twenty years we have seen the emergence of several initiatives promoting the full development of civil society, even though this area is still fraught with difficulties. There have been a number of efforts to introduce reforms, and various Bills have been tabled, but unfortunately governmental structures are highly centralised and very few responsibilities go to civil society. (...)

In Egypt, corruption affects many spheres of society and remains difficult to combat. It has completely paralysed the normal functioning of society, and bribing an official to speed up a procedure is commonplace. It can take ages, for example, to obtain a passport, but money under the table will expedite proceedings. The poorer sections of the population are being marginalised, excluded from bribery because of their modest resources. Activists are facing major challenges, and Egypt provides some very telling examples of these problems.

A few years ago, the Government published the so-called "NGO Law 84", which dramatically restricted NGOs' freedom of action and made completely neutral activities subject to prosecution. The fact of emailing a so-called "foreign" entity in the United States or Europe became a punishable offence. Only a small number of civil organisations have managed to challenge the governmental policy and demand more rights by handing out tracts. However, the law has succeeded in blocking even this small opening.

The blatant lack of transparency between communities is a further challenge. Governments manage to persuade donors to pay their aid directly to the central authorities; they claim that the NGOs are badly organised and do not deserve the money donated. NGOs need to improve their strategy and increase mutual solidarity in order to overcome these obstacles, by using much more imagination.

The "Chefin.com" group, which means "we see you" in Egyptian Arabic, has managed this feat. This group is mainly made up of women from a variety of backgrounds. It was set up in 2005 at a time when non-violent female demonstrators were being harassed by governmental forces. The government denied any responsibility, despite video recordings which proved the opposite. The idea was therefore to propose a secure platform for hearing citizens' complaints, monitor the government and show it



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that the citizens were not blind. The group has adopted as its logo a black eye on a red background. The group has its own campaign funding, and its members have been working from home and from work. Before the 2005 election campaign, activists outside Cairo were training in the use of all types of technology, which was very innovative for Egypt at the time. Co-ordinators and volunteers were brought in to monitor and observe the elections. A press campaign was launched during the electoral period, and a website was also created to register complaints of electoral fraud; images of electoral irregularities were published on YouTube and a great many actions were carried out, with wide media coverage. The activists were harassed and terrorised by governmental troops, who invaded their offices. (...)

The strategy and specificity of Chefin.com have been to alert citizens by showing them that their rights were being flouted. The group exploited citizen dissatisfaction.

Participation can be promoted and the masses mobilised by means of low-risk action, and the non-aggressive nature of the action should also be stressed, making it more difficult for the government to react with violence. The main point is that civil resistance can be one of the mainstays for supporting society, and the media must also contribute. The conventional strategies for combating corruption can be complemented, and innovative techniques can often offset operational difficulties on the ground. Originality and inventiveness are the watchwords."

Goran Svilanovic, OSCE co-ordinator for economic and environmental activities, Vienna.

"Introducing sustainable democratic values"

"I would like to talk about sustainability. What practices do we need in order to make changes last? It is not merely a case of changing the government and getting rid of a powerful individual: we must also introduce sustainable, lasting values within the country.

After their arrival in power, leaders learn a lot. They can adopt one of two attitudes: either they show a desire to remain in power for good, or they decide to support the cause which brought them to power in the first place and endeavour to establish fundamental values or ensure respect for such values.

I recently joined an interesting group of eminent persons attempting to analyse the strategies implemented by NATO and Russia. (...) The group members could not agree on human rights as a set of values to be respected from the outset. The primary concerns were the new threats to security, piracy, trafficking in human beings, and also terrorism, drug trafficking, dwindling resources, nuclear waste, money laundering and corruption. In your political careers and in your various countries, you should try to ascertain the national reaction to all these issues. They will have an impact on the future of your country, those in government and the stability not only of the European Union but also of Europe as a continent, as a territory made up of countries and nations. These threats must be properly managed at the national level. What is needed is a genuine long-term change, a real transformation at the national level in the functioning of the country. (...)

In global diplomacy, all leaders need legitimacy. They must observe the law and guarantee the Constitution, but they must also treat it critically in order to make the changes they deem necessary. This is what I would call the "supreme legitimacy factor". (...)

What guides our leaders if not human rights? Human rights must be respected, but we must also ensure that sufficient natural resources are available. We must prevent leaders from pushing human rights to one side in their decision-making processes, particularly in the fields of climate change and the environmental threat, where human rights come in fourth place rather than first in terms of the "supreme legitimacy factors" in national politics.

The leaders' fear of terrorism and their desire to guarantee minimum resources is quite justified. However, the human rights concept must be borne in mind too, just as we must also strike a balance in our choices. To put this concept aside is to engage in *Realpolitik*, which is a major challenge. Leaders can at any time abandon the values



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which brought them to power. This is part of the concept of losing power and jeopardising democracy (...).

There are very real threats. My country, Serbia, aspires to acceding to the European Convention on Human Rights. We still have work to do, but thanks to your support we will ensure that our countries develop in line with the provisions and standards of the Council of Europe."

CONCLUSION:

Towards visionary leadership and a genuine culture of ethics

The debates during the fifth Summer University concentrated on the need to revive the idea of democracy by stressing the importance of the role of leadership. The current period of crisis and doubt in all western countries highlights the need for new leadership. This term embraces all players taking an active part in developing and improving our societies: citizens, associations, local and regional associations, state players and the international community.

A leader must propose appropriate solutions for problems which, as Bianca Jagger⁴ stressed in her closing address, concern us all and impact directly or indirectly on our lives. In addition, we must dialogue, exchange and debate with all our economic, political and social partners.

Goran Svilanovic alerted the participants in Strasbourg to the threats and pitfalls to which leaders are prone. The reality of power is often far removed from the ideals of young leaders who come to power defending certain values. The role and status of a leader must be challenged, particularly in times of crisis.

More than just uniting, leading and organising, the leader must be firm, balanced and legitimate. Nevertheless, there is no such thing as a universal model for leadership. French leadership is different from American leadership and the Asian model, because of the differing relation to power. It is often impossible to transpose a model from one country to another. Every society has its own specificities and characteristic power structure. The powerful message from all our discussions boils down to this: "let's show solidarity by helping each other provide the best possible solutions".

The crisis has had the advantage of triggering a wind of reform and a genuine dynamic for change among leaders, whose role is to prevent any worsening of the crisis. Accordingly, political action must take the long-term perspective in order to capitalise on the public officials' and politicians' leadership qualities. Will the stability of our societies guide our decision-making, or, on the contrary, will we prioritise innovation and inventiveness? Major changes occur in times of crisis, when the existing instruments for addressing the problems are overtaken by global challenges and new players emerge to provide global solutions. The role of such international and supranational structures as the Council of Europe, the UN, the G20, the

⁴ A human rights and environmental activist, founder and President of the Bianca Jagger Human Rights Foundation.

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geopolitical and economic organisations (MERCOSUR, ASEAN and the European Union) should not be underestimated.

At all events, the culture of democracy must be presented and promoted by means of genuine democratic and ethical choices. Political leaders, the media and civil society bear equal responsibility for creating and perpetuating a genuine culture of ethics in society. More ethics also means more transparency and therefore more democracy.

APPENDICES

Appendix I: Programme of the 5th Summer University for Democracy

Monday 28 Iune

09.00 - 12.30

Opening Session Session d'ouverture

Mr Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe M.

Thorbjørn Jagland, Secrétaire Général du Conseil de l'Europe Welcome by **Mr Roland Ries**, Senator Mayor of Strasbourg

Statement by Mr Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu, President of the Parliamentary

Assembly of the Council of Europe

Statement by Ms Luisella Pavan-Woolfe, Permanent Representative of the

European Commission to the Council of Europe

Address by **Ms Catherine Lalumière**, President of the European Association of the Schools of Political Studies of the Council of Europe, former Secretary

General of the Council of Europe

Statement by Mr Vasko Naumovski, Deputy Prime Minister for EU

Integration of "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia", on behalf of the

Chair of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

11.00 Opening lecture by Ms Sylvie Kauffmann, Editor in chief, "Le Monde", Paris

12.15 Group photo in front of the Palais de l'Europe

12.30 Lunch at the restaurant of the European Parliament

14.00 - 16.00 **Introductory conferences**

CONFERENCE A:

LEADERSHIP IN A TIME OF CRISIS (FINANCIAL AND ECONOMIC. GLOBALISATION, TERRORISM, ORGANISED CRIME...)

Chair:

Mr Wendelin Ettmayer, Ambassador, author on International Affairs,

Vienna Speakers:

Mr Mindia Ugrekhelidze, former Judge in respect of Georgia, European

Court of Human Rights Mr Masahiro Kawai, Dean and CEO, Asian Development Bank Institute,

CONFERENCE B:

CRISIS OF POLITICS AND DEMOCRACY

Tokyo

Chair:

Mr Klaus Schumann, former Director General of Political Affairs, Council of Europe

Speakers:

Mr Zarko Puhovski, Professor, former President of the Croatian Helsinki Committee of Human Rights, Zagreb

Mr Gert Weisskirchen, former Member of the Bundestag, Wiesloch

Mr Adrian Severin, Member of the European Parliament, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania

CONFERENCE C:

CIVIL RESISTANCE, DEMOCRATISATION AND DEMOCRATIC SUSTAINABILITY

Chair:

Mr Vladimir Lukin, Human Rights Ombudsman of the Russian Federation,

Moscow Speakers:

Mr Peter Ackerman, Founding Chair, International Center on Nonviolent

Conflict, Washington D.C.

Ms Arwa Hassan, international development specialist focusing on civil

society organisations in the Middle East region, Frankfurt

Mr Goran Svilanovic, Co-ordinator of OSCE Economic and Environmental

Activities, Vienna

20.00 Reception offered by the Secretary General of the Council of Europe,

Palais Universitaire

Monday 28 June - Tuesday 29 June

Thematic workshops

A1: International leadership, multilateralism and globalisation. The role of the States and international organisations in global governance

Monday 28 June Chair

16.30 - 18.30 Leonora Kryeziu, Founder and Director of the School of Political

Studies in Kosovo

Speaker:

Wendelin Ettmayer, Ambassador, expert in international relations

and writer, Vienna

Tuesday 29 June Chair:

09.30 – 12.00 Olsi Dekovi, Director of the Academy of Political Studies in Tirana

Speaker

Masahiro Kawai, Dean and CEO of the Asian Development Bank

Institute in Tokyo

14.30 – 16.30 *Chair*

Sonja Licht, Director of the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence

Speaker

Ivan Vejvoda, Executive Director of the "Balkan Trust for

Democracy"

A2: What kind of leadership is needed to face global challenges (financial crisis, terrorism, environment, etc.)?

Monday 28 June Chair

16.30 – 18.30 Istvan Gyarmati, President of the International Centre for

Democratic Transition in Budapest

Speaker:

Irina Alexieva, Director of Bulgarian School of Politics

Tuesday 29 June *Chair:*

09.30 – 12.00 Leonora Kryeziu, Founder and Director of the School of Political

Studies in Kosovo

Speaker:

THE CRISIS OF LEADERSHIP

Julian Popov, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bulgarian

School of Politics

14.30 16.30 *Chair*

Nevena Crljenko, Director of the Academy for Political

Development in Zagreb

Speaker:

Julian Popov, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Bulgarian

School of Politics

A3: Leadership in a crisis: the American experience

Monday 28 June Chair

16.30 – 18.30 Nevena Crljenko, Director of the Academy for Political

Development in Zagreb

Nancy Forbord, Director of the Diplomatic Tradecraft Associates

(DTA)

Tuesday 29 June Chair:

19.30 – 12.00 Igor Gaon, Executive Director of the School of Political Studies

Bosnia and Herzegovina in Sarajevo.

14.30-16.30 *Speaker:*

Nancy Forbord, Director of the Diplomatic Tradecraft Associates

(DTA)

B1: Crisis of leadership and crisis of politics: challenge to democratic legitimacy and public authority?

Monday 28 June Chair

16.30 – 18.30 Armen Zakaryan, Director of the Yerevan School of Political Studies

in Armenia *Speaker*:

Christian Saves, Political scientist specialised in democracy

Tuesday 29 June Chair:

09.30 – 12.00 Boris Raonic, Director of the School of Democratic Leadership in

Podgorica Speaker:

François-Gilles Le Theule, Director of European Affairs at the ENA

14.30 16.30 *Chair:*

Ilgar Mammadov, Director of the Baku Political Studies Programme

Speaker:

Christian Saves, Political scientist specialised in democracy

B2: Leadership: technocracy or politics?

Monday 28 June Chair

16.30 – 18.30 Elena Nemirovskaya, Director of the Moscow School of Political

Studies

Speaker:

Alexei Makarkin, Vice President of the Centre of political

technologies in Moscow

Tuesday 29 June Chair:

09.30 – 12.00 Armaz Akhvlediani, Director of the Tbilisi School of Political

Studies Speaker:

Alexei Makarkin Vice President of the Centre of political

technologies in Moscow

14.30 - 16.30 *Chair:*

Olsi Dekovi, Director of the Academy of Political Studies in Tirana

Speaker:

Marija Lugaric, Member of the Croatian Parliament

B3: How to make elections more democratic: electoral standards, internal democracy of political parties, gender balance in politics?

Monday 28 June

16.30 – 18.30 Viorel Cibotaru, Executive Director of the European Institute for

Political Studies of Moldova

Speaker:

Chair

Pierre Garrone, Head of the Division of Elections and referendums

at the Venice Commission

Tuesday 29 June Chair:

09.30 – 12.00 Ihor Kohut, Director of the Ukrainian School of Political Studies

Speaker:

Patrick Trees, Secretary of the Canton Bern Parliament

14.30 16.30 *Chair*

Anne Juganaru, Director of the "Ovidiu Sincai" European School in

Bucharest *Speaker*:

Patrick Trees, Secretary of the Canton Bern Parliament

C1: Civil resistance against oppression: leadership from mobilised society

Monday 28 June Chair

16.30 – 18.30 Maciej Bartkowski, Senior Director for Education and Research at

ICNC

Tuesday 29 June

09.30 - 12.00 *Speaker:*

14.30 – 16.30 Anne-Marie Codur, Co-founder of the University of the Middle East

Project, Independent consultant

C2: Civil resistance and accountable governance: role of citizens in the fight against corruption and social and economic Injustice

Monday 28 June

16.30 - 18.30 **Shaazka Beyerle**, Vice President of the Washington-based European

Institute

Tuesday 29 June Speaker:

09.30 - 12.00Vijay Anand, President of the Fifth Pillar, New Delhi

14.30 - 16.30

C3: Role of diplomats in supporting grass-root activism and bottom-up democracy promotion

Monday 28 June Chair:

16.30 - 18.30 **Kurt Bassuener**, Expert for the OSCE-ODIHR's Election Observation

Union

Tuesday 29 June

09.30 - 12.00Speaker:

14.30 - 16.30 Christopher Miller, Foreign Service officer with the U.S. Agency for

International Development (USAID)

12.30 Lunch at the restaurant of the European Parliament

17.00 Information meeting on the "International Center on Nonviolent

Conflict"

Tuesday evening - Reception offered by the City of Strasbourg, Pavillon Joséphine

Wednesday 30 June

09.30 - 12.00 Professional Workshops

Local authorities: strengthening local democracy

Mr Childerik Schaapveld, Director of Democratic Institutions, Council of Europe Speakers:

Mr Owen Masters, expert on local self-government and former Member of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

Mr Robert Herrmann, Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg

Mr Adrian Ionescu, Director of the Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative, Budapest

National authorities: reconciling citizens with their representatives

Chair:

Ms Sonja Licht, Director of the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence Speakers:

Mr Gert Weisskirchen, former Member of the Bundestag, Wiesloch

Mr Jean-Claude Mignon, Head of the French delegation to the Parliamentary

Assembly of the Council of Europe

Mr Andreas Gross, Member of the delegation of Switzerland to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Chair of the Socialist Group

Media: new technologies and training for journalists

Chair:

Mr Jack Hanning, Secretary General of the European Association of the Schools of Political Studies, Strasbourg

Speakers:

Mr Vladimir Vasak, Journalist, ARTE, Strasbourg

Mr Alexandre Heully, Co-founder and Director of the European webzine

"Cafebabel.com", Paris

Civil society: reforms and European integration

Mr Gautier Pirotte, Lecturer, University of Liège

Speakers:

Ms Vanessa Ortiz, Senior Director for Civic and Field Learning, International Center on Nonviolent Conflict, Washington D.C.

Mr Oriano Otocan, Association of the Local Democracy Agencies, Brussels

12.30 Lunch at the restaurant of the European Parliament

14.00 - 17.30 Visit to the Court / Bilateral Meetings Visites à la Cour

14.00 - 15.30 Visit to the European Court of Human Rights for the schools of Armenia,

Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia

Bilateral meeting for the schools of Moldova and Romania Information meeting on the Council of Europe's programmes and activities for the school of Ukraine

Information meeting on the Council of Europe's programmes and activities

for the school of Belarus

16.00 - 17.30 Visit to the European Court of Human Rights for the schools of Belarus,

Moldova, Romania and Ukraine

Bilateral meeting for the schools of Armenia and Azerbaijan

Bilateral meeting for the schools of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Croatia Free afternoon for the schools of Albania, Bulgaria, Georgia, Kosovo*, Montenegro, Russia, Serbia and "The former Yugoslav Republic of

Macedonia"

Evening - free or invitations by Permanent Representations Soirée

Thursday 1 July

09.30 - 12.00 Regional conferences

Energy and security issues in the Black sea

Regional meeting for the schools of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia and Russia

Chair:

Ms Elena Nemirovskaya, Director of the Moscow School of Political Studies Speakers:

Ms Liana Jervalidze, Director of Energy and Environment Project, Georgian

Institute of Public Affairs, Tbilisi

Mr Alexander Krylov, Fellow, Institute of World Economy and

International Relations, Moscow

Energy security and climate challenges

Regional meeting for the schools of Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Kosovo*, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"

Chair:

Ms Sonia Licht, Director of the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence Speakers:

Mr Haakon Blankenborg, Ambassador of Norway to Serbia and to Montenegro, Belgrade

Mr Zoran Morvaj, National Project Manager, Energy Efficiency Project, **UNDP** Croatia

European integration and Eastern Partnership

Regional meeting for the schools of Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine

Chair:

Mr Ihor Kohut, Director of the Ukrainian School of Political Studies, Kyiv Speaker:

Mr Egidio Canciani, Directorate General for the External Relations, **European Commission**

Mr Oleksandr Chalyi, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine, Kviv

14.00 People Power: The Game of Civil Resistance, video game presentation by

International Center on Nonviolent Conflict

14.00 - 15.30 Visit to the European Court of Human Rights for the schools of Georgia,

Kosovo*, Russia and Serbia

Regional meeting for the schools Albania, Montenegro and "The former

Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"

National meeting for the school of Bulgaria

16.00 - 17.30 Visit to the European Court of Human Rights for the schools of Albania,

Bulgaria, Montenegro and "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"

Bilateral meeting for the schools of Georgia and Russia **Bilateral meeting** for the schools of Kosovo* and Serbia

Free afternoon for the schools of Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Bosnia and

Herzegovina, Croatia, Moldova, Romania and Ukraine

Evening - free or invitations by Permanent Representations Soirée

Friday 2 July 2011

10.00 - 12.30 **Closing session**

Chair:

Mr Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Statement by Mr Bamir Topi, President of the Republic of

Address by Ms Ludmila Alexeeva, Chair of the Moscow Helsinki Group, Sakharov prize-winner 2009

Address by Ms Bianca Jagger, Council of Europe Goodwill Ambassador for the fight against the death penalty, Founder and Chair of the Bianca Jagger

Human Rights Foundation, London

11.30 Presentation of the Final Declaration Présentation de la Déclaration

finale

Award of diplomas to the participants by the Secretary General

Closing of the 5th Summer University by the Secretary General of the

Council of Europe

19.30 Garden party at the Jardin des Deux Rives

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