

INVITATION

Workshop for the Future (for participants aged between 18 and 30)

After the Brexit Referendum: Is the European Union Still Worth Fighting For?

After the 'Leave' vote in last June's Brexit referendum, the European Union is shaking on its foundations, no matter how hard politicians and officials are trying to pretend otherwise. The UK is gone, or so it seems, and in many EU member countries from Hungary to France and from Austria to the Netherlands, Eurosceptic parties are scoring high in the opinion polls before next year's election or are already in government. Even Germany is no longer the pro-European model pupil it has been for so long. In the eyes of young Europeans, including those from the UK, is the European Union a lost cause and should Europeans find a different way to organise their future, are Europeans sleepwalking into a new catastrophe or is the EU still a cause worth fighting for? The Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union challenges young Europeans to debate about the Europe they want with EU veterans, Members of the European Parliament, EU experts from think tanks and representatives of civil society.

Date: **Wednesday, 16 November 2016, 14.00 – 18.00**

(Light lunch: 13:00-14:00)

Venue: **Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung**

European Union

B-1050 Brussels

Rue d'Arlon 15

Programme

13:00-14:00 **Lunch**

14:00-14:05 **Welcome** by **Klaus Lisenmeier**, Director Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union

14:05-15:00 **Introductory session** with **Fraser Cameron**, Director of the EU-Asia Centre in Brussels, **Karen Fogg**, associate fellow of Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies and **Pierre Jonckheer (Belgium)**, co-president of the Green European Foundation

Moderator: **Klaus Lisenmeier**, Director Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union

15:00-15:50 **Parallel working groups**

A **BREXIT is not inevitable. What can be done to avoid it?**

Input: **Fraser Cameron**, Director of the EU-Asia Centre in Brussels; **Grace Murray**, head of the Brussels office of UK Green MEP Molly Scott Cato

Moderator: **James Bartholomeusz**, MA Philosophy, King's College London

B **BREXIT is inevitable. What can be done to keep close relations between the EU and the UK? What is especially important for the young generation?**

Input: **Karen Fogg**, associate fellow of Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, **Sophie Heine**, research associate at the Centre for International Studies, Oxford University,

Moderator: **Marta Pont**, Membership and Outreach Manager European Citizen Action Service (ECAS)

15:50-16:00 Coffee break

16:00-16:50 Parallel working groups

C **The disintegration of the EU is not unstoppable. What reforms are needed to save the European Union?**

Input: Sophie Heine, research associate at the Centre for International Studies, Oxford University, Paul Adamson, chairman of Forum Europe and founder and editor of *E!Sharp*, Terry Reintke, MEP (Greens/EFA)

Moderator: James Bartholomeusz, MA Philosophy, King's College London

D **BREXIT makes EU disintegration unstoppable. What can be done to prevent that Europe will backslide?**

Input: Fraser Cameron, Director of the EU-Asia Centre in Brussels, Edouard Gaudot, Political Adviser to the Green Group at the European Parliament

Moderator: Laurent Standaert, Editor-in-Chief of the Green European Journal tbc

16:50-17:00 Coffee break

17:00-18:00 **Concluding session (reports from the working groups and final debate) with:** Paul Adamson, chairman of Forum Europe and founder and editor of *E!Sharp*, Ulrike Lunacek (Austria), Vice President of the European Parliament, member of the Greens/EFA group and Karen Fogg, associate fellow of Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies

Moderator: Klaus Linsenmeier, Director Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union

18:00 -19:00 Reception

Biographies of programme contributors and moderators

Paul Adamson (UK) is chairman of Forum Europe and founder and editor of *E!Sharp*, an online magazine dedicated to covering the European Union and Europe's place in the world. He is a member of Rand Europe's Council of Advisors and sits on the external advisory board of YouGov-Cambridge, a polling think-tank. He is a member of the advisory groups of the European Institute in Washington DC and the Washington European Society. He is also on the advisory group of the EU chapter of Women in International Security (WiiS). Paul is a Visiting Professor at the Policy Institute, King's College London, a patron of the University Association of Contemporary European Studies (UACES) and a Fellow of the UK Academy of Social Sciences. He founded the consulting firm Adamson Associates, which was sold to Weber Shandwick and The Centre, which was later sold to Edelman. In 2012, Paul was made an Officer of the Order of the British Empire (OBE) 'for services to promoting understanding of the European Union', a part of the Queen's 2012 New Year Honours Diplomatic Service and Overseas List.

James Bartholomeusz (UK) graduated with an **MA in Philosophy** from King's College London in 2014. He received his BA from the University of Exeter in 2013, graduating with a First Class Honours in English. He has also published a trilogy of young adult novels, and blogs at Thought Fox and Young Voices of Europe. In 2015 he took place in the capacity building on right-wing populism and extremism in Europe organised by the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union.

Dr Fraser Cameron (UK) is **Director** of the **EU-Asia Centre in Brussels**. He is a former European Commission advisor and well known policy analyst and commentator on EU and international affairs. He is visiting professor at the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin, St Andrews University, the University of Auckland and Senior Advisor to the European Policy

Centre (EPC). Dr Cameron was educated at the Universities of St Andrews (MA) and Cambridge (PhD). He was a Research Fellow at the University of Hamburg (1973-74) and a Lecturer in International Relations at the University of Kent (1974-75). From 1975-89, he was a member of the British Diplomatic Service serving mainly in Germany, and covering economic, political and press affairs. He joined the European Commission in 1990, as an advisor in external relations, and was closely involved in enlargement, transatlantic relations, the Balkans, Asia and global governance. He was Political Counsellor in the EU delegation in Washington DC from 1999-2001. Dr Cameron has lectured widely to business, academic and media audiences around the world. He is also a consultant to the BBC and a number of governments on EU affairs. He is the author of several books and articles on the EU and external relations. His recent books include *An Introduction to European Foreign Policy*, *The Future of Europe* and *US Foreign Policy after the Cold War* (published by Routledge). In 1975 Fraser Cameron was chairman of Cambridge in Europe.

Karen Fogg (UK) is currently an **associate fellow** of **Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies** and has been the Secretary-General of International IDEA from 2002-2005. She has worked for the EU Commission and was the Head of Delegation in Ankara (1998-2002) and before that in Bucharest (1993-1998). She worked on PHARE and Enlargement since 1990. Prior to that, she worked in development cooperation in central Africa and on food security issues. Joining the Commission in 1973, she first worked on employment, social policy and education. She was assistant secretary general of the International European Movement from 1970-73. Karen Fogg, a British citizen, studied in Bristol, Bruges and Manchester, focusing on European integration and East-West relations.

Edouard Gaudot (France), an historian and political scientist, is a **Political Adviser** to the **Green Group** at the **European Parliament**. A former history teacher, Edouard worked between 2004 and 2008 for Professor Bronislaw Geremek, first at the Natolin College of Europe in Warsaw, as Coordinator for the Chair of European Civilisation and later in Brussels at the European Parliament. He notably ensured the scientific coordination of B. Geremek's last opus (co-directed with Prof. R. Picht): *Visions d'Europe*, Odile Jacob, 2007. After a brief passage at the European Commission's Representation in France, he joined Daniel Cohn-Bendit and worked for the Europe-Ecologie movement as a campaign advisor. Edouard has lived and worked in Australia, Poland, Austria, Belgium and France.

Sophie Heine (Belgium) is a **research associate** at the **Centre for International Studies, Oxford University**. She holds a PhD in European Politics from the Institute for European Studies (Université Libre de Bruxelles). After a post-doctoral research at Oxford University and a one-year lectureship at Queen Mary University (London), she was a Senior Research Fellow at the Egmont Institute in Brussels till recently. Her areas of publication and expertise are: populism and Euroscepticism, progressive ideologies and strategies, European federalism, gender-related debates and injustices. She has written extensively on those topics, in both academic and non academic formats.

Pierre Jonckheer (Belgium) is a **co-president** of the **Green European Foundation**. He was member of the European Parliament from 1999-2009 and Vice-President of the Greens/EFA Group between 2001-2009. Prior to that, he served eight years as a member of the Belgian Senate for Ecolo, the French-speaking Belgian Green Party. He is currently deeply involved in the Foundation's activities, and at the same time, he is a Professor of European affairs at the University of Louvain (UCL). Pierre is an Honorary Senator of Belgium.

Klaus Lisenmeier (Germany) is the **Director** of the **Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung European Union**. His fields of interest and expertise are: Foreign and Security Policy, Economy, Development and Globalisation, Environment, Democracy Promotion. He started his professional career in the private business sector (media distribution) before joining medico international in Frankfurt, a German Human Rights NGO as programme-coordinator and later managing director. Further steps in his career were closely related to the development of the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung. Klaus Lisenmeier holds a Master of Arts in Economics (Dipl. rer. pol.) from the Albert Ludwigs University in Freiburg/Breisgau and studied Small Enterprise Promotion at Cranfield School of Management/ UK and Business Administration (MBA) at the University of Hagen/University of Wales. He is father of two children. Before he came to

Brussels he was Executive Director of the Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung North America, Washington, D.C.

Ulrike Lunacek (Austria) is Vice President of the European Parliament. She has been a member of the Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament since 2009 and is head of delegation of the Austrian Greens in the EP. Lunacek is Kosovo-rapporteur, co-president of the Intergroup on LGBTI Rights, member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and substitute in the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs.

Grace Murray (UK) is head of the Brussels office of UK Green MEP Molly Scott Cato. Previously she has worked on energy policy for the Greens/EFA Group in the European Parliament, and before that for the Scottish Greens in Edinburgh.

Marta Pont (Spain) is the Membership and Outreach manager at the European Citizen Action Service (ECAS). In addition to providing advice services to ECAS' members on how to access EU funding, Marta is responsible for devising and implementing the organisations' advocacy strategy vis-à-vis EU institutions and other relevant stakeholders. She further coordinates a research and advocacy project on the implications of Brexit for citizens' rights, in partnership with other organisations in Belgium, Ireland and the UK. Before joining ECAS in 2014, Marta worked as an Assistant to the Representative of the Government of Catalonia to the EU and was previously a Junior Research Fellow at the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMed) in Barcelona. Marta holds a Bachelor Degree in Translation and Interpreting from the Pompeu Fabra University in Barcelona, a Master Degree in International Relations from the Barcelona Institute of International Studies (IBEI), and a Master Degree in European and Political Studies from the College of Europe in Bruges. She is currently completing an LLB with the Open University of Catalonia (UOC).

Terry Reintke (Germany) is a Member of the European Parliament, elected 2014 at the age of 27, which makes her the youngest female MEP. Terry belongs to the Greens/EFA Group and is a member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL), the Committee on Women's Rights and Gender Equality (FEMM), as well as the Committee on Regional Development (REGI). She stands for a Europe that offers prospects for everyone that should allow for a decent life, equal participation and social security. The Greens/EFA group in the European Parliament recently appointed her as shadow rapporteur for the Posting of Workers Directive. Especially in times of crises and rising right-wing populism, it is a matter close to her heart to push for a stronger social dimension of the European Union. Terry was born and raised in Gelsenkirchen and studied political science in Berlin and Edinburgh. She started getting interested in politics at the age of 14 and became an activist of the Young Greens in Germany shortly afterwards. Before becoming a Member of the European Parliament, Terry was the spokesperson of the Federation of Young European Green from 2011 to 2013.

Laurent Standaert (Belgium) (tbc) is Editor-in-Chief of the [Green European Journal](#). Hailing from Brussels, Laurent began his career as a policy advisor and independent consultant for the United Nations and the European Commission. Laurent has also been an active member of the French-speaking Belgian Green Foundation Etopia and the Green party Ecolo, especially on European affairs, foreign policy and socioeconomic issues. He was trained in economics, philosophy and anthropology. He has lived in Belgium, the United Kingdom, Poland, Latvia, Mali and Cameroon.