

FRANCK BIANCHERI AWARD 2018

REPRESENTATION NEEDS PARTICIPATION EUROPEAN ELECTIONS



CIVIC EDUCATION
Workshops of AEGEE Europe



Schedule

Friday: 13.4.2018

15:00-15:30 @plenary room: Opening ceremony

Moderator: *Maria Ballesteros Melero, CD*

Guests: *Nunzia Fraiese (International Relationships Office), Virgilio D'antonio (responsible of Erasmus Mobility), Marie-Hélène Caillol (president AAFB), Giancarlo Mennillo (president of AEGEE-Salerno) and Sonia Della Sala (main organiser), Dorothea Harles (content manager), special guest*

15:30-16:00 @plenary room: Introductory

Lecture by *David Carayol*

In the introductory lecture you will get an overview about the current European election system. This will include the common principles of the elections and also cover the various national electoral laws.

16:00-17:30 Parallel Workshops (I)

I) @plenary room: Y European Parliament(Basic)

by *Maria Ballesteros Melero*

The European Union with its History and Institutions is a complex system that we all heard about somehow, but we need to understand a little in order to really discuss about it. After all, the EU institutions are the european people's institutions. In the workshop you will get to know about the the basics of the history of the European Union, as well as the different institutions in an interactive way. You will be able to formulate changes to the current system and share your vision with your peers.

II) @workshop room: Y European Parliament

(Advanced) by *Elitsa Hadzhieva*

The European Union and the how concept about how it works is a complex system that we all heard about somehow, sometimes even on daily basis. But we need to understand it in order to "feel ever closer" to the EU and have a critical look at it.

This workshop will teach the distribution of power within the EU and the different categories of competences between EU, the member-states and the ones they share.

17:30-18:00 coffee break

18:00-19:15 @plenary room: The current situation in Italy after the elections By Sara Di Matteo (to be confirmed)

On the 4th of March the Italian election took place. The results suggest a long discussion about government formation. What will happen from now on? And what will be the impact on Europe and the upcoming European elections? These questions will be tackled and you can ask any questions about the Italian elections that come to your mind as well!

19:15-19:45 @plenary room: Quiz

by Maria Ballesteros Melero & Dorothea Harles

19:45: dinner & social program

Saturday 14.4.2018

9:00-9:10 @plenary room: introduction to the day

9:10-13:00 @plenary room: Simulation Game

By Maria Ballesteros Melero, Giovanni Dibiasi & Dorothea Harles

13:00-14:30 Lunch

14:30-15:30 @plenary room: Vision of Franck Biancheri on trans-european elections *by Marie-Hélène Caillol, AAFB*

Franck Biancheri, the founder of AEGEE/European's Student Forum, took a great interest in trans-European politics. His whole lifetime, he pushed this idea, for example by creating two trans-European parties running for elections: the first one was IDE in 1989 and the second NewEuropeans in 2009. What can we learn from his work for the future Europe?

15:30-17:00 Parallel Workshop (II): Alternatives to the current election system

I) How to create a trans-European party?

by Marianne Ranke-Cormier & David Carayol

There already existed trans-European parties like IDE (Initiative pour une Démocratie Européenne) created in 1987/1988 running for European election in 1989 in France, or NewEuropeans taking part in France in EU election in 2009. How are they functioning and set up? Discuss it with Marianne Ranke-Cormier and David Carayol who have gathered experience in those parties.

II) E-voting *by*

Régis Jamin

One issue with elections is the low voter turnout. One way to tackle this and also simplify the process of elections is E-voting. Régis Jamin will explain about the creation of the five language webpage of the EU-StudentVote which wants to improve e-voting.

17:00-17:30 coffee break



17:30-19:30 @plenary room: Panel Discussion: "The future of election systems in Europe"

Moderator: *David Carayol*

Speakers:

Marianne Ranke-Cormier (AAFB)

Jens Baganz (We are Europe e.V.)

Pier Virgilio Dastoli (EMI-Italy)

Stefano Vetrano (JEF)

There exist many ideas how to make the current European election system more representative and also to increase participation of citizens. The invited speakers will tell about their view and vision on the current and future election system. Let's discuss about their ideas together.

19:30 dinner & social program

Sunday 15.4.2018

9:00-9:10 @plenary room: introduction to the day

9:10-9:50 @plenary room: Projects Presentation

Y Vote: *by Elitsa Hadzhieva*

Y Vote is a Europe-wide campaign designed to encourage young people to make informed choices at the European Parliament (EP) elections.

The third edition of the project will consist of four parts: conventions, local actions, voting guide and municipalities project. And the aims that Y vote will strive to achieve are:

Aim 1: Develop skills, knowledge and motivation of young Europeans to vote in an informed way

Aim 2: Empower young people in Europe to take an active role in society

Aim 3: Involve young people in the political processes by discussing current youth issues and creating recommendations towards Policy Makers

Election Observation: *by Giovanni Dibiase*

The AEGEE Election Observation Project is organising election observation missions to specifically assess youth engagement. Their aim is to increase the interest of young people in democracy and democratic processes. They want to involve stakeholders in discussion about youth engagement.

#CitizensRoute2019 project *by Marianne Ranke-Cormier*

The #CitizensRoute2019 "The European Election campaign 2019 starts NOW! " is a project launched in Louvain-la-Neuve (Be) in July 2017 by some 20 European civil society organizations. It is dedicated to promoting the emergence of a trans-European political offer by May 2019 and sharp a mutual understanding and interconnection between European citizens and politicians. Marianne Ranke-Cormier, involved in trans-European politics for thirty years, is its president.



9:50-12:00 @plenary and workshop room: Workshops (III): Drafting of ideas for future changes

By Maria Ballesteros Melero & Dorothea Harles

After getting a lot of input in the discussions on the first two days, let's now talk about your ideas!

12:00-13:30: lunch

13:30-15:00 @plenary room: Fishbowl discussion: What impact can we have on the election system?

by David Carayol

The proposal from Newropeans for changes in the election system will be presented by David Carayol. The ideas from the drafting session will be presented to the whole group. Then a fishbowl discussion will follow to discuss the presented ideas and their impact on the election system.

15:00-15:30 @plenary room: Closing Ceremony

The ideas will be summed up to be presented to the AEGEE network after the end of the conference. There will be time to thank all the people who made the conference possible.

Speakers presentation

Maria Ballesteros-Melero

She is vice-president of AEGEE-Europe and coordinates of external advocacy processes. Her tasks include also representing AEGEE at the Life-long learning platform and keep up with NGO partnerships. Due to her experience as a trainer, she takes over many moderations in sessions.



Jens Baganz

Jens Baganz (born 1961 in Heidelberg, Germany) is the chairman of the association „We are Europe! e.V“ which is a grassroots movement of european citizens who want to build a european civil society. Before, he was a politician for the Christian Democrats (CDU) and a civil servant; first as mayor in the city Mühlheim an der Ruhr (1999-2002) and state secretary in the ministry of economy of the federal state North Rhine-Westphalia. About Europe he says: “For me, Europe is like a big country in which I can live anywhere without ever getting homesick.” More information:



<https://web.archive.org/web/20130611005143/http://www.we-are-europe.org:80/de/>

Marie-Hélène Caillol

Marie-Hélène was born in France in 1965 and is a sociologist and linguist. In 2005 she participated in the creation of the European Political Anticipation Laboratory (LEAP), and is still its president. Marie-Hélène Caillol has been president of AAFB (Association des Amis de Franck Biancheri) since its creation in 2012, a few weeks after Franck’s death. Marie-Hélène was Franck’s 20 year companion.

More information:

<http://www.franck-biancheri.eu/aafb/members/>



David Carayol

David Carayol was a member of Newropeans, the trans-european movement founded by Franck Biancheri in 2005 to democratize the European Union. He was actively involved in Newropeans during 5 years from 2005, as a member and a member of the "Comité Directeur". David was then appointed candidate "head of the list" to the European elections for the South West area in France in 2009 while he was coordinator of the political campaign in France in the meantime. After dealing directly with the French national electoral law during the electoral period, he was then in charge after the 2009 elections of leading a study for Newropeans on the different



European Electoral laws in order to issue a Newropeans' unique European electoral law proposal.

Pier VIRGLIO Dastoli



He was born in Anzio (Rome) in 1949, and graduated in Law at Rome's university "La Sapienza" in 1971. He has been the parliamentary assistant of Altiero Spinelli at the Chamber of Deputies from 1977 to 1983, and at the European Parliament from 1977 to 1986.

From 2003 to 2010, he has worked for the European commission, first as the representative chief in Italy and then as the counselor within the Directorate General for communication. He is the President and the spokesman of the European Movement in Italy and member of the Board of the European Movement International.

At Reggio Calabria's university for foreigners "Dante Alighieri" he is professor renown of International Law. He has written several essays and reports on Europe in Italian, English and French.

Giovanni Dibiase



I am Gianni and I have always been interested in politics and international relations that I have studied at the University of Bologna and as an Erasmus student in Prague. I have worked as electoral expert for the OSCE/ODIHR in different Election Observation Missions and with different NGOs focusing on Human Rights education, travelling all over Europe. My past jobs include some experiences at the Italian Ministerial offices and I am a co-author of a book concerning the European history. I joined the AEGEE Election Observation team in 2015, first as an observer in Ukraine and shortly

after as a team member; indeed I truly believe in the principles and values of democracy and human rights, and for me working in this field is more of a lifestyle than a simple job.

Elitsa Hadzhieva (Y vote project)

Elitsa Hadzhieva has a bachelor degree in Political Science from Sofia University in Bulgaria and right now is studying European integration and diplomacy in the EU. For the past 2 years she has been the president of AEGEE-Sofia and since October 2017 she is part of the Y vote project team as the Fundraising and Financial manager. As a political scientist, she is very interested in the topic of elections and most of her experience is connected with that. She has been involved in organisation of the Parliamentary elections in Bulgarian for the local committees in her region, few times a chairperson of a committee and for the



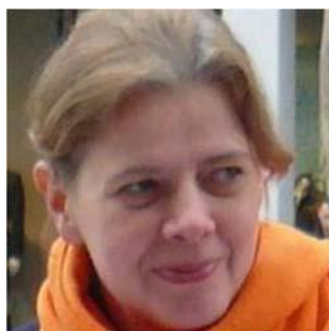
previous EP elections she was part of a team that created an online information campaign towards young people about the importance of the European Elections and how they can vote in Bulgaria.

Régis Jamin



Régis Jamin is the founder and leader of Election-Europe, their team having developed and introduced internet voting in political elections for the first time in 1999. He initiated the EU-StudentVote enabling the election of the first European Student Council. The five language webpage of the EU-StudentVote has about 5.5 million from 2,500 EU universities and schools.

Marianne Ranke-Cormier



Marianne Ranke- Cormier, from Munich, Paris and Arriach (Austria), is vice president of AAFB the association of the friends of Franck Biancheri and president of #CitizensRoute2019. She is involved in trans-European politics for thirty years including the creation of the first trans- European political party IDE (Initiative pour une Démocratie Européenne) in 1989 and Newropeans2009 and 2014, as well as think-tanks and magazines such as Prometheus-Europe, Europe2020, and Newropeans Magazine. More information:

<http://www.franck-biancheri.eu/aafb/members/>

Stefano Vetrano

My name is Stefano Vetrano, I'm 22, I come from Avellino. I study law at the University of Naples and I'm a member of the *Young European Federalists* (JEF) for 3 years. Currently, I am secretary of the *Gioventù Federalista Europea* (GFE) section of Avellino and delegate of the GFE Italy in the National Youth Forum.





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