



## The European Parliament and the European political space

### Programme

30 March 2006

11.00 - 18.00

Goodenough College  
23 Mecklenburgh Square  
London WC1N 2AD

Arrival and registration: 11.00 onwards

Welcome: Mr Brendan Donnelly, Director of the Federal Trust  
Dr. Andreas Maurer, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin

#### Session 1: 11.30 - 12.30

##### KEYNOTE ADDRESS

CHAIRER BY PROFESSOR JO SHAW, UNIVERSITY OF EDINBURGH

##### Nick Clegg MP

Home Affairs Spokesman, Liberal Democrats, and former MEP 1999-2004

##### Questions and Answers

Lunch: 12.30 - 13.15

#### Session 2: 13.15 - 14.15

##### THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND POLITICAL CONFLICT

CHAIRER BY ANNE METTE VESTERGAARD, DANISH INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Professor Simon Hix/Abdul Noury - London School of Economics and Political Science

"After Enlargement: Voting Behaviour in the Sixth European Parliament"

Pierpaolo Settembri - European Institute of Public Administration, Maastricht

"Is the European Parliament competitive or consensual - and why bother?"

##### Questions and Answers

Tea and Coffee: 14.15 - 14.30

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### **Session 3: 14.30 - 15.30**

#### **THE EP'S RELATIONS WITH EUROPEAN AND NATIONAL INSTITUTIONS**

*CHAIR*ED BY FRANCIS JACOBS, EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

**Dr. Andreas Maurer/Daniela Kietz** - Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin

"Interinstitutional Agreements and European Integration" (*title tbc*)

**Brendan Donnelly** - The Federal Trust for Education and Research

"The role of national parliaments in EU policy-making"

*Questions and Answers*

*Tea and Coffee: 15.30 - 15.45*

### **Session 4: 15.45 - 17.00**

#### **THE EU'S NEW MEMBER STATES: FIRST EXPERIENCES IN THE EP**

*CHAIR*ED BY MICHAEL SHACKLETON, EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT

**Dr. Tim Bale / Professor Paul Taggart** - University of Sussex

"The newest of the new? Accession state MEPs: who they are and who they think they are"

**Melchior Szczepanik** - Loughborough University

"The European Parliament after enlargement: any different?"

**Dr Richard Whitaker** - Leicester University

"New kids on the Brussels block: committee assignments in the European Parliament before and after enlargement"

*Questions and Answers*

*Wine reception*