

Speakers' Profiles

Una Europa Talk: Towards a joint European Degree

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Welcome - Christine Neau-Leduc

is a professor of private law at the École de droit de la Sorbonne (EDS) and a member of the Institut de recherche juridique de la Sorbonne (IRJS). Since January 2021, she is the President of the University of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne where she was Director of the Private Law Department of the Doctoral School of Law, Head of the Master's Degree in Corporate Law, Co-Director of the Sorbonne's Centre for Social Law and Vice-President of the Board of Directors in charge of Institutional Affairs from 2016 to 2020.



Introduction to Una Europa joint formats - Maria Gravari Barbas

has a degree in Architecture and Urban Design (University of Athens, 1985) and a PhD in Geography and Planning (Paris IV – Sorbonne, 1991). She was Fellow at the Urban Program of Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore, USA (1990). She is the Director of the EIREST, a multidisciplinary research team dedicated to tourism studies, with main focus on cultural heritage, development, and urban-tourism evolutions. Since 2009 she is the director of the UNESCO Chair of Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne University and the coordinator of the UNITWIN network 'Tourism, Culture, Development'. She is the Chair of the Self-Steering Committee of Cultural Heritage of Una Europa and the Chair of the Joint Doctoral Committee of Una Europa, which coordinates the Doctoral programme of Una Europa (Una-Her-Doc). She is the author of several books on Heritage, Culture, Tourism and Urban Planning.



Panellist - Vanessa Debiais-Sainton

is Head of the Unit in charge of Higher Education policies and programme at the European Commission's Directorate General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture. The unit is the lead service for European policies on reform and transformation of higher education, the new European Universities initiative, automatic mutual recognition of higher education qualifications, the creation of the EU student card, and the higher education strand of Erasmus+. In previous posts in the European Commission, Vanessa has worked in DG Research and Innovation. Before moving to the European Commission in 2006, Vanessa spent eight years working for several petroleum and chemical companies.



Panellist - Peter Lievens

is professor in experimental physics in the Department of Physics and Astronomy of KU Leuven. He obtained his PhD in 1991 at KU Leuven in nuclear physics, on laser spectroscopy studies of ground state properties of short-lived strontium nuclei. He was Fellow at ISOLDE in the Experimental Physics Division at CERN, Geneva, Switzerland in 1991-1992. In 1993 he returned to Leuven as a postdoc of the Research Foundation – Flanders (FWO), initiating research projects in nanoscience and experimental quantum physics. He obtained tenure in 2001 as research professor and is full professor since 2007.

From 2009 till 2017 he was Dean of the Faculty of Science. Since August 2017 he is KU Leuven's Vice Rector responsible for International Policy, LERU and Alumni Policy – recently the focus on Interculturality was added to this. Currently, he has a seat on the Una Europa Board of Directors and is coordinating the 1Europe European Universities Initiative.

The research activities of his group focus on physical and chemical properties of nanoclusters in the gas phase, individual clusters on surfaces, cluster assembled thin films, and low-dimensional systems. He published over 260 papers in international peer-reviewed journals and presented over 70 invited lectures at international conferences, workshops, and universities. He is or has been supervisor of over 30 PhD students.



Panellist - Thierry Coulhon

Born in 1958, Thierry Coulhon is a mathematician and has also studied philosophy. He has been a professor at the University of Cergy-Pontoise since 1992. He has been President of the same university, first vice-president of the Conference of University Presidents, deputy director of Valérie Pécresse's cabinet, director of the Centres of Excellence programme at the Commissariat général à l'Investissement, Director of the Mathematical Sciences Institute at the Australian National University in Canberra, President of the University of Paris Sciences et Lettres, and then Advisor on Education, Higher Education, Research and Innovation in the cabinet of the President of the Republic Emmanuel Macron. He is currently President of the High Council for the Evaluation of Research and Higher Education.



Panellist - Antoine Doucet

is Vice-President for European University in La Rochelle Université, the coordinating partner of the EU-CONEXUS alliance, one of the first 17 alliances launched in 2019, specialised in smart urban coastal sustainability. A tenured professor in La Rochelle Université since 2014, Antoine Doucet took up several roles at the international level. Since 2016, he has been the director of the ICT department of the University of Science and Technology of Hanoi, coordinating the contributions of 11 French universities in Vietnam. He was also in charge of the international relations of La Rochelle Université's Institute of Technology. In terms of his research activities, he coordinated until January 2022 the interdisciplinary Horizon 2020 project "NewsEye: a digital investigator for historical newspapers", focused on augmenting access to historical newspapers, across domains and languages. He further leads the effort on semantic enrichment for low-resourced languages in the context of the H2020 project Embeddia. His main research interests lie in the fields of information retrieval, natural language processing, (text) data mining and artificial intelligence. Antoine Doucet holds a PhD in computer science from the University in Helsinki (a Una Europa partner) and a French habilitation to supervise research (HDR) since 2012.



Panellist - Ana Cláudia Camerano

is an MA student and Erasmus scholarship holder of European Studies (Euroculture programme) at Jagiellonian University and the University of Groningen. Her research is the intersection between digital tech and anti-racist discourse in EU policy-making on migration, as she is focused on the decolonization of the tech sector and advocating for the inclusion of social and racial justice in the digital agenda.

Ana has recently finished a traineeship at a cultural organization in Brussels as part of her masters. Before starting her studies, she worked with social innovation in the public sector back in Brazil between 2017 and 2020, being responsible for national and international projects & events.

Ana graduated in International Relations at the Federal University of Santa Catarina, Brazil, where she took part in the Research Centre for Decolonial and Postcolonial Practices in International Relations and Law, and during her studies, she was able to participate in an internship programme in Peru and volunteering with vulnerable communities in Colombia.