



Heart of Europe Series 2006-7

During the forthcoming academic year the Forum for European Philosophy, in collaboration with the European Institute at the LSE, will be hosting a public programme of eight special events under the title The Heart of Europe. The recent upheavals and tensions in the EU and the uncertainty over the EU's final frontier are posing fundamental questions at the intersection of philosophy, politics, sociology, economics, literature and intellectual history. The idea of a distinctive 'European identity' belongs at the heart of the idea of Europe itself. However, in a time when Europe is playing an ever larger role in the lives of European citizens, the idea of a common European identity seems less secure than ever. It is in response to the profoundly uncertain situation of contemporary European life that we seek to engage in a deliberately multidisciplinary way with questions concerning the Heart of Europe.

Friday 3 November, 9.30am-1.15pm ['World Class? A conference to safeguard the UK's global future'](#) Moderator: Sir Trevor McDonald, Broadcaster and Journalist Sir Howard Davies, Director of the LSE Lord Hannay of Chiswick, Former UK Ambassador to the EU and UN Lord Simon of Highbury, Former Govt Minister and Former Chairman of BP Venue: Shaw Library, LSE Registration is required, details at <http://www.philosophy-forum.org/> This event is held in association with the European Cultural Foundation, Nuffield Foundation and BP plc. Click [here](#) for more information.

Thursday 16 November, 6.30pm Lost in Translation Speakers: Catherine Audard, LSE Philosophy Fellow; Professor Rachel Bowlby, UCL; Maria Fairweather, historian, biographer and simultaneous interpreter; Choman Hardi, poet Venue: Hong Kong Theatre, Clement House Ticket required: This event is free and open to all with no ticket required.

Wednesday 31 January, 5pm A Robin Cook Future of Europe Debate Federal Trust in Association with the Forum for European Philosophy and the LSE European Institute Globalisation and European Identity Chair: Lord Kinnock Panelists to be confirmed Venue: U8, Tower One

Thursday 8 March, 5pm European identity: a policy practitioner's perspective Dr. Heather Grabbe, Cabinet Member and Adviser to EU Enlargement Commissioner Olli Rehn, with responsibility for information strategy and the Western Balkans, and Visiting Fellow in the European Institute.