

## **Second CREST Conference:**

### **'The Changing Roles of the EU's Institutions - Shifts and Balances'**

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The second CREST Conference was part-funded by the European Commission, and took place 23-24 April 1999 at the University East Anglia, Norwich. Its subject was: "The Changing Role of the European Union's Institutions" and it made a special feature of the June 1999 European Parliament elections. Speakers included academics, policy analysts, existing and prospective Members of the European Parliament, and representatives of other EU institutions.

Specific topics included: the role of the Commission; European Parliament elections; EU decision and policy-making processes; the balance of power between EU institutions; enlargement and institutional reform; the voice of the Regions; and the implications of the Euro-zone.

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Venue: Lecture Theatre 1, University of East Anglia, Norwich

Date: 23 - 24 April 1999

Conference Programme

9:20 Registration

9:40 Welcome to Norwich speech by The Lord Mayor of Norwich, Councillor Derek Wood

9:50 Welcome Speech by Professor Colin Davis, Pro-Vice Chancellor, UEA

9:57 Conference Address by Dr Vassiliki Koutrakou, CREST Director UEA

10:05 Introductory Speech Julian Oliver, European Policy Centre, Brussels.  
'The Future of the euro and consequential impact on the EU institutions'

10:30 1st Session, Chair: Professor David Seddon, Development Studies, UEA

#### Speakers

Prof. A. Bosco, Director, The European Institute, South Bank University, 'A Federator for Europe? The past and future role of the European Parliament in the European Constitutional Process'.

Clive Needle, Labour MEP for Norfolk, 'The Role of the European Parliament'

Ros Scott, Committee of the Regions and prospective Liberal Democrat MEP for Eastern Region, 'The Impact on decision-making and representational effectiveness of the Committee of the Regions - Comparison with the Parliament'

12:00 Coffee Break

12:15 2nd Session, Chair: Dr Robert Short, Contemporary European Studies, UEA

#### Speakers

Mark Leonard, Director of Foreign Policy Centre, 'Making Europe Popular - Changing the Culture rather than the Balance of Institutions'

Paul G. Nixon, European Projects Co-ordinator, University of Teeside, 'An examination of the effects of Information and Communication Technologies on political parties in the forthcoming elections to the European Parliament'

13:15 Lunch

14:00 3rd Session, Chair: Dr Barbara Marshall, Contemporary European Studies, UEA

#### Speakers:

Dr Roger Scully, Brunel University, 'The European Parliament in the 21st Century. Towards a Parliamentary Europe?'

Andrew Duff, Director of the Federal Trust and prospective Liberal Democrat MEP for Eastern Region, 'Amsterdam and After'

Bashir Khanbhai, Conservative, prospective MEP, Eastern Region, 'Eurocrats in ivory towers - Reform of the Commission and Relationship with the Parliament'

16:00 Tea Break

16:15 4th Session, Chair: Julian Oliver, European Policy Centre Brussels

Speakers:

William Sleath, The European Commission, London, 'The European Commission's External Relations'

Professor Roger Levy, The Robert Gordon University, 'Measuring the Quality of EU Programme Management: An Empirical Study'

Michelle Cini, University of Bristol, 'The reform of the European Commission: Upgrading the institutional software'

Margaret Wright, Green Party, prospective MEP Eastern Region, 'Reform of the EU Commission, democratic accountability and how to tackle fraud.'

18:15 End of first day

Saturday 24th April

10:00 5th Session, Chair: Dr Roger Scully, Brunel University

Speakers

Diego Varela, London School of Economics, 'A take-it-or-leave-it proposal with incomplete information: What is the European Parliament's share under the co-decision procedure?'

Anne Bonnie, Exeter University, 'The Role of the European Commission in Enforcement Procedures: From Negotiating Compliance to Prosecuting Member States?'

Ruby Gropas, University of Cambridge, 'The European Commission: An Institution promoting human rights in international relations'

11:30 Coffee Break

12:15 6th Session, Chair: Jackie Gower, Thames Valley University

Speakers

Dr. Alex Wright, University of Dundee, 'The New Scottish Parliament and multi-level governance: is territorial empowerment in the EU a myth or a reality?'

Demos Ioannou, Cambridge University, 'Institutional Failure in the European Union: Formal and informal institutions in the implementation of European regional policy in Greece since 1988. Or, why it is amazing that European Community Support Frameworks work at all'.

Nieves Pérez-Solórzano Borragán, University of Exeter, 'Regional Lobbying'

13:15 Lunch

14:15 7th Session, Chair: Dr John Greenaway, Politics, UEA

### Speakers

Jackie Gower, Thames Valley University, 'Enlargement and Institutional Reform'

Fabia Midman, University of Stockholm, 'Europe and Globalisation: The Future Role of the EU Commission'

Oh Suk Yang, University of Warwick, 'The dilemma of efficiency and democracy in the EU's foreign economic policy-making process: The perspectives of institutional and regulatory structure in a multi-level game.'

15:45 Conference close