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Friends of Europe: “Five Minutes Opener” 15 March 2019

Amara Graps opening provocative words for ‘Return of the Space Race’ seminar at the Friends of Europe, European Young Leaders seminar, London.



It is the year 2027. You are the human-on-Earth operator of a 12U CubeSat currently parked at a fueling station in high-Earth-orbit, waiting for the arrival of water extracted from a lunar ice patch to fuel your spacecraft's steam engine.

You've seen at the Minor Planet Center that a Near Earth Asteroid will pass by the Earth at about 3/4 of a lunar distance in five-day's time. The asteroid is less than 10 m in diameter with a speed of a few km/sec. To have so much lead time on a low-velocity small object is unusual.

You have registered your interest in this object at the International Space Objects Mining Registry. With the tiny object fitting the category of 'dirt', your fishing license for that volume of space doesn't need to follow a priority rights declaration procedure. Moreover, you are prepared to mine all of it. Such a plan is optimal for safety measures and is the backbone of your business of recycling dead satellites in graveyard orbit.

Your business has a partnership with the fueling station company to provide the other company feedstock metals. With such feedstock, the 3D metal printer at the station can construct new metal pieces for itself or other near-space operators.

Plus whatever water can be extracted from the small rock will help you to refuel your own CubeSat and the water supplies of the fueling station.

[PAUSE]

The scenario I've just described exhibits technology that exists today using a regulatory language that is in vigorous discussion in the Hague International Space Resources Governance Working Group since 2016.



Amara L. Graps

You Young European Leaders are in an excellent position at this time to provide the courage and vision to implement the next step of humans as spacefaring beings, which inevitably will use what exists in space, to build in space.

Space resources can provide an extension of our SpaceShip Earth to include our robots that are orbiting the Earth and traveling beyond.

With space resources we can service, recycle, or build anew, in space, without the limitations of carrying the resources from the Earth. Telecommunications, Earth observations, planetary research, extraterrestrial life explorations, are just a few examples which can be implemented cheaper and more efficiently in space.

With your courage, you can engage our human resources in Europe to implement such a vision, to bridge the gap from today to 2027. The publicly-funded Researchers and the private companies building in space need each other; their goals are complementary.

The future we are building needs all hands working: the scientists, the engineers, the lawyers, the venture capitalists, the policy makers, the educators, the business managers, and... especially the women and minorities working in all of these fields. Because studies have shown that companies and entities with such people at the top are more successful.

I believe that civilization stands at a very special time in space exploration. It's become democratized. Let's go together to our rich future.



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INTRODUCTION

EUROPEAN YOUNG LEADERS (EYL40) PROGRAMME



The European Young Leaders (EYL40) programme led by Friends of Europe is a unique, inventive and multi-stakeholder programme that aims to promote a European identity by engaging the continent's most promising talents in initiatives that will shape Europe's future.

The European Young Leaders represent a promising European leadership from all over the continent and with a wide variety of backgrounds including politics, business, civil society, academia, arts, science and the media.

From trailblazing biochemists to budding political leaders, and from dot-com entrepreneurs to NGO 'stars' who are shaping the social and environmental policies of tomorrow, the European Young Leaders are a unique community that crafts innovative responses to European challenges and positively affects the lives of future generations.

Every year, they meet during two 3-day seminars that take place in symbolic European cities, joined by decision-makers, stakeholders and key European actors, to discuss issues of common concern and develop concrete proposals and recommendations to tackle the challenges facing Europe and its citizens.

The relaxed tone and out-of-the-box nature of the European Young Leaders (EYL40) programme have brought about salient and open discussions that have facilitated the development of a strong network of committed Europeans.

This programme also turns ideas into actions. That means ongoing interactions between young leaders, alumni and outside participants to boost innovative ideas and have a bigger impact on the European stage by forwarding projects that matter to the community.

The 2017 Autumn seminar in Tallinn also increased the programme's outreach by inviting North American and Middle East and North African (MENA) Young Leaders to join the discussions for the first time. The aim is to create synergies, promote structural dialogue and foster better mutual understanding between established leaders from the three regions and develop an inter-regional, multidisciplinary network of alumni to support the leaders of tomorrow.



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Friends of Europe is a leading think tank that connects people, stimulates debate and triggers change to create a more inclusive, sustainable and forward-looking Europe.

CONNECT

Friends of Europe is an independent think tank with a difference – we believe innovation is a mindset, behaviour and action. We aim to be catalysts for change and believe that real solutions come from transforming mindsets through the confrontation of ideas and the breaking down of silos between politicians, businesses and civil society.

Believing that change is achieved through inclusive policies and action, we reach out to and work with a wide network of policymakers, international organisations, civil society representatives, business leaders, academics, the media and citizens across Europe and beyond.

We have no national or party political bias and ensure that all viewpoints are represented in our activities and publications.

DEBATE

We foster open, insightful and provocative debates to stimulate fresh ideas and creative thinking.

Our portfolio of events and reports means that Friends of Europe contributes ideas and leads the debate on a wide range of EU-related issues, including:

Climate & Energy | Health | Asia, Africa and Emerging Economies | Digital, Skills & Inequalities | Peace, Security and Defence | Migration and Integration | Citizens' Europe

Our European Young Leaders (EYL40) programme connects Europe's most promising talents, and our Board of Trustees brings together the knowledge and experience of European leaders who include Presidents, Prime Ministers, European Commissioners and Presidents of the European Parliament.

The Development Policy Forum (DPF), the Asia programme and the Europe-China Forum build bridges to foster global partnerships.

Europe's World, our policy journal, is the only pan-European publication which offers a unique insight into the views of leading policymakers and opinion-makers on European and global challenges.

Our online platform Debating Europe encourages citizen-led debates with policymakers. In less than five years, it has built up a 4.3m-strong community of citizens across Europe and over 272,000 social media followers who put their questions to high-profile decision makers.

CHANGE

We offer Europe's citizens an opportunity to take an active transformational role in shaping their environment. We use ground-breaking online brainstorming to bring different stakeholder groups together from all over the world and constantly innovate in how we convene and shape discussions. Through our debates, conferences, working groups, reports and recommendations we provide bold and ambitious but practical solutions for a more inclusive, sustainable and forward-looking Europe.

Friends of Europe in figures:

- 5000+ senior participants and speakers
- 60 events
- 50 publications and over 200 op-eds published
- a growing 4.3 million strong online community on our online discussion platform Debating Europe
- 1.120m unique visitors to its websites

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The John S. Latsis Public Benefit Foundation is a non-profit organisation established in 2005 with the mission of preserving and perpetuating the philanthropic legacy of John Latsis.

The Foundation plans, manages, and funds programmes across a wide range of issue areas, such as education, science, health, social welfare, culture and the environment, in collaboration with civil society partners and key players within these areas. An additional, diversified branch of activities is the operation of the Neraida Floating Museum, which, by offering visitors free access and organising various events, seeks to highlight the maritime and entrepreneurial history of Greece, familiarise youth with the maritime profession and

protect the environment.

The Foundation's approach to grant-making prioritises the emergency relief of citizens in need, infrastructural improvement, NGO capacity building and community development, academic and research output reward, and highlighting the cultural wealth of Greece.

The Foundation seeks to remain in sync with and respond to current social needs. The framework used by the Foundation to evaluate any proposal it receives includes criteria such as its relevance to the problem and its effectiveness, the sustainability of the proposed action and of the organisation, as well as its impact.

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Fondazione Cariplo is an Italian grant-making foundation that operates with the sole purpose of pursuing the social good and promoting economic development.

2016 marks a milestone anniversary: 25 years of philanthropic support to the non-profit sector in the fields of Arts & Culture, Environment, Scientific Research and in the Social realm.

The Foundation does not act in lieu of others: since its establishment, it has played a crucial catalyser role, convening, leveraging resources and fostering a participatory and collaborative approach among key stakeholders from the

civil society, the private and the public sector.

Inspired by the principle of subsidiarity, the Foundation fosters the analysis and anticipation of social needs, supports the development, testing and scaling of innovative, more effective and higher impact solutions, as well as the dissemination of successful practices.

Ranked among the most important philanthropic institutions in the international arena, Fondazione Cariplo has enabled the accomplishment of over 30,000 projects of non-profit organisations providing over €2.8 billion in grants since 1991.

COCA-COLA: SUPPORTING EUROPE'S YOUTH



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Coca-Cola has been supporting Europe for more than a century since our first bottling plant opened in Paris in 1919 and today is locally present in every European country, with more than 39,000 direct employees and a further 461,000 jobs supported across our local supply-chain.

As a business that is proud to be part of the fabric of European society, Coca-Cola is focused on being a force for good by actively working to promote inclusion and economic development across our business and in the communities where we operate and we recognize the part businesses such as ours can play in supporting progress through our own business and community programs.

Coca-Cola and our bottling partners have a long history in championing and supporting Europe's youth through programs such as entrepreneurship schools, our Youth Empowered program that provides fundamental life and business skills to support young people and initiatives that aim to inspire and educate youth to gain the skills and knowledge so they have a competitive edge in the job market.

The first meeting of the EYL class of 2019 takes place during one of the most crucial and defining years for the European project thus far. With an original exit planned for the 29th of March, only two weeks after this seminar that will -symbolically- take place in London, the United Kingdom's future relationship with the European Union is still surrounded in uncertainty. The way Europe deals with this loss in the following months and years to come will be essential for its endurance. On the ubiquitous question 'Does Europe Matter?' the European population will voice their opinion during the European elections only eight weeks after the young leaders meet for the first time.

Against this backdrop, the seminar will be given added gravity as we examine our understanding of the European project and assess its strengths and weaknesses as well as our expectations for the future of the Union. However, this much needed debate is in danger of revolving around a narrow dichotomy: pro-Europeans versus Eurosceptics.

In an era in which we are facing global issues that demand quick and effective collective action, such as climate change, migration and growing inequalities, politicians appear to be distracted and paralysed by polarisation. The once omnipresent trust in the rational and stable middle ground of deliberative party politics is disappearing, with people instead opting for strong emotions, populist rhetoric and big personalities. The political debate has been hijacked by alt-, hard- and far right movements that instigate high-tension debates, in which more moderate voices are losing power and influence.

What is the glue binding Europe together for the future? How can we convince people of a common purpose, enabling them to be better connected in their needs and concerns? How can we convince people of the notion of a common good?

The London seminar is the first of a series of meetings which form the foundation of the 2019 edition of the European Young Leaders' programme, and its themes have been chosen to reflect the core work of Friends of Europe for this year and into the future. Many of the ideas generated in this seminar will feed into the 2019 workstream of our Europe Matters programme.

DAY 1

THURSDAY 14 MARCH / MUSEUM OF LONDON

LOCATION

On the first day, the **Museum of London** will set the scene. This museum documents the history of the city from prehistoric to modern times and is located on the London Wall - part of the Barbican complex of buildings created in the 1960s and 1970s to redevelop a bomb-damaged area of the City.

OVER LUNCH

12.15—13.40

Welcome buffet lunch

A moment to welcome the 2019 class of European Young Leaders to their first seminar and an opportunity for them to meet with their peers from the EYL40 community.

13.40—13.45

Word of welcome and introduction to the seminar

Geert Cami, Co-Founder and Secretary General of Friends of Europe

CLASS OF 2019

13.45-14.45

THE GETTING TO KNOW EACH OTHER PART

Meeting the new class and alumni

This session will provide the participants the chance to get to know each other and will help to introduce themselves to the other participants.

FIRE CHAT TALKS

BREXIT: THE HANDMAIDEN OF EUROPE'S FUTURE?

Lessons to be learnt for the upcoming elections

It can be argued that Brexit has been one of many visible symptoms of current resentments towards the EU. It was rather easy for Brexiteers to convince the majority of the UK that the gap between EU and British day-to-day life is so unbridgeable, that letting go of the 'bureaucracy in Brussels' would have no effect on their lives at all. The political and economic uncertainty that accompanied the subsequent Brexit negotiations has proved that ties aren't easily broken. Increasing numbers of British citizens are realising that they have much to lose when they exit the EU. It is a text book case of not knowing what you have 'til it's almost gone.

On the continent, Brexit has pushed many EU proponents in member states to reaffirm their commitment to the European project. Yet, Europeans would be remiss to think that their Union is any less capable of electing a Trump of their own or experiencing another Brexit. The upcoming European Parliament elections offer a golden opportunity for populist leaders such as Salvini and Orbán to stage protest votes aimed at tearing the heart out of the EU. How can we turn this momentum into a historic turning point that revitalises support for European values? How can we make sure that we learn our lesson from Brexit? How do we successfully communicate these learnings and ambitions to voters?

14.45 - 15.30

The UK- perspective

Thomas Raines, Head of the Europe Programme at Chatham House

15.30 - 16.15

The global economy- perspective

Zanny Minton Beddoes, Editor-in-Chief of The Economist

Moderated by:

Dharmendra Kanani, Director of Insights at Friends of Europe

16.15-16.45 Coffee break

PLENARY

16.45 - 18.00

THE CLIMATE CHANGE CONUNDRUM

The need for collective action in a time of antagonism

The realities of climate change are becoming more and more visible whilst biodiversity is declining at a rate of more than 100 species per million every year. Rising sea levels have already submerged five islands in the South Pacific. There is a widespread scientific consensus that climate change is caused by humankind and its greenhouse gas emissions.

Experts say that we can still reverse global warming before 2050, but it will require the world to adopt solutions at a rapid rate. Global collective action is key but, so far, the world has failed to transcend short-term national interests for the greater global good. Even though climate change mitigation is a common interest, politicians fail to address it in such a manner, instead framing the issue in free market rhetorics. The *Gilets Jaunes* in France proved that climate change policies run the risk of being put in the same corner as traditional political divisions, such as urban vs. rural and blue vs. white collar, paralysing urgently needed decision-making.

Civil society and youth are clearly leading, with thousands of students striking for months to convince the policymakers of the need to change the way in which we address this topic. How can we assure that this peril is portrayed as a collective problem rather than a partisan one? When will the leaders of our world stop acting 'like children' and take the radical decisions needed to avoid environmental collapse? How can we further mobilise political and economic actors to comply with the Paris Agreement and 2030 SDGs?

With:

Claire Perry, UK Minister of State at the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy

Edward Gardiner, Scientist and Behavioural Design Lead at Warwick Business School

Justin Mundy, Senior Fellow at the World Resources Institute

Laurence Tubiana, CEO at the European Climate Foundation

Moderated by:

Dharmendra Kanani, Director of Insights at Friends of Europe

18.15 - 19.15 Bus transfer from venue directly to the House of Lords, the dinner venue

EVENING PROGRAMME

Voice & Visibility: Gender Power in the Arts

19.15 - 22.30 Dinner at the House of Lords, Palace of Westminster with the British Council's Future Leaders

Hosted by **Baroness Beeban Kidron**, film director, producer, founder of 5Rights and member of the House of Lords

22.30 Return transfer to hotel

LOCATION

On the second day, we'll be looking out on the Thames in **58VE**, City of London's riverside venue which is located on Victoria Embankment and offers great views of London's iconic skyline.

09.00– 09.45 Meet in the Qbic lobby at 9.00h for bus transfer from hotel to venue.

CONVERSATION WITH**IN CONVERSATION WITH GEOFF MULGAN**

09.45 - 11.00

Discussing social innovation and collective intelligence

Geoff Mulgan, Chief Executive of NESTA, former head of policy in the Prime Minister's office under Tony Blair and Director of the Government's Strategy Unit. Having lectured in over 30 countries, Geoff Mulgan is ranked as one of the UK's leading public intellectuals.

During this conversation, he will reflect on the current trends in social innovation and the role of collective intelligence herein. How can we combine human and machine intelligence to develop innovative solutions to social challenges? How can we make sure Europe will play a leading role when it comes to making sure innovation is beneficial to society?

11.00- 11.30 Coffee break

PLENARY**THE RETURN OF THE SPACE RACE**

11.30- 12.45

Space exploration and the economy behind it

The history of space exploration, in particular human spaceflight, has been inseparably intertwined with politics. During the Cold War, ideological rivalry fuelled the race in order to demonstrate technological superiority. Now—besides China and Russia—Europe, India and Japan also have space programmes that can, and do, reach the moon and other heavenly bodies. But the space race is no longer only about the prestige.

Both the U.S. and Luxembourg just passed laws to legalise mining in outer space—firms that someday manage to mine asteroids would be entitled to own, process, and sell anything harvested. The predicted 'space goldmine' of resources that awaits us raises the question: who owns what in space? Furthermore, space technologies have huge commercial applications; satellite technology will provide most of the world's access to the internet, something our societies have become heavily dependent on. Given the importance of these, the space industry is projected to grow from \$350bn in 2016 to \$1.1trn in 2040.

As we face renewed interest in the 'final frontier', we must ask: what will the future of space exploration look like? What are the implications for our societies? How do we make sure space exploration doesn't only serve private interests but becomes a collaborative venture?

With:

Jordi Barrera, Technology Vice President at Open Cosmos, which provides affordable space access with all the tools necessary to develop, launch and operate satellites in orbit

Amara Graps, Founder of Baltics in Space and Head Researcher at Latvia University Institute of Astronomy

Jean-Jacques Tortora, Director of the European Space Policy Institute

Guillem Anglada-Escudé, Astrophysicist, discoverer of exoplanets and European Young Leader

Moderated by:

Dharmendra Kanani, Director of Insights at Friends of Europe

12.45- 13.45 Lunch

PARALLEL SESSION I **TOO DIRTY TO BREATHE**

13.45 - 15.00 **Air pollution in big cities**

Outdoor air pollution is a major environmental health problem affecting everyone in low, middle and high-income countries. Large-scale urbanisation and industrialisation has increased the number of heavily polluted cities and areas. In Europe, nearly every single individual is affected by air pollution with over 90% of citizens being exposed to outdoor fine particulate matter above WHO air quality guidelines. The health effects are broad and seriously increase risks of premature death. Air pollution is now considered to be the world's largest environmental health threat, accounting annually for 7 million deaths around the world and 400,000 in Europe alone.

Though London's air may appear clear to the naked eye, the city has suffered from illegal levels of air pollution since 2010. In April 2019, the city will introduce an Ultra-Low Emission Zone (ULEZ) in central London, extending the hours to 24/7 in which vehicles must pay a charge to travel within the area. Despite this initiative, air pollution has proved exceptionally stubborn. Even if vehicle emissions are curbed, issues such as aircraft and agricultural pollution could prove more challenging yet.

In building smarter cities, what are the most effective policies we can enact to best tackle air pollution?

With:

Polly Billington, Director of UK100 - a network of local government leaders

Rosamund Adoo Kissi-Debrah, Leads a campaign to push air pollution on to the political agenda with The Ella Roberta Family Foundation

Audrey de Nazelle, Lecturer on air pollution at Centre for Environmental Policy, Imperial College London

Moderated by:

Jane Burston, Managing Director of Clean Air Fund and European Young Leader

PARALLEL SESSION II

MONEY MAKES THE WORLD GO ROUND?

13.45- 15.00

Changing the future of finance

The monetary system is at the core of the economic paradigm that we know today. Almost all transactions are based on an exchange of fiat currency. But money is only valuable as long as we believe that it is valuable and accept and trust this abstract system as a valid payment method. Nowadays, the trust in money and its value is under pressure as faith in this system erodes. In the last 10 years, we have seen how relatively easy it is to defraud, cheat, and lose money in the current financial system. Banks seem to create money out of thin air and easily profit from doing so.

Today, we are closer than ever to a financial revolution that may do away with our traditional monetary system. A cashless society is within reach, diminishing the traditional necessity for banking institutions and creating an opportunity to re-think our financial systems. How can we use new technologies to improve the system and collaborate better? How can we restore the trust of people? How do we make sure that the future of finance is more beneficial to society?

With:

Paola Subacchi, Professor of International Economics at Queen Mary University of London, expert on international financial and monetary systems

Fran Boait, Executive Director at Positive Money and Director of the Board of Finance Watch

Marta Krupinska, Fintech entrepreneur, co-founder of Azimo - a global money transfer company and European Young Leader

Moderated by:

Dharmendra Kanani, Director of Insights at Friends of Europe

15.00 - 15.30

Coffee break

CO-CREATION

THE OPEN SPACE

15.30 - 17.00

Discussing what you consider important

This session is an opportunity for Young Leaders to have their say on topics or activities they would particularly like to focus on during the seminar. This open space session is dedicated to the Young Leaders and is about defining and discussing those issues that you think are important to discuss in this day and age with the other Young leaders.

For this session, we are envisioning an unconference format, an open space for peer-to-peer learning, collaboration and creativity. Feel free to think about possible subjects or activities and send over any suggestions you might have.

17.00 - 17.30

Bus transfer to hotel

17.30 - 19.30

Free time

EVENING PROGRAMME

19.30 - 20.00

Meet in lobby Qbic 19.30h for bus transfer from hotel to dinner venue

20.00 - 22.30

Dinner at the **House of St Barnabas** - a members' club and charity pledging to break the cycle of homelessness and social exclusion in London, located right in the heart of Soho. The history-rich Georgian building is notable for its rococo plasterwork interiors and other architectural features.

LOCATION

On the last day, the **Thomson Reuters Foundation**, whose offices are located at the Canary Wharf, will serve as our host. Canary Wharf is one of the main financial centres of the UK and contains many of Europe's tallest buildings, including the second-tallest, One Canada Square. From 1802 to the late 1980s, the area served as one of the busiest docks in the world.

9.30 - 10.00 Meet in lobby Qbic at 9.30h for bus transfer from hotel to venue

CONVERSATIONS OVER BREAKFAST**PEER-LEARNING ROUNDTABLES**

Connecting with EYLs and alumni

10.00 - 11.00 Over breakfast, 30-minute short conversations with European Young Leaders run in parallel on issues that matter to them, to gain expertise from this resourceful network.

PART 1**1. Feeding the Warchest - How the insurgents keep their coffers full?**

with **Dawood Azami** - Award winning senior broadcast journalist at BBC

2. My Olympic experience - From winning bronze to chairing the Youth Olympic Games Lausanne 2020

with **Danka Bartekova** - Olympic Bronze medallist skeet shooter

3. The post Brexit European budget battle - Who is fighting for what?

with **Aaron Farrugia** - Parliamentary Secretary for EU Funds and Social Dialogue in Malta

4. Thoughtful migration - What happens to refugees when they arrive in Europe?

with **Annalisa Camilli** - Investigative journalist at Internazionale specialising in migration

5. The transformation of retail, online vs. offline, independents vs chains, is there a race to be won?

with **Alex Loizou** - CTO and Co-Founder of Trouva

PART 2**1. The power of sounds - Does music make us better people?**

with **Alicja Gescinska** - Philosopher, writer and TV host

2. From here to there - How will we organise transportation in 50 years?

with **Andreas Kunze** - CEO and Co-Founder of KONUX

3. Resilient Europe - Developing rural areas and a sustainable food policy

with **Tomáš Ignác Fénix** - Farmer & Vice President of the European Council of Young Farmers

4. How youth-led protest and grassroots activism created a progressive path for Ireland

with **Una Mullally** - Writer, Journalist and LGBT activist

5. The battle for hearts and minds - ISIS's communication post-territorial loss

with **Ayman Mhanna** - Executive Director Samir Kassir Foundation

11.00 - 11.30 Coffee break

GROUP ACTIVITY

MAKING THE VOTE FOR EUROPE MATTER

11.30 - 13.30

The potential of the collective

Voter turnout has been dropping steadily in European Parliament elections since the first vote was held in 1979. Despite the European Parliament gaining in power and importance following each new treaty, at the last European elections in 2014, only 43% of people turned up to vote compared to 61.99% in 1979.

The motive behind the initial construction of the European project seems no longer evident, creating the opportunity for populists to use the more down-to-earth counter arguments to their benefit. Post-war rationale doesn't seem to be cutting it for the population *en large* and the idea of common interests amongst Europeans seems to evaporate in a current debate dominated by identity politics.

Engaging people in the democratic process and regaining their trust is the biggest hurdle facing Europe as it redefines itself during the 2019 elections campaign.

How can we develop a dialogue in which the true common interests of Europe resonate with its inhabitants? What are the benefits that we run the risk of losing if Europe were to disintegrate further?

With:

Clément Beaune, Adviser on Europe and G20 to French President Emmanuel Macron and European Young Leader

Klen Jäärats, Director for EU Affairs in the office of Estonian Prime Minister Jüri Ratas and European Young Leader

Moderated by:

Dharmendra Kanani, Director of Insights at Friends of Europe

13.30 - 14.30 Lunch

14.30 End of seminar

OPTIONAL ACTIVITIES

In addition to the official programme, you will have the option to round off your trip with an informal post-seminar programme in London.

For those interested, a trip to the Tate Modern will be arranged to enjoy its world-renowned exhibitions and the spectacular view all over London from the 10th floor. Afterwards, we'll cross the Millennium Bridge to reach the St Paul Cathedral for the Even Song; an Anglican prayer, sung every evening by a child's or adult's choir in the church, highly recommended by EYs Eduardo Portal and Alexandra Dariescu.

14.30 – 15.15 metro to Tate Modern

15.15 – 16.15 guided tour of the Tate Modern

16.15 – 16.40 walk to the St Pauls Cathedral

17.00 – 17.45 choral even song – St Paul's Cathedral

17.45 – 20.00 free time

20.30 dinner at Mildred's in Dalston (*at your own expense, if you haven't registered but would like to join, please let Gergana know*)

EXCITED ABOUT SEEING MORE OF LONDON?

We highly recommend the following activities to the lucky ones who are spending the weekend in London:

Take a bite of history at Rules

Established by Thomas Rule in 1798, Rules is a Covent Garden institution and the oldest restaurant in London. The whole-hearted menu of traditional British food specialises in classic game cookery, oysters, pies and puddings, featuring game birds, roe deer and Belted Galloway beef fresh from the establishment's own High Pennines estate. (34-35 Maiden Ln, Covent Garden, London WC2E 7LB)

Wander London's hidden Kyoto Gardens

Often overlooked, the Kyoto Gardens are a 20 hectares located around Holland House right in the centre of the city. The park boasts a waterfall, Japanese maple trees, koi ponds, stone lantern and even peacocks. The lush landmark is located on the grounds of a royal palace built in 1605 which was destroyed during WWII, and established in 1991 to celebrate the friendship enjoyed by the United Kingdom and Japan. (Holland Park Ave, Kensington, London W11 4UA)

See a show at Wilton's Music Hall

The 300 year old Wilton's Music Hall is the last surviving and still operating music hall in the world. Originally five ale houses that slowly morphed into one concert hall by the mid 19th century, it has retained much of its original décor. This venue is considered to be the first place that the can can was performed in the UK (before it was promptly banned). (1 Graces Alley, Whitechapel, London E1 8JB)

Stroll Matthews Yard

Nestled between Croydon's east and west train stations, Matthews Yard is an exciting 10,000 square foot hub packed with artistic stalls, pubs, street food kiosks, antique dealers, restaurants, and more! There is even a crowd-funded theatre, an art gallery featuring local artists, as well as coworking spaces and artists' studios. (1 Matthews Yard, Croydon CR0 1FF)

Visit the the Roman Temple of Mithras

Found in 1954, the Temple of Mithras is one of the most impressive Roman archeological sites in the British Isles. Situated on one of London's lost rivers, the Walbrook, a Roman Londoner built a temple to the god Mithras to lay claim to the land for the city of Londinium. Tour the temples to learn of the mythical and mysterious Cult of Mithras and step into the world of ancient Rome. The museum is free but please book in advance due to the space's limited capacity. (12 Walbrook The City, London, EC4N 8AA)



GUILLEM ANGLADA-ESCUDE

Spain

Professor of Astrophysics at the Queen Mary University & 2018 EYL

Guillem is a well-known astrophysicist and scientist, who discovered the Proxima-b exoplanet orbiting Proxima-Centauri, our closest neighbouring star. He has conducted research in several countries and has been actively engaged with space agencies, such as NASA and the European Space Agency. In 2016, Nature magazine chose him as one of the ten most prominent scientists world-wide, and the same year he was also listed by TIME Magazine as one of the 100 most influential people in the world.

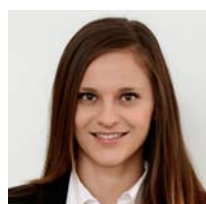


DAWOOD AZAMI

United Kingdom

Presenter and Chief International Correspondent at BBC & 2012 EYL

Dawood is one of the most promising young journalists and scholars of his generation in the UK. He has been working for the BBC World Service in London as a Senior Broadcast Journalist and is a Visiting Lecturer at the University of Westminster, where he teaches Globalization, Power and International Governance. He joined the BBC in 1998 and also worked as the BBC World Service Bureau Chief and Editor in Kabul, Afghanistan. He was also a visiting scholar at Ohio State University, USA. He holds three Bachelor's and three Master's degrees, including Science, Law, International Relations and Diplomacy. In 2010, Dawood became the youngest person to ever win the biggest award in the BBC, the "Global Reith Award for Outstanding Contribution". He is also a poet/writer, calligrapher and painter/artist.

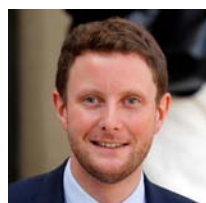


DANKA BARTEKOVÁ

Slovakia

Olympic Bronze medallist & 2019 EYL

Danka is a Slovak skeet shooter who won the bronze medal in Women's Skeet at the 2012 Summer Olympics. In 2012, she was elected to the International Olympic Committee (IOC) Athletes' Commission, where she has served as an IOC member for eight years. Danka will also be part of the IOC Coordination Commission for Lausanne 2020, the third Winter Youth Olympic Games, as the youngest-ever Chair of an Olympic Coordination Commission. She is currently enrolled in a PhD at the University of Matej Bel, Banská Bystrica, Slovakia. Danka also played a leading role in the implementation of the Athlete365 platform, a tool to support all athletes in the world, both in their competitive activity and post-career.

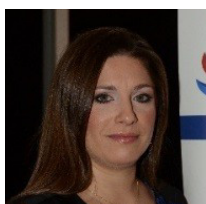


CLÉMENT BEAUNE

France

Adviser to French President Emmanuel Macron & 2019 EYL

Clément is the Europe and G20 advisor to French president Emmanuel Macron, shadowing him during meetings with other European state heads. The presentations he gave on Europe even when he was still in school were so accomplished that they were widely shared. Clément became Macron's Europe adviser when Macron was still economy minister. Beaune advised Macron, helping him craft the push against Chinese steel dumping that is now at the heart of the president's broader vision for a more defensive EU trade policy. The French president's proposals during his En Marche Campaign for European Union reform were clearly influenced by his adviser.



DANAE BEZANTAKOU

Greece

CEO at Navigator Shipping LTD & 2013 EYL

Danae is the CEO of Navigator Shipping Consultants LTD. One of her important achievements is her organisation of the Navigator Conference since 2001, which is considered to be one of the biggest shipping events, gathering the decision-makers of the shipping community and speakers from all over the world on an annual basis. Through her participation in lectures and seminars, Danae has travelled the world to promote and strengthen women's entrepreneurship. Her latest venture includes the foundation of Greek Food Obsessions, a gourmet culinary company providing the Greek and international food market with high quality Greek gourmet products from all over Greece. Danae holds a Bachelor of Science in International Hospitality and Tourism Management from the University of Surrey.



HALA BUGAIGHIS

Libya

Co-founder Jusoor & 2017 MENA Young Leader

Hala Bugaighis is a lawyer and co-founder of Jusoor, a non-governmental organisation committed to independent policy research and human development projects for women with a focus on economic and social empowerment. As a lawyer with 15 years of experience, Hala focuses on commercial, banking, civil and investment laws, and has a sound understanding of law practice in an international context. Through her private companies, Hala has worked as a consultant to many international companies as well as Libyan private and public entities, focusing on development and capacity building. In 2015, Hala was nominated a UN Women Champion for Women Economic Empowerment – an initiative that aims to improve women's economic standing and potential around the world.

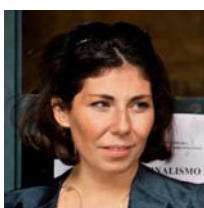


JANE BURSTON

United Kingdom

Director at the Clean Air Fund & 2015 EYL

Jane is the managing director of Clean Air Fund, a think tank and philanthropic foundation focussing on air quality and climate change. Previously she worked as Head of Science for climate change and energy in UK central government, and as Head of Energy and Environment at the National Physical Laboratory with a team of 150 scientists. Jane has dedicated most her life to climate and environmental issues, serving first as a strategic consultant on low carbon policy to the Mayor of London. In 2008, she founded Carbon Retirement, an award-winning social enterprise working with the EU ETS. Her dedication to sustainability and entrepreneurial drive was rewarded with being named as one of the 'Top 30 UK entrepreneurs under 30' by Real Business in 2010, a 'Social Entrepreneur of the Year' by Square Mile in 2011 and one of the 'Top 10 Outstanding Young Persons of the UK' by the Chamber of Commerce International in 2015, among others.

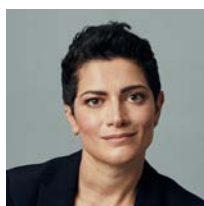


ANNALISA CAMILLI

Italy

Investigative journalist specialising in immigration & 2019 EYL

Annalisa is an Italian journalist credited for drawing attention to a wide variety of social issues. Currently working for the news magazine Internazionale, her articles have extensively covered immigration in Italy and Greece as well as human rights and gender inequality across Europe. Having previous experience at Associated press, her stories regularly underline the hardships endured by migrants while crossing the Mediterranean as well as their treatment once in Europe. She is the winner of the 2017 Anne Lindt journalism award for her investigation "The boat without a name" for which she has spent six months investigating the deadliest shipwreck, searching the 28 survivors who are now living all over Europe. She is also a regular contributor to international news outlets such as the Washington Tribune and Politico.

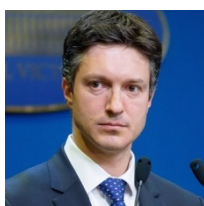


FRANCESCA CAVALLO

Italy

Author & Entrepreneur, Founder of Timbuktu Labs & 2019 EYL

Francesca is a bestselling author, entrepreneur and founder of Timbuktu Labs. She is the co-creator of 'Good Night Stories for Rebel Girls', a collection of 100 tales of extraordinary women that has become a publishing sensation. As the most successful new title in the history of crowdfunding, it has sold more than 3.5mn copies and has been translated into dozens of languages. Francesca's career began in theatre, where she worked as both a manager for a theatre company and as a playwright. In 2012, she moved to California to co-found a children's media start-up called Timbuktu Labs. Since then, she has authored nine picture books that have been translated into more than 47 languages.

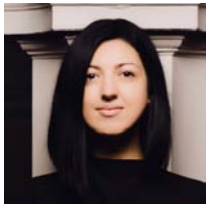


MANUEL COSTESCU

Romania

Head of Investments at Open Society Foundations (SEDF) & 2017 EYL

Manuel headed until very recently the directorate in charge of implementing infrastructure projects and stimulating foreign investment and public-private partnerships in Romania. Before joining the government, he worked as an executive director at J.P. Morgan, a multinational banking and financial services holding company, where he was responsible for the relationship with various public sector clients in Europe, including central banks, debt management offices, development banks and government agencies. Manuel also worked as an independent consultant on business and development projects in Australia, South Africa, Tanzania and Peru, as well as at the Brattle Group, where he was a research analyst with a focus on risk management and strategies in the energy sector.



ALEXANDRA DARIESCU

United Kingdom

Award-winning concert pianist, producer of “The Nutcracker and I” and creative entrepreneur & 2018 EYL

Named a ‘Rising Star’ by the BBC Music Magazine, Alexandra made her debut at the Carnegie Hall in New York. An award-winning Romanian pianist, she has performed in many prestigious orchestras, such as the London Philharmonic Orchestra and the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra. As the recipient of several awards and honours, she has been listed as one of the ‘30 Pianists under 30 Destined for a Spectacular Career’ by the International Piano Magazine. In addition to her musical achievements, Alexandra received the UK’s Women of the Future Award in the Arts and Culture category, making her an ambassador and symbol of success in the classical music industry. In late 2017, the world premiere of her own production, “The Nutcracker and I, by Alexandra Dariescu”, took place in London – a ground-breaking multimedia performance created for a piano solo with dance and digital animation.



EVA DE ROO

Belgium

Radio host & 2019 EYL

Eva is a radio host for the Belgian national radio station Studio Brussel. Music had always been a constant in her life but it was only after getting a degree as an interpreter English-French that she decided to follow that passion. She had her first experience as a radio personality under the cover of darkness during “The Wild Bunch”, the late-night incubator for Studio Brussel’s young talent. Today, only 5 years after this first appearance, she has an eponymous prime-time radio show and has co-hosted “The Warmest Week” – Belgium’s biggest annual charity fundraiser, raising 17million last year – four times in a row. Combined with her career as a voice-actor, DJ and MC at music festivals, this has turned her into one of Belgium’s booming all-round media talents.



THOMAS DOUZIS

Greece

Founder and CEO of ERGON Foods & 2019 EYL

Thomas is the Founder of ERGON, an affordable, high-quality Greek restaurant chain-come-grocery store outlet that now has locations in 13 cities worldwide. Thanks to a network of over 150 independent, local, artisanal producers who create 600 products under the unified ERGON brand, the company is able to offer the widest available range of the best that Greece produce has to offer. A role model and an inspiring entrepreneur, Thomas has set an encouraging example for Greek youths on how to thrive in the face of devastating recession.



LUKASZ DZIEKONSKI

Poland

CEO at Montis Capital Group & 2015 EYL

Lukasz is head of the Marguerite Fund office for the Central and Eastern Europe. He is also a member of the management board for the Marguerite Fund 2020 for Energy, Climate Change and Infrastructure in Luxembourg. There, Lukasz oversees the formulation of financial and operational strategies. He is also on the supervisory board of Pomeranka Development, InvestGas and Energa Operator in Poland, and of PZU Ukraine Insurance Company and Kredobank, also in Ukraine. Lukasz began his career as an adviser in the European Parliament, focusing on energy policy and security as well as EU relations with Russia and Ukraine.



AARON FARRUGIA

Malta

Parliamentary Secretary for EU Funds at the Maltese Government & 2017 EYL

Aaron was elected to the Maltese Parliament in June of 2017, and appointed Parliamentary Secretary for EU Funds and Social Dialogue within the Ministry for European Affairs. Before his current position, Aaron ran the Malta Freeport, the first transshipment hub in the Mediterranean. He served as president of the Labour Youth Forum and was elected deputy mayor of Ta’ Xbiex in 2005. During the international financial crisis, he was appointed to a team of economic experts set up by the Young European Socialists and was elected as Education Secretary in the Maltese Labour Party’s Central Administration. In 2014, he founded the Anton Buttigieg Foundation, which seeks to promote social awareness in Malta, focusing on education as the primary tool for economic and social development.



TOMÁŠ IGNÁC FÉNIX

Czech Republic

Farmer and Vice President of the European Council of Young Farmers & 2019 EYL

Tomáš Ignác is the Vice President of the European Council of Young Farmers - the voice of Europe's next generation of farmers towards the European institutions. He also runs a 50-ha organic fruit and wine family farm in southern Moravia and cooperates with agricultural and environmental institutions as part of his farm business. The motivation to farm in this less favoured region is a holistic approach to (re-)build the countryside. Previously, Tomáš actively engaged in the NGO Antikomplex, working on German-Czech reconciliation. In addition, he led the LGBT Christian community called Logos for four years. His ambition is to advocate for a sustainable agricultural policy and a strong bond of the European nations and between rural areas and cities.



MARY FITZGERALD

Ireland

Researcher and consultant in Euro-Mediterranean affairs specialising in Libya & 2013 EYL

Mary is a journalist and analyst specialising in the Euro-Mediterranean region with a particular focus on Libya. She has worked on Libya since 2011 and lived there throughout 2014. Her work has appeared in publications including the Economist, Foreign Policy, the New Yorker, the Washington Post, the Financial Times and the Guardian. She has conducted research on Libya for the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR) and the European Institute of the Mediterranean (IEMED) among others. In her previous role as Irish Times foreign affairs correspondent, she reported from 40 countries across the Middle East, Africa, Asia and Europe. She is a member of the Global Women's Forum 'Rising Talents' network.



CRISTINA FONSECA

Portugal

Co-Founder of Talkdesk & 2018 EYL

Cristina is a software engineer and tech entrepreneur, who co-founded one of Silicon Valley's fastest growing companies, Talkdesk, a platform that allows anyone to quickly create a call centre online. Previously, Cristina has worked as a researcher at INESC-ID, a Portuguese non-profit institution conducting advanced research in electronics, energy, telecommunications and information technologies. Cristina is passionate about Artificial Intelligence and the impact of technology, and advises early-stage start-ups.



CLÉMENTINE FORISSIER

France

Editor in Chief at Contexte & 2015 EYL

Clémentine is a journalist who has gone from freelance reporting on the radio and in magazines to later becoming Chief Editor at EurActiv, France. She is now Chief Editor of Contexte, an online newspaper that focuses on French and European public policy which she co-founded in 2013. She is also Vice-President of Europresse, the association of French journalists who cover European affairs, and AJDE, an association for journalists who specifically report on energy issues. Educated in Paris and Brussels, Clémentine is a published author and was previously in charge of opening the Brussels office of the Robert Schuman Foundation.



MYRIAM FRANÇOIS

France

Journalist and presenter & 2017 EYL

Myriam is an academic, broadcaster and writer specialising in issues related to Islam and the Middle East. She is a regular contributor to the Middle East Eye, the New Statesman and the Telegraph. In 2014, she broke a headline story on an exclusive 36-page document written by Khalid Sheikh Mohammed, the Al-Qaeda militant behind the 9/11 attacks. Since then, she presented two BBC documentaries, 'The Muslim Pound' (2016) and 'A Deadly Warning: Srebrenica Revisited' (2015) nominated for the Sandford St Martin religious programming award. Myriam is also a Research Associate at the Centre of Islamic Studies at SOAS University, where she focuses on British-Muslim integration issues. She recently completed her doctorate at Oxford University on the subject of Islamic political movements in Morocco.



MARKUS FREIBURG

Germany

Founder and Managing Director of Financing Agency for Social Entrepreneurship (FASE) & 2017 EYL

Markus is the founder of the Financing Agency for Social Entrepreneurship (FASE), a leading financial intermediary that helps social enterprises scale their social impact by helping them raise hybrid growth capital. FASE has built an open pipeline of investment-ready social enterprises. Markus is also a member of the Expert Group on Social Entrepreneurship (GECES), a consultative multi-stakeholder group on social business that examines the progress of measures foreseen by the European Commission. He has experience of working with many social enterprises in finding appropriate financing solutions and scaling-up the impact of proven business models. Markus worked for seven years as a management consultant at McKinsey & Company, where one of his roles was providing pro-bono consulting for social entrepreneurs.



ALESSANDRO FUSACCHIA

Italy

Member of Parliament and secretary of Movimenta & 2012 EYL

Alessandro Fusacchia is an Italian member of Parliament, secretary of Movimenta - a new Italian political organisation. He is currently serving in the Chamber of Deputies as a member of the permanent commission on Culture, Science and Education and he has previously served as Head of Cabinet at the Italian Ministry of Education, University and Research. He was Special Advisor to the Minister of Foreign Affairs for Economic Diplomacy and Special Advisor to the Minister of Economic Development for European Affairs, Youth and Innovation. Previously, he was an official at the Council of the European Union dealing with global economic governance. He has also worked for the Italian Prime Minister's office in Rome as part of the G8 team, as well as for the Italian Ministry of International Trade.

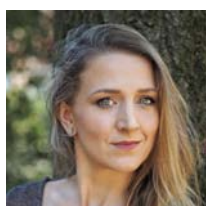


JOSS GARMAN

United Kingdom

UK Director, European Climate Foundation & 2019 EYL

Joss is currently the UK Programme Director for the European Climate Foundation. He also sits on the board of the UK Energy Research Centre (UKERC) and the Board of GreenerUK, a coalition of NGOs campaigning to protect high environmental standards through the Brexit process. He previously served as chief advisor to the Shadow Secretary of State for Energy & Climate Change, in addition to serving as Associate Director for energy & climate change at the Institute for Public Policy Research. Among the many senior positions he occupied at Greenpeace UK, he has worked as Political Director, Head of Media, and Head of the Energy & Climate Campaign. During his time at Greenpeace, he co-founded the direct-action group, Plane Stupid, and acted as an advisor to the TUC and UNICEF.

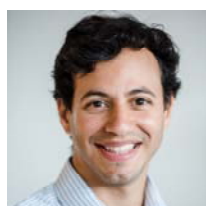


ALICJA GESCINSKA

Poland/Belgium

Philosopher and writer & 2019 EYL

Alicja is a Belgian-Polish philosopher who has oriented her career around questions of identity and freedom. A published academic and an accomplished author, her first and most well-known title, *The Conquest of Freedom*, was shortlisted for an array of literary prizes when it was published in 2011. In addition to having held the position of Research Associate at Princeton University, Alicja has lectured at Amherst College on topics such as philosophy of freedom, Islam in Europe and European politics. Returning to Belgium in 2016, she now leads the philosophical TV programme, *Wanderlust*, on the Canvas channel and contributes regularly to both *Philosophy Magazine* and the broadcasting company, VRT. Her debut fictional novel, *A Kind of Love*, won the 'Debuutprijs' in 2017.

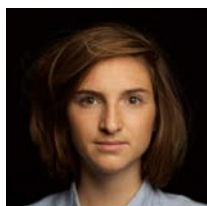


EDVARD GLÜCKSMAN

Sweden

Impact Partnership Development Manager, University of Exeter & 2016 EYL

Edvard is an environmental sustainability professional working for the University of Exeter, currently serving as the business-facing manager on Tevi, an ERDF-funded programme supporting SMEs in Cornwall to grow whilst contributing to the circular economy and environmental growth. Edvard recently spent three years as a senior environmental consultant with Wardell Armstrong, specialising in the environmental and social impacts of development projects in emerging economies in line with the standards of international financial institutions. He has previously held a number of roles at the interface of science and society, having worked at the European Geosciences Union and the UK Parliamentary Office of Science and Technology. Edvard holds MSc and PhD degrees from the University of Oxford and undergraduate degrees from the University of St Andrews and McGill University.



JOSÉPHINE GOUBE

CEO of Techfugees & 2019 EYL

France

Joséphine has served as the CEO of Techfugees since 2015. A fierce lobbyist for smarter migration policies, she was selected to be part of the EU's immigration experts group to advise on the reform of visa rules for foreign entrepreneurs in Europe. In addition to these roles, she is also a board Member for the Norwegian Refugee Council and was nominated as one of the top '30 under 30 Social Entrepreneurs' by Forbes in 2016, 2017 and 2018. Prior to founding Techfugees, Joséphine was partnerships manager at Migreat, a London-based start-up which facilitates the movement and settlement of migrants across Europe.

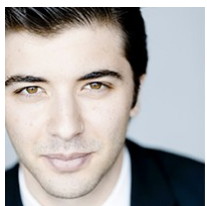


LUKE GRAHAM

Member of Parliament

United Kingdom

Luke is a MP for the Conservative Party and a recently appointed Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Cabinet Office. Before entering politics, Luke's interests lied with finance and he worked in the private sector as an accountant for over a decade. Upon returning from five years abroad in China, Thailand and the United States, he campaigned for Scotland to remain in the United Kingdom. He also notably took on the role of finance director for Stronger In, the official remain campaign during the Brexit referendum. In the House of Commons, Luke is a member of the Finance Committee and previous member of the Public Accounts Committee.



DIONYSIS GRAMMENOS

Founder and Music Director at the Greek Youth Symphony Orchestra & 2018 EYL

Greece

As one of the most charismatic conductors of his generation, Dionysis made his conducting debut at the age of twenty-one with the Vienna Chamber Orchestra. Since then, he was awarded a Grant for conducting from the Onassis Foundation and was also the first Greek to receive a Conducting Fellowship at the Aspen Music Festival. Dionysis Grammenos was the first ever wind player to win the Grand Prix d'Eurovision from the European Broadcasting Union. Still only twenty-six, the virtuoso has performed in some of the world's most prestigious venues, including Carnegie Hall, Amsterdam's Concertgebouw, Berliner Philharmonie, the Konzerthaus Vienna, Cité de la Musique in Paris and the Barbican Centre in London and has worked with orchestras such as the Vienna Symphony and the Maggio Musicale Fiorentino among others.



JAKOB HAESLER

Co-Founder Project Alloy & 2013 EYL

Germany

Prior to founding Project Alloy, Jakob was the CEO and Co-Founder of Tinyclues SAS, a Paris-based software startup with the objective of industrialising datamining on Big Data with the help of advanced machine learning algorithms in a Cloud Computing environment. Previously he was a partner and consultant at McKinsey & Company in Germany and France where he worked on topics ranging from Banking to Public Sector Reform to Global Public Health issues, most notably the creation and distribution of child HIV treatments. Prior to McKinsey he briefly worked at the World Bank. He holds a Master's in Public Administration from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government and a Bachelor of Science from the University of St. Gallen. Jakob is also a founding partner of the "Cercle du Leadership".



SUVI HAIMI

CEO and Co-Founder of Sulapac & 2019 EYL

Finland

In addition to her role as a biochemist, Suvi is the CEO and Co-Founder of Sulapac, a company that develops innovative and fully biodegradable wood-based packaging. Named one of Helsinki's hottest start-ups in 2018 by WIRED magazine, Sulapac products offer a viable alternative to the plastic packaging most commonly used for food, commodities and cosmetics. A former researcher at the University of Twente in the Netherlands, Suvi holds a PhD in biomaterials and is committed to halting the build-up of microplastics in the world. In 2017, Sulapac was awarded Europe's first founder's prize for the circular economy, going on to win both the Green Alley Award and the Sustainable Beauty Award in Paris that same year.



JULIA HANZL
Sculptor & 2019 EYL

Austria

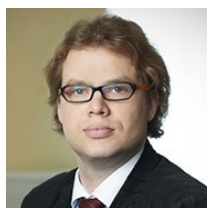
Julia is a sculptor producing a variety of independent work as well as numerous commissioned pieces. These include urn designs for Bestattung Wien (Vienna funeral service) and a life-sized graveyard angel made of bronze for a Viennese crypt. Julia regularly collaborates with artists and gallery owners, creating exhibits showing video and photographic visualisations of her sculptures as well as a glass version of her sculpture "Who killed Smiley?". She also works with a German jewellery-maker, turning her ideas into pieces of jewellery. In 2014, she was named one of the most important figurative artists worldwide, a recognition which led two of her sculptures to be included in the art book "500 Figures in Clay" (Lark Crafts/New York).



MARIA LUCIA HOHAN
Fashion designer and CEO of fashion brand Maria Lucia Hohan & 2019 EYL

Romania

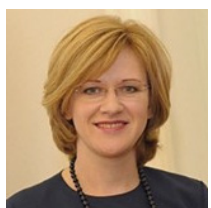
Maria Lucia is an internationally well-known fashion designer, who has seen her clothes worn by the likes of Beyoncé, Taylor Swift, Jennifer Lopez and Madonna. After working several years in Paris and Milan as a textile designer, Maria Lucia returned home to Romania to open her own shop with a modest 800 euros investment and two second-hand sewing machines. After gaining a substantial number of followers on social media and being discovered by Hollywood, she currently runs her renowned fashion brand with 70-woman employees from Bucharest. Additionally, Maria Lucia is a strong advocate for women's rights and has publicly criticised the excessive consumerism upon which the fashion industry thrives.



KLEN JÄÄRATS
Director for EU Affairs Office of the Prime Minister & 2015 EYL

Estonia

As Director of the EU Secretariat in the Estonian government, Klen coordinates and develops all EU policy and acts as the chief European affairs adviser to the Prime Minister. A career civil servant, Klen started out in the Ministry of Internal Affairs, rising quickly to the position of Head of the Refugees Department. In this capacity, he dealt with a variety of NGOs and international organisations including the International Organization for Migration (IOM) and the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). He later moved to Brussels where he spent six years working at the Estonian Permanent Representation to the EU during which time he dealt with many issues related to the preparation, ratification and implementation of the Treaty of Lisbon.



ZANDA KALNINA-LUKASEVICA
Parliamentary State Secretary for European Affairs & 2017 EYL

Latvia

Zanda started her professional career at Jurmala's city council in 1998. She then worked at the Ministry of Regional Development before joining the Strategic Analysis Commission, where she advised Latvian President Valdis Zatlers on strategic planning. She was elected to the Latvian Parliament in 2011. During her mandate, she chaired the Committee on European Affairs and the Reform Party parliamentary group. In 2014, Zanda was appointed Parliamentary State Secretary in the Latvian government. Her role is to ensure cooperation between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Latvian Parliament and the European Parliament.



ASSITA KANKO
Author, politician and founder of Polin & 2019 EYL

Belgium

Assita is a Belgian author, politician and entrepreneur. Previously a town councillor in Ixelles (one of the largest districts of Brussels), she is a popular media commentator, a columnist for newspaper De Standaard and founder of Polin - the political incubator established to help women enter and advance in politics in Belgium. Growing up as a child in Burkina Faso, Kanko underwent female genital mutilation. After immigrating from the west African nation to Belgium, she became one of the most important fighters for gender equality and women's rights. Having initially integrated into the liberal party, she has since moved to the Flemish conservative party and aims to maintain her advocacy for fairness. She wrote two books on feminism and the position of women.

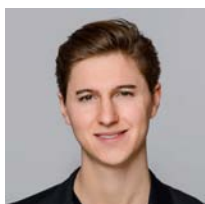


MARTA KRUPINSKA

Poland / UK

Entrepreneur, Co-Founder Azimo & 2019 EYL

Marta is a London based fintech entrepreneur, co-founder of real time pay FinTech startup FreeUp and entrepreneur-in-residence at the global GovTech firm PUBLIC.io. Having experienced first-hand the kinds of challenges that arise when attempts are made to send money home, she was previously a co-founder of a global money transfer platform Azimo which raised +\$70M in funding and gained over 1 million customers. Marta also advocates for responsible leadership and diversity & inclusion.



ANDREAS KUNZE

Germany

CEO and Co-Founder of KONUX & 2019 EYL

Andreas is the CEO and Co-Founder of KONUX, a company that combines smart sensors and analytics based on artificial intelligence (AI) with the aim of guaranteeing the punctual operation and maintenance of railway networks. While working for corporations like Siemens and BMW, Andreas came to the realisation that many industrial companies were not yet aware of the advantages accompanying the Internet of Things, nor did they know how to properly make use of their data. He managed to raise +\$50 million with leading Silicon Valley investors and just a year later, KONUX won the national mobility award 'Deutscher Mobilitätspreis' along with the German digital award 'The Spark' in 2016. That same year, Andreas was the youngest CEO to be included in the entrepreneur list by the German Capital Magazine.

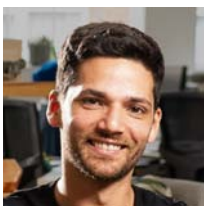


ANDRÉ LOESEKRUG-PIETRI

France / Germany

Speaker, The Joint European Disruptive Initiative (J.E.D.I.) Founder of Acapital & 2012 EYL

André is a speaker for J.E.D.I., former Special Advisor to the French Minister of Defence, founder of ACAPITAL Loesekrug-Pietri, and has held leadership positions in private equity, government, industry as well as working as an entrepreneur. Starting as assistant to the CEO of Aerospatiale-Airbus, he then spent 15 years in private equity and venture capital, including 10 years with China, investing in European companies with global ambitions. In 2017, he paused from the private sector to become Special Advisor to the French Minister of Defence, responsible, in particular, for European defense policy as well as technology and innovation. He is currently speaker of the Joint European Disruptive Initiative (J.E.D.I.), aiming to accelerate Europe's leadership in disruptive innovations.



ALEX LOIZOU

Cyprus

Co-founder and CTO of Trouva & 2019 EYL

Alex is a computer scientist turned entrepreneur who is leading the technological developments enabling independent retailers to compete against larger chains. Over the past 5 years, he has raised \$13.8 M from a range of investors, including eBay and Google. Alex is also actively involved in the UK start up ecosystem, by simultaneously building his own company and taking on the role of mentor and advisor for various events. Alex is also a member of the inaugural cohort of EntrepreneurFirst, Europe's leading pre-seed investment programme for technical founders.



MAGID MAGID

United Kingdom

Lord Mayor of Sheffield & 2019 EYL

Magid is the Lord Mayor of Sheffield. He is the youngest person ever to hold the job and he is also the first Green Party councillor to wear the chain of office. Magid came to Sheffield aged five after six months in an Ethiopian refugee camp. He came to study aquatic zoology, after which he worked in digital marketing and for the housing charity Shelter. Magid joined the Green Party in 2015 during the rise of the far-right party UKIP. From 2017 to 2018, he served as Deputy Lord Mayor, and during this period he participated in the third series of the reality show Hunted. In 2018, he was chosen by the council to serve the one-year term as Lord Mayor. In his inaugural portrait, Magid squatted on a balustrade wearing green Dr. Martens, an image that went viral on social media.

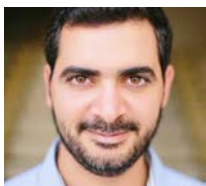


JOÃO WENGOROVIOUS MENESES

Portugal

Secretary General at BCSD Portugal & 2012 EYL

Prior to taking on the position of General Manager for StartUp Discoveries, João held the role of Head of 'GABIP Mouraria' at the Lisbon City Hall, the department in charge of urban rehabilitation and social development of Mouraria, one of the most traditional and multicultural quarters of Lisbon. He also holds the 'Management of Nonprofit Organisations' teaching position at ISCTE-Lisbon University Institute, and in June 2011 started a social consulting firm called Big Society. Previously he managed the NGO TESE, and was a Financial Officer at Chapito, which is one of the oldest Portuguese NGOs working with vulnerable young people. He is also a columnist for Diário Económico and has co-authored a book on NGO management.

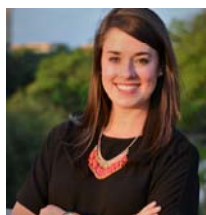


AYMAN MHANNA

Lebanon

Executive Director at Samir Kassir Foundation & MENA Young Leader

Ayman Mhanna is Executive Director of the Beirut-based Samir Kassir Foundation, one of the leading press freedom NGOs in the Middle East. In this capacity, he oversees the foundation's advocacy, monitoring, research and training activities. Mhanna has previously held the position of Executive Director of the Global Forum for Media Development, focusing on monitoring violations targeting journalists and providing them with the necessary support. He has also extensively worked with issues related to election observation, electoral reform and civil society involvement. Until recently, he was a lecturer on policy development and communications at Saint Joseph University in Beirut. In 2016, he was appointed Secretary-General of the Democratic Renewal Movement, a secular, social-liberal political party in Lebanon.

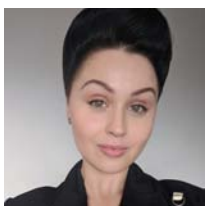


MEGHAN MILLOY

USA

Co-Founder of Republican Women for Progress & North American Young Leader

Meghan Milloy is the co-founder of Republican Women for Progress (RWFP) and was previously the Chair of Republican Women for Hillary (RWFH). She is currently a Robert Bosch Foundation Fellow where she is working in both the German public and private sectors focusing on trade issues. Before that she was the Director of Financial Services Policy at the American Action Forum (AAF), a think tank where she managed the entirety of AAF's activity in its financial services and housing finance policy portfolios. Previously she was a Presidential Management Fellow working at the Small Business Administration and later at the House Committee on Small Business. She was an intern at the National Republican Senatorial Committee and in the George W. Bush White House. She also worked in the office of Majority Leader Trent Lott and has volunteered on the campaigns of Haley Barbour, George W. Bush, John McCain, Mitt Romney and Hillary Clinton.



VIKTORIA MODESTA

UK / Latvia

Bionic pop artist and futurist & 2019 EYL

Viktoria is a British Latvian-born bionic pop artist, creative director and futurist. Describing her work as post-human and post-disability, she bridges performance art, music and fashion with technology, science and medicine. She first gave us a fresh and glamorous perspective of disability in a cultural content when she performed as the Snow Queen during the closing ceremony of Paralympics 2012 wearing a diamond encrusted prosthetic. Viktoria's futuristic approach on "the body as art concept" got her selected as a Director's Fellow at MIT Media Lab which led her to collaborate on a more academic level with artists working with technology and science, architects and multiple cultural institutions worldwide.



ROGER MONTAÑOLA I BUSQUETS

Spain

Founder and President of Twenty50 & 2019 EYL

Roger is one of the founding fathers of Twenty50, a think tank that unites the best global talents on a multidisciplinary platform based on cooperation, exchange and thought. Connecting professionals from a wide range of backgrounds and a variety of major cities, Twenty50 maintains that its primary objective is to forge the society of the future. Focusing on technological innovation, the think tank works on a range of issues such as nanorobotics, genomics, AI and virtual reality. As a former MP in the Parliament of Catalonia and as deputy of the Convergència i Unió, Roger was one of the youngest members to join at the age of 24. In 2015, he was selected for the prestigious International Visitor Leadership Program by the US State Department.



UNA MULLALLY

Ireland

Writer and LGBTQ activist & 2019 EYL

A leading voice on LGBTQ rights and politics, Una is one of Ireland's most reputable young activists. As a journalist, broadcaster and author, she has written for prominent news outlets such as The Guardian and the Sunday Tribune, in addition to contributing a weekly column to the Irish Times. Her two books, *In The Name Of Love*, and her anthropology, *Repeal the 8th*, trace the historical developments which culminated in the two separate referenda on marriage equality and reproductive rights in Ireland. She was the Independent Chair of Ireland's National 2018 LGBTI+ Youth Strategy, which is the first of its kind. A poet and screenwriter, she has authored the documentary, *I Am Irish*, co-founded a music documentary film festival, co-created the pro-choice podcast, *Don't Stop Repealin'*, and co-founded the Irish Times Women's Podcast.



ALFREDO MUÑOZ

Spain

Founder and CEO, ABIBOO Architecture & 2019 EYL

Alfredo is a global architect who has designed and managed more than six million square metres across five continents. In addition to being the youngest of the most international Spanish architects named by the Spanish media, he has also been selected for the European Center & Chicago Athenaeum Museum Architecture and Design bi-annual awards programme. Under Alfredo's leadership, ABIBOO has designed projects in a wide range of scales, from large urban developments and affordable housing townships to small temporal structures. Before founding ABIBOO, Alfredo held senior roles at Toyo Ito (Pritzker Prize), and SOM (1,700+ awards). His work has been featured in media outlets such as the New York Times, Wallpaper and Domus, among others.

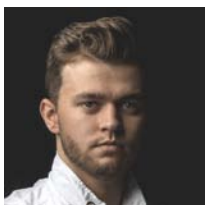


SOPHIE NIVELLES-CARDINALE

France

Award-winning war correspondent & 2019 EYL

Working as an independent reporter, Sophie is a multi-award-winning journalist who, since 2010, has covered conflicts and issues across the Middle East. Following developments in Lebanon, Libya and Syria, from the outset of the Arab Spring in particular, she has delivered reports to a number of popular French news outlets. During her time in Istanbul, Sophie was among the first journalists to report from the frontlines of the Syrian war, underlining the suffering of civilians while simultaneously bringing attention and visibility to the victims. In 2013, her article "At the heart of the battle of Aleppo" lead her to be recognised twice by the highly esteemed Bayeux Calvados-Normandy award for war correspondents, France's most prestigious journalism award.



ORM OJA

Estonia

Head Chef of NOA Chef's Hall & 2019 EYL

Orm is Head Chef at NOA Chef's Hall, the White Guide's pick for best restaurant in both the Baltics and Estonia for 2016, 2017 and 2018. Orm's cooking, a mix of avant-garde and more traditional methods, keeps sustainability at its heart, with his dishes frequently relying on Estonia's generous endowment of wild herbs, an inventory from which he forages his own ingredients. Following the rhythm of the four seasons of the north, Orm's restaurant takes advantage of techniques such as pickling to preserve the nutrients and tastes of summer during the cold winter months. At only 26 years old and having already led NOA Chef's Hall to being nominated as one of the best new dining experience destinations by The World's 50 Best Restaurants Academy, Orm's ambitions are now fixed on the prospect of achieving his first Michelin star.



MONIKA PANAYOTOVA

Bulgaria

Former Deputy Minister for the Bulgarian Presidency of the EU Council & 2019 EYL

Monika was Deputy Minister for the Bulgarian Presidency of the Council of the EU 2018. She previously served as a Member of the European Parliament for the European People's Party (EPP). Prior to that post, she was a Member of the Bulgarian Parliament, Chairwoman of the Committee on European Affairs and Oversight of the European Funds and a member of the Foreign Policy and Defence Committee. Before starting her political career, Monika worked for an NGO and spent time as a research fellow at the Economic Policy Institute in Sofia.



MARKO PAVIĆ

Croatia

Minister for Labour and the Pension System in Croatia
& 2019 EYL

Marko is the Minister for Labour and Pension Scheme in Croatia. Before entering the world of politics, Marko dedicated his time to physics and oceanography. After finishing his studies, he travelled to Antarctica to study climate change developments. Among the various high-level positions he has held over the years, Marko has worked as an Independent consultant for EU project development and has been involved in numerous organisational and educational development programmes.



EDUARDO PORTAL MARTIN

Spain

Conductor and Founder of Antares Ensemble & 2017 EYL

Over the last few years, Eduardo has made a great impression on audiences and orchestras alike. Since graduating as conductor and violinist, he has conducted multiple orchestras across Europe and the Americas, such as the London Philharmonic Orchestra and the Sao Paulo Symphony Orchestra. In 2015, his presentation with the BBC National Orchestra of Wales included a broadcast on BBC Radio 3. For the third season in a row, he has returned on multiple occasions to the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra to conduct concerts all around England. Widely acclaimed by musical critics, Eduardo is particularly committed to the contemporary repertoire and is the founder of the Antares Ensemble in Spain, whose focus is on the performance of new music, emphasizing its links with historical and rarely-performed masterpieces.



MICHAEL PRINTZOS

Greece

Programme Director, The Hellenic Initiative & 2016 EYL

Michael is Programme Director at The Hellenic Initiative, a global, non-profit, secular institution aiming to mobilise support and investment for sustainable economic renewal in Greece. He is also a Committee Member at the American Hellenic Chamber of Commerce, dedicated to achieving Greek competitiveness through properly informing and adequately motivating business employees. Michael is the co-owner of Green Systems, an engineering procurement and construction company in Athens, and Brainomix, a start-up company that develops medical imaging software to assess the eligibility of acute stroke patients for life saving treatment. He completed his secondary education in Greece before attending the University of Oxford where he gained a degree in mechanical engineering.



KAMILLA SULTANOVA

Denmark

Independent Entrepreneur at ConnectUz & 2015/16 EYL

Kamilla is a bridge-builder and a solopreneur based in Helsinki. She has had a successful sales career in Scandinavian shipping companies including Maersk Line, where she was in charge of a global sales strategy execution in more than 20 markets spanning Eastern Europe, Nordics and Middle East. A gifted adviser and passionate advocate, Kamilla has done over 10 years' worth of activist work in influencing debates, policies and practices in the field of gender equality, inclusion, empowerment and cross-cultural dialogue in the Nordics and the EU.



CEZARY TOMCZYK

Poland

Member of Parliament & 2017 EYL

Cezary began his political career on Sieradz's city council in 2006. One year later, he was elected as a Member of the Polish Parliament at the age of 23. He sat in the Committee on National Defence and the Committee on EU Affairs in addition to chairing the Permanent Subcommittee on the Multiannual Financial Framework for 2014-2020. In 2010, he was awarded the Medal of Merit for National Defence by the Polish Minister of National Defence in recognition of his services to the development and strengthening of the defence of his country. In 2015, he was appointed as a Secretary of State and spokesperson in the government of Ewa Kopacz. After the 2015 parliamentary elections, he was nominated as shadow Deputy Minister of National Defence for the Civic Platform.



DAVOR TREMAC

Croatia

General Manager for Southeast Europe at Uber & 2017 EYL

Holding a degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Zagreb, Davor co-founded and served as COO of Gourmeo, a web start-up dealing in premium restaurant space, which expanded across Brazil, Germany and the United Kingdom. It partnered with the best restaurants in major cities across Europe, South America and Asia. Davor then worked for a leading consultancy firm where he managed media, technology and telecom projects in Europe and South East Asia. He is now General Manager at Uber where he is responsible for developing the transportation network company across Southeast Europe. Davor is also a member of the Board of Governors of the American Chamber of Commerce in Croatia.



RUBEN VAN ZWIETEN

The Netherlands

Pastor and social entrepreneur & 2019 EYL

Ruben is a Dutch pastor and social entrepreneur, well-known for building bridges between the financial sector and spirituality. As a pastor he fills in for ministers, marries couples and baptises babies, as co-founder of the project Zingeving on the Zuidas (finding meaning in the Amsterdam Financial Sector), he aims to discuss a more human and moral perspective on the financial sector with its employees. Recently he opened The New Gate, a modern community house in Amsterdam and Rotterdam dedicated to philosophy, meeting people, and building a kinder society. Ruben is adviser at Goldschmeding Foundation and board member at VUMC Foundation and also member of the Dutch Monitoring Commission for banks. Dutch Newspaper De Volkskrant called him one of the nation's most influential people.



WOUTER VERSCHULDEN

Belgium

Founder of News Monkey & 2014 EYL

Wouter is the founder of Newsmonkey.be, a social media tailor-made news website, partly funded by a successful crowd-funding action. In 2013, he made a documentary and book about the future of the news business: Stop The Presses: the Golden Age of Journalism starts now. The documentary was partly based on his experience as the Editor-in-Chief of De Morgen that he managed for over 2 years. Before that, he worked at De Standaard, as a political journalist, and won several Belfius-press prizes. During that period he acquired his passion for politics and the inner workings of the system, which resulted in a fiction series about Belgian politics that he co-wrote for television and that will air in Belgium. He holds an MA in Political Journalism from the Columbia School of Journalism in New York. He also has a Master in Business from the Vlerick Management School in Ghent and a Masters in Politics at Ghent University and Université de Bretagne Occidentale.



MARTINA VUK

Slovenia

Secretary of State for the Slovenian Ministry of Education, Science and Sport & 2019 EYL

Martina is currently the Secretary of State for the Slovenian Ministry of Education, Science and Sport. Having long been interested in politics, she began her political career by participating in the Young Democrats Forum towards the end of secondary school. This formative experience led her to pursue and obtain elected office at both the local and national level. At the Slovenia National Assembly, Martina has actively participated in the parliamentary group responsible for the fields of work, family, social affairs, health and human rights. For the past four and a half years, under two Governments, she worked as a state secretary at the Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities. As a Council of Europe-certified human rights trainer, she has worked with various non-governmental organisations to promote human rights and gender equality.



YURIY VULKOVSKY

Bulgaria

Country Manager Reach for Change & 2014 EYL

Yuriy is a Country Manager for Bulgaria of the International Foundation "Reach for Change" which supports social innovators and social entrepreneurs in 18 countries at 3 continents. He has more than 20 years of experience in the non-governmental sector in Bulgaria and Europe working for the capacity building of the independent social and cultural organisations, as well fighting for government transparency and effectiveness. He believes that the change starts from bottom up and the innovation emerges from the periphery, not from the centre. He is an alumni of the German Marshall Fund and Salzburg Global Seminar and is a member of the Strategy Group of the European Initiative "A Soul for Europe".

SPEAKERS & MODERATORS

JORDI BARRERA • Vice-President of Technology at Open Cosmos

Jordi was part of the founding team at Open Cosmos, a private-sector aerospace company which brought the first qbee satellite from concept to flight readiness in under 6 months. In his role as Vice-President of technology at Open Cosmos, he combines his expertise in satellite systems, mechanical design, systems engineering, integration and testing. Prior to joining Open Cosmos, he worked as a senior mechanical design and analysis engineer at SSTL, where he led the structural analysis of the first commercial application of a new SSTL LEO, having already been involved in the design and mechanical qualification of the avionics. During the time he spent studying aerospace engineering at university, Jordi was an active member of several organisations that pushed for a deeper collaboration between students and the aerospace industry.

POLLY BILLINGTON • Director at UK100 Cities Network Limited

Polly is the Director of UK100 - a network of UK cities and local authorities committed to 100% clean energy. She was previously special adviser at DECC 2008-10 and Director of Communications on Sadiq Khan's selection campaign to be Labour's candidate for London Mayor. She devised and led the 100% London campaign, getting both Zac Goldsmith and Sadiq to commit to London adopting 100% clean energy. She has 15 years' experience as a journalist at the BBC, working as the first ever dedicated Political Reporter for Radio 1's Newsbeat as well as Radio 4's Today programme, and was also Head of Communications and Campaigns at Citizens Advice. During the referendum campaign she was Campaign Director of Environmentalists for Europe.

FRAN BOAIT • CEO at Positive Money

As Executive Director, Fran has led the UK and international expansion of Positive Money, a non-profit think tank, which campaigns for systemic change of the money and banking system to support a fair, sustainable and democratic economy. Positive Money Europe was launched in 2018 and there are plans to set up Positive Money US in 2020. On top of her commitment to wider financial reform, she is a Director of Finance Watch and a Senior Fellow at the Finance Innovation Lab. Fran was also recognised as one of the most 'Inspirational Women in the City' by Brummell Magazine in 2017. Fran has a PhD in Geophysics, as awarded by Cambridge University. She has worked at various international organisations, including the UN, Greenpeace, and BP, and is currently the Labour Parliamentary candidate for Gloucester.

GEERT CAMI • Co-Founder & Secretary General at Friends of Europe

Geert co-founded Friends of Europe in 1999 and now mainly deals with its strategic development. He also focuses on the expansion and the activation of our vast network of senior political, corporate, media and societal contacts throughout the world, and coordinates the work of the Boards involved in the governance of the organisation. Since its launch, Geert also runs TownHall Europe, the Davignon Centre for New Leadership, next to the European Parliament in Brussels. Before that, Geert worked in ECHO at the European Commission, where he helped create and develop the then newly set-up Information and Communications Unit. Geert also headed the European conference organising, press relations and publishing company Forum Europe for more than ten years. At the outset of his career, Geert worked for 2 music programmes at Belgian public Radio 1, and very briefly as a teacher and TV journalist.

PAOLA SUBACCHI • Professor of Economics at Queen Mary University of London

Paola is Professor of International Economics at Queen Mary University of London and the Founding Director of Essential Economics (E-Economics), which provides advice on complex land use, property and policy matters. She is an expert on the functioning and governance of international monetary and financial systems. She is also a frequent advisor to governments, international organisations, non-profits, and corporations and has written several books on the subject, including her most recent work, *The People's Money: How China Is Building a Global Currency*. Paola is a media commentator who regularly appears on the BBC and who frequently contributes to *Foreign Policy*, *Project Syndicate*, the *Financial Times* and *Huffington Post Italy*.

EDWARD GARDINER • Scientist and Behavioural Design Lead at Warwick Business School

Ed is the Behavioural Design Lead at Warwick Business School (WBS), where he applies insights and methods from behavioural science to support the design of products and services with a social purpose. He joined WBS in the aim to set up and run the Behavioural Design Lab, a partnership with the Design Council. He now focuses on ways to support collective action, helping people work more effectively together to achieve their own common goals. Ed is also Course Director for the Behavioural Science in Practice executive education programme and teaches across a range of programmes at WBS. Additionally Ed is a Founding Member of Common, a problem-solving collective that brings a diverse suite of skills to today's increasingly complex social issues.

AMARA GRAPS • Executive Director at Baltics in Space

Amara is a senior planetary scientist who has worked in the planetary science field since 1980. She also founded the Baltics in Space programme. Having accumulated 37 years of experience working with a variety of different astronomy and planetary science teams on two continents, Amara was the deserved winner of the 2018 Europlanet Public Engagement Prize. She is known for integrating space capacities from the ground up while working with policy decision-makers on initiatives like the asteroid mining community of scientists and industry for the Luxembourg Ministry of the Economy, of which developments started in 2016. Amara oversaw the initiation, development and implementation of the Asteroid Science Intersections with In-Space Mine- Engineering (ASIME) conference of 2016 and was the co-lead of the Scientific Organizing Committee, established in 2018, which included 85 participants, comprised primarily of asteroid scientists, space mission engineers, technology transfer specialists, venture capital companies and Luxembourg sponsors.

DHARMENDRA KANANI • Director of Insights at Friends of Europe

Prior to joining Friends of Europe, Dharmendra Kanani was Director of Policy at the European Foundation Centre (EFC). He was the England Director at the Big Lottery Fund, the largest independent funder in the UK and fourth largest in the world. Kanani has held senior positions in the public and voluntary sector and was advisor for numerous ministerial policy initiatives across the UK.

ROSAMUND ADOO KISSI-DEBRAH • Founder and Director at the Ella Roberta Family Foundation

Rosamund Adoo-Kissi-Debrah is the head and co-founder of the Ella Roberta Family Foundation. Established after the death of Rosamund's beloved daughter, Ella, following her diagnosis with a rare form of asthma, the Foundation aims to improve the lives of children affected by asthma in South East London by campaigning both for more effective treatments to combat asthma and for cleaner air. Drawing on her experience as a teacher, her work today focuses on raising awareness of the impact of air pollution, namely through events in schools and local communities and through the representation of parents with asthmatic children. Rosamund continues to fight for public recognition of the link between her daughter's death and London's air pollution, having recently been granted the right to seek a new inquest at the high court.

ZANNY MINTON BEDDOES • Editor-in-Chief at *The Economist*

Zanny is the Editor-in-Chief at *The Economist*. Appointed in 2015, she is the first female to hold this title. Throughout her 24 years at the British newspaper, she has occupied a number of different roles, most notably as Economics editor and as correspondent for emerging markets. These roles have seen her write numerous analyses of Eastern European and Latin American countries, as well as surveys of the global economy and Asian and Latin American finance. Prior to joining *The Economist*, Zanny was an economist at the IMF and an advisor to the Polish Minister of Finance. Her articles have been published in *Foreign Policy* and *Foreign Affairs* and she has made regular appearances on the BBC, MSNBC and CNN.

GEOFF MULGAN • CEO at Nesta

Geoff has been Chief Executive of Nesta since 2011. Under his leadership, he has helped drive the expansion of the UK's innovation foundation and has led its move away from the public sector to become an independent foundation. He also co-chairs a World Economic Forum group looking at innovation and entrepreneurship in the fourth industrial revolution. Having previously worked in the UK government, Geoff's former roles have included Director of the Government's Strategy Unit, head of policy in the Prime Minister's office and Chief Advisor to Gordon Brown MP. He has advised many governments around the world and is currently chair of an international advisory committee for the Mayor of Seoul, in addition to being a member of a number of advisory committees for the Prime Minister's office in the UAE, the Scottish Government and SITRA, the Finnish Innovation agency.

JUSTIN MUNDY • Senior Fellow at the World Resource Institute (WRI)

Justin is a Senior Fellow and Special Envoy for WRI's Conflict & Natural Resources and Sustainable Ocean Initiatives. He has thirty years' international experience of working in development, climate change, environment and energy issues, having done so at senior levels within the public, multilateral and private sectors. Prior to joining WRI, Justin was HRH the Prince of Wales' Special Representative, the Director of the Prince's Charities' International Sustainability Unit (ISU) and Funding Partner of Sustainable Land Management (SLM) Partners. In addition to advising the British Government on topics such as Russia, India, China, climate change and energy issues, he was the principal architect of the 2005 G8 Energy Investment Framework. Justin has also worked for the World Bank, WWF, IUCN, IIED and was the Director of the Foundation for International Security.

CLAIRE PERRY • MP and Minister for Energy and Clean Growth

Claire Perry is a Conservative Party Member of Parliament and Ministry of State at the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. She has pushed for more ambitious emissions reductions targets for new vehicles on the European level and has spurred the UK's efforts to become a zero-net emitter by 2050. Throughout her political career, she has held various positions, including Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State for Transport from 2014-2016, Government Whip in 2013 and 2014, and Special Advisor to the Prime Minister on preventing the sexualisation and commercialisation of children. Prior to being elected, Perry pursued a career in business and finance and proceeded to set up her own company, an organisation specialising in offering online financial advice to women, before becoming policy advisor to the Shadow Chancellor, George Osborne, in 2007.

THOMAS RAINES • Head of the Europe Programme at Chatham House

Thomas Raines is head of the Europe Programme at Chatham House. Previously, he was manager and research fellow with the programme. Prior to joining Chatham House, he worked as an analyst in the Strategy Unit of the Foreign & Commonwealth Office in London. He is a regular frequent media commentator having previously contributed or been cited by the World Economic Forum, Reuters, CNBC and BBC News. He is also the author of a number of Chatham House reports and papers, including most recently, *Europe's Political Tribes: Exploring the Diversity of Views Across the EU* and *The Future of Europe: Comparing Public and Elite Attitudes*.

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JEAN-JACQUES TORTORA • Director at the European Space Policy Institute (ESPI)

Jean Jacques is the Director of the European Space Policy Institute, which provides recommendations on how best to manage challenges linked to space exploration and exploitation. His notable high-level roles within the aerospace industry includes the position of Secretary General of ESD-Eurospace, Head of the French Space Agency (CNES) office of North America, during which time he was also Attaché for Space and Aeronautics at the Embassy of France in Washington, D.C. and Deputy Director for Strategy and Programmes at CNES, where he oversaw its industrial strategy. His previous responsibilities saw him fill the role of France's representative in the ESA Industrial Policy Committee and the Joint Communication Board, as well as act as Advisor to the French Government on the new space applications and competitiveness support.

LAURENCE TUBIANA • CEO at the European Climate Foundation

Laurence Tubiana is CEO of the European Climate Foundation (ECF), in addition to her roles as Chair of the Board of Governors at the French Development Agency (AFD) and Professor at Sciences Po, Paris. Prior to joining the ECF, Laurence was France's Climate Change Ambassador and Special Representative for COP21, and was therefore a key architect of the landmark Paris Agreement. Following COP21, she was appointed High Level Champion for Climate Action by the UN. Aside from founding and directing several organisations in the field of food security and sustainable development, Laurence served as Senior Advisor for the Environment to the French Prime Minister, Lionel Jospin. In 2013, she chaired the French National Debate on the Energy Transition. In 2018, President Macron appointed her to France's High Council on Climate Change.

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