

**COMPLUTENSE
INTERNATIONAL MEETING**

**«THE ROLE OF EUROPE IN THE
INTERNATIONAL ARENA:
VISIONS FROM THE CENTRAL
AND EASTERN EUROPEAN
COUNTRIES»**

Objectives

The aim is to organize a big meeting with centres of international relations, research institutes and universities from Central and Eastern European countries; an encounter in which likewise, the most relevant Think Tanks of the Western Europe would participate.

The seminar has a double objective. On one hand, it aims to put in common the different visions of Europe existing in the new member states, the candidates to join in the future the European Union (EU) and the countries coming from the postcommunist area for which the integration is not foreseen so far. On the other hand, the objective would be to debate the sceneries which can be envisaged, starting from these pluralities of visions and to define the Spanish position, both in the relation to the different 'Europes' which can emerge as well as in relation to the trajectories which could be consolidated in the Centre and East of the continent.

The result of this meeting will be the publication of a book where these diversities of approach would be stated. It pretends as well to enter rigorously in the debate on the future of Europe. Apart from the Spanish language publication, the necessary actions will be taken to publish the book by Edgar Elgar in English.

Apart from the interest in the debate itself, the meeting has two additional purposes. Firstly, it would be aiming to exchange and to put in common the working agenda and strategies of each of the participating research groups; secondly, its purpose would be to open a space of cooperation and exchange with universities from these countries. In both cases, we would try to consolidate this space of collaboration in very different fields - research

projects, scientific exchange, observatories - which would have as the vertebrate axis the Complutense Institute for International Studies and the Complutense University of Madrid.

Interest area and addressees:

The meeting format is the one corresponding to the Social Sciences (Economics, Policy, Sociology, Information Sciences, Law and the School of the Diplomacy). Inside this area, it is focused on professors, researchers, as well as students of the last years of the degree courses and students of postgraduate courses.

Place and date of meeting celebration:

The meeting will be celebrated the 25th and 26th of March 2009, in the Chancellors Hall of the Complutense University of Madrid.

Format:

The Seminar will last two full days, having sessions in the morning and in the afternoon; it will combine the conferences and working tables.

Bearing in mind the international character of the meeting and the participation of lecturers from different European countries, a service of simultaneous translation will be provided in order to facilitate the communication and the debate.

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Provisional Program (March 2009):

- The 25th:

Morning Session

Official Inauguration:

- Carlos Berzosa, Chancellor of the Complutense University of Madrid;
- Miguel Angel Moratinos, Minister of Foreign Affairs;

- Inauguration Conference: "Strengths and weaknesses of Europe in the global World":
 - Felipe González, former Prime Minister of Spain and Chairman of the "Reflection Group".

- Round table: "Competitiveness, structural change and social cohesion: a strategy for Europe."

Participants:

- Chairman: José Antonio Alonso, Director of the Complutense Institute for International Studies (ICEI), Complutense University of Madrid;
- András Inotai, Director of the World Economic Institute, Budapest, Hungary.
- Grzegorz W. Kolodko, TIGER, Kozminski University, Poland
- Ignacio Sotelo, Free University of Berlin.
- Urmas Varblane, Institute of Economics, Tartu, Estonia

Afternoon session

- Round table: "Research activity and interuniversity cooperation with countries from the Central and Eastern Europe"

Participants:

- Chairperson: Angel Tablas, Director of the General Foundation of the Complutense University of Madrid;
- Horst Brezinski, TU Bergakademie Freiberg, Germany
- Laszlo Csaba, Academy of Sciences, Hungary
- Victor Polterovich, New Economic School, Russia
- Carmen Acebal, Vice-chancellor of investigation and scientific policy, UCM, Madrid

□ The 26th:

Morning session

- Conference: "Strengths and weaknesses in a global World: Are the new Eastern members a booster or a deadweight?"
 - Wladimir Andreff, Professor of the Université Paris 1 Panthéon-Sorbonne and Chairman of the French Economists Association.

- Round Table: "Economic and geostrategical consequences of the enlargements towards the East of Europe". Participants:
 - Chairman: Fernando Luengo, Complutense Institute for International Studies;
 - Soós Károly Attila, Institute of Economics, Hungary;
 - Bruno Dallago, Università di Trento, Italy;
 - Nauro Campos, Brunel University, UK;
 - Maria Lissowska, Warsaw School of Economics, Poland.

Afternoon session

- Round Table: "The enlargements and the neighbouring countries". Participants:
 - Chairman: Pedro Chaves, Foundation for a Europe of Citizens;
 - Michael Elmanm, Amsterdam Business School, Holland;
 - Rustem Nureev, Lomonosov State University - Higher School of Economics, Russia
 - Igor Egorov, STEPS Centre, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine;
 - Huseyin Bagci, Middle East Technical University, Turkey;

- Closing Act: Angel Gabilondo, Chairman of the Rectors' Conference of the Spanish Universities (CRUE)