

**BRUSSELS CONVERSATIONS 2012**  
*on*  
**A Cultural Coalition for a Citizens' Europe**  
**A 2-Day Conference – 16 & 17 November**



The European House for Culture together with the Marcel Hicter Association, the Access to Culture Platform, "A Soul for Europe," and the Festival of Philosophy bring "A Soul for Europe's" Cultural Coalition for a Citizens' Europe to Brussels.

## PROGRAMME

*This programme will be continuously updated. Last update: 09 October 2012*  
*Speakers and active participants will be updated following confirmations.*

### FRIDAY, 16 NOVEMBER: PALAIS DES ACADÉMIES

- 18:30**      **REGISTRATION**
- 19:00**      **WELCOME AND OPENING**
- **FRANS DE RUITER**, President of the European House for Culture
  - **RAYMOND WEBER**, President of the Marcel Hicter Association
  - **VOLKER HASSEMER**, President of the Board of the "A Soul for Europe" E.E.I.G.
- 19:30**      **ON A CULTURAL COALITION FOR A CITIZENS' EUROPE**
- **LUUK VAN MIDDELAAR**, historian and political philosopher, author of *The passage to Europe. History of a Beginning*
- 20:30**      **CONVERSATIONS, MODERATED BY ANNELIES BECK**, Journalist and Writer
- **JACQUES DE DECKER**, Secrétaire Perpétuel de l'Académie royale de langue et de littérature françaises de Belgique, author, and playwright, Board Member of the Philosophy Festival
  - **FRANS DE RUITER**
  - **VOLKER HASSEMER**
  - **LUUK VAN MIDDELAAR**
  - **PETER VERMEER**, Initiator of the G1000 citizens' summit
  - **RAYMOND WEBER**
- 21:30**      **RECEPTION**

### SATURDAY, 17 NOVEMBER: PALAIS DES ACADÉMIES

#### Session I: Why cultural citizenship?

- 9:00**      **REGISTRATION**
- 9:30**      **INTRODUCING THE CONVERSATIONS 2012**
- **KATHRIN DEVENTER**, Strategy Group Member of "A Soul for Europe," Secretary General of the European Festivals Association (EFA)
  - **MARIJN DUIJVESTEIN**, Strategy Group Member of "A Soul for Europe," Deputy Project Manager at Mostra
- 9:45**      **STATE OF DEMOCRACY AND CULTURAL RIGHTS IN EUROPE**
- **PATRICE MEYER-BISCH**, Coordinator of the Interdisciplinary Institute for Ethics and Human Rights and UNESCO Chair for Human Rights and Democracy, University of Fribourg, Switzerland
- 10:45**      **COFFEE BREAK**
- 11:15**      **STARTING THE CONVERSATIONS, MODERATED BY ANNELIES BECK**
- **CRISTINA ORTEGA NUERE**, President of ENCATC, Director of the Institute of Leisure Studies of the University of Deusto

- **ELISABETH O. SJAASTAD**, film director and CEO of the Federation of European Film Directors (FERA), Member of the Access to Culture Platform

#### RESPONSE PANEL

- **STEVE AUSTEN**, Permanent Fellow at the Felix Meritis Foundation, Member of the Access to Culture Platform
- **LUCA BERGAMO**, Secretary General of Cultural Action Europe, Member of the Access to Culture Platform
- **TOURIA HADRAOUI**, Musique, Chemins Croisés, Journalist and Musician
- **KATHERINE HEID**, Network Manager at RESEO, Member of the Access to Culture Platform
- **BILJANA ZDRAVKOVIC**, General Manager of Jugokonzert and Bemus, Board Member of European Festivals Association (EFA)
- **JUDITH SARGENTINI**, Member of the European Parliament (Netherlands), Member of the "A Soul for Europe" Parliamentarian Working Group

**ALL CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS** will take part in the conversation and give ideas and proposals to the moderator and panel.

13:00 **NETWORKING LUNCH**

## Session II: Resisting Citizenship? How can Europe move past fear of the 'other' to realize its full potential?

14:00 **REALITY CHECK** with **KATHRIN DEVENTER** and **MARIJN DUIJVESTEIN**

14:15 **AGAINST FEAR AND RESENTMENT: A REVALUATION OF EUROPE**

- **ALICJA GESCINSKA**, Philosopher and Writer

#### STARTING THE CONVERSATIONS, MODERATED BY ANNELIES BECK

- **KRZYSZTOF CZYZEWSKI**, President of Borderland Foundation, social activist, Theater producer and Essayist
- **RUI TAVARES**, Member of the European Parliament (Portugal), Member of the "A Soul for Europe" Parliamentarian Working Group

#### RESPONSE PANEL

- **JOANNA BAKER**, Managing Director Edinburgh International Festival
- **NORA JUMBLATT**, President of the Beiteddine Art Festival, Board Member of European Festivals Association (EFA)
- **VANIA RODRIGUES**, Consultant and Training Coordinator, Strategy Group Member of "A Soul for Europe"
- **YURIY VULKOVSKY**, Director of the Bulgarian Festivals Association, Strategy Group Member of "A Soul for Europe"
- **JAMAL YOUSSEFI**, La Compagnie des Nouveaux Disparus

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17:00 **Coffee Break**

## Plenary Session III: Closing Comments

17:30 **FINAL REALITY CHECK** with **KATHRIN DEVENTER** and **MARIJN DUIJVESTEIN**

17:45 **CLOSING THE CONVERSATIONS 2012**

- **PAUL SCHEFFER**, writer, publicist and Professor of Urban Sociology at the University of Amsterdam
- **VOLKER HASSEMER**
- **ANNA LUYTEN**, Journalist
- **PETER VERMEER**

18:30 **Farewell Drink**

More information on the programme, the speakers, and all partners involved can be found at [www.houseforculture.eu](http://www.houseforculture.eu)