

# 1939 - 2009

## 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 17<sup>th</sup> of November, the International Students' Day

*Remembering the students victims of the totalitarian regimes  
and re-launching the role of student democracy*

16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> November 2009, BRUSSELS

### 16<sup>th</sup> November

*Université Libre de Bruxelles - Institut de Sociologie, Salle "Baugniet"*

- 09.30 - 11.00: Official opening
  - Giuseppe BECCIA, Secretary General of OBESSU
  - Ligia DECA, Chairperson European Students' Union
  - Tom DEMEYER, VVS Executive Committee
  - Kenneth BERTRAMS, Conseil d'Administration of the ULB
- 11.00 - 11.30: Coffee Break
- 11.30 - 13.00: "Here we are: Youth and Students in Europe for the defence and promotion of Human Rights"
  - Peter MATJAŠIČ, Secretary General of JEF - Young European Federalists
  - Virginija PRASMICKAITE, IGLYO - International LGBTQ youth organisation
  - Eline VAN NISTELROOIJ, Spokesperson FYEG Federation Young European Greens
  - Michele CURTO, President of FLARE - Freedom, Legality and Rights in Europe
- 13.00 - 14.30: Lunch
- 14.30 - 16.00: The role of student activism in the XX century in the opposition of authoritarian regimes.
  - Jean Philippe LEGOIS, directeur de la Mission CAARME/ Cité des mémoires étudiantes
  - Robi MORDER, GERME - Groupe d'Etudes et de Recherche sur les Mouvements Etudiants
- 16.00 - 16.30: Coffee break
- 16.30 - 18.00: Students and the Cold War: the International Union of Students and the International Student Confederation and the regimes of the XX Century.
  - Joel KOTEK, Historian, author of the book "Students and the Cold War"
  - Giovanni BERLINGUER, former MEP & former president of the IUS (1949-1953)

## 17<sup>th</sup> November:

*Bibliothèque Solvay, Parc Leopold (backside of the European Parliament), Brussels*

- 09.30 - 11.00: Official commemoration of the victims of the 17<sup>th</sup> of November
  - Stavros LAMBRINIDIS, Vice-President of the European Parliament
  - Sjur BERGAN, Head of Higher Education Department, Council of Europe
  - Liliana SIMIONESCU, Higher Education Department UNESCO
  - Luigi BERLINGUER, MEP, former Minister of Education in Italy
- 11.00 - 11.30: Coffee break
- 11.30 - 13.00: The student movement and the promotion of democracy, rights and participation in Europe.
  - Tony KINSELLA, Irish times' columnist, former student leader & OBESSU founder.
  - Klemen MIKLAVIC, former student leader - OSCE Mission in Kosovo
  - Pierfrancesco MAJORINO, founder of the Italian student union UDS
  - Brian CARTY, former ESIB Director & OBESSU Board Member
- 13.00 - 14.30: Lunch
- 14.30 - 18.00: Public action in remembrance of the students victims of dictatorships,  
*Meeting point: Parc Leopold, Bibliothèque Solvay.*

## 18<sup>th</sup> November:

*Hostel "De Blauwput", Leuven*

- 09.30 - 11.00: Students facing authoritarian regimes in the XXI century: Bielorrussia, Iran, Colombia, China. What are the struggles of the student movements there?
  - Diego MARIN, ACEU Colombia
  - Tatsiana KHOMA, Former student leader in Belarus
  - Iranian Student Union Representative
- 11.00 - 11.30: Coffee break
- 11.30 - 13.00: The role of students' unions today in global perspective.
  - Rabi ARYAL, ASA - Asian Students Association
  - Abdul Karim HAKIB, AASU - All-African Students Union.
  - Sixto Efrain ZAPATA, OCLAE - Latin America & Caribbean Student Union
- 13.00 - 14.30: Lunch
- 14.30 - 16.00: Defending students' rights: the campaign "Light of the Rights"
- 16.00 - 16.30: Coffee break
- 16.30 - 18.00: I want...NOW! Implementation of campaign strategies for ESU's Student Rights Charter & OBESSU's Declaration of school student rights.
- 18.00 - 18.30: Official closing

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