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I – Editorial

FRENCH AND EUROPEANS: STRONGER TOGETHER!

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The French presidential election, which will be played out in a duel between Emmanuel Macron and Marine Le Pen, has a European dimension that must be apprehended with both attention and resolution, based on three complementary observations. 1. A decisive national election that will have major consequences for Europe From a European standpoint and beyond, it is significant that the French accorded first place in the first round of elections to a candidate who is supportive of European integration, its reform and its intensification. While greater prominence than usual has been given to European issues in the campaign, exit polls indicate, however, that people voted first and foremost on the basis of domestic considerations (renewal of political practices, education and training to fight unemployment, taxation, social protection, etc.). Some people even voted despite their reservations concerning the positions of their candidate on Europe, thus confirming that Europe was not one of their main concerns. This vote, which focused on domestic issues, is quite logical, since the EU has subsidiary powers and since it is not the main cause of difficulties in France, or of the difficulties and achievements of the 27 other member states. This welcome reminder is in fact good news for the French, who hold the key to their fate in their hands for the second round, as they will have to choose between two very different alternatives in terms of national policies. For this reason, this second round is first of all a decisive election for French recovery, and at the same time, the verdict will have far-reaching consequences on France's European policy, and therefore on the future of European integration. 2. The French are not Europhobic and can put an end to the Brexit-Trump sequence First position for Emmanuel Macron advantageously contradicts the prophecies announcing that Trump's win and the vote in favour of Brexit would lead to an overwhelming wave of national votes of withdrawal, forgetting, in passing, the specific nature of these two Anglo-Saxon votes. After the defeat of the extreme right in Austria and in the Netherlands, the French vote is a welcome halt, which we hope to see confirmed in the second round, through the rejection of Europhobia as embodied by the National Front. For "Europhobia" not only concerns strongly criticising the EU, its decisions or its failings, by expressing a sort of "Euroscepticism" that should be better heard and heeded by both national and European authorities. Being "Europhobic" means hating the EU, Schengen or the euro to a point that there is a desire to leave, at the cost of taking a step into the unknown, the magnitude of which



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public opinion is better able to measure after the “Brexit” vote, which had nothing to do with belonging to a monetary union, no more than the Trump vote. Leaving the euro area would be depriving oneself of solid protection against global financial speculation and playing Russian roulette with the savings of the French people. It would mean once again facing the destructive competitive devaluations of the past: monetary nationalism means monetary war! French Europhobes have perceived the popular support for belonging to the euro area so well that they keep in check or even distort their strong desire to leave: it is better not to take the risk of allowing them to play the sorcerer’s apprentice with our economy and our savings! 3. Let’s look to the outside world in order to become even more European A win for Emmanuel Macron, for which we are hoping, would reaffirm France’s attachment and influence in Europe and allow it to better defend its interests and values within the EU, which needs strong Member States in order for it to be strong. It would reinforce the ability of Europeans to overcome successive co-owner crises (Constitutional Treaty, euro area, refugees, etc.) by taking a better look at the world, of which we are no longer the centre and which is full of opportunities but also poses serious threats. Union is strength more than ever when facing challenges that are as numerous and diverse as the chaos in Syria and Libya, Russian aggressiveness, Islamist terrorism, climate change, global financial deregulation, uncontrolled waves of migrants, the mounting power of China, the unpredictability of Donald Trump or the management of the EU-United Kingdom divorce... It is also in this unstable global context that the choice of those called on to vote on 7 May next is taking place, before the Czechs and the Germans are called to the polling booths later in the year. We urge the majority of French people not to give their vote to a candidate who would have her eye on the exit door rather than towards her neighbours, and to support the candidate calling to continue and deepen the challenging dialogue on which European integration has always been founded, in order to fully adapt it to the 21st century. French and Europeans, we are and we will always be stronger together!

II - A European gleam on top news of the period.

- Emmanuel Macron wins the first round of French Presidential Elections. <https://www.theguardian.com/world/2017/apr/24/great-for-europe-reaction-to-macrons-first-round-success-in-french-election>
- Theresa May calls for UK general elections in June. <https://www.theguardian.com/politics/2017/apr/18/theresa-may-uk-general-election-8-june>
- Update on EU-Mercosur trade negotiations. <http://trade.ec.europa.eu/civilsoc/meetdetails.cfm?meet=11489>
- White Paper on the Future of Europe: reflections and scenarios for the EU27 by 2025. <https://goo.gl/pTlvcu>
- 60th anniversary of the Treaties of Rome. https://europa.eu/newsroom/highlights/special-coverage/60th-anniversary-treaties-rome_en



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III - Our initiatives

Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa:

- 1) Among January and March CesUE realized 15 lectures on EU and migration for the EUMAN Project.
http://www.cesue.eu/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=134&Itemid=519&lang=it
- 2) 28 Aprile 2017 CesUE realized the first "participated" European Awareness Days in Busto Arsizio. 12 high school students from Lombardia schools staged the show "Europa che passione!" advised by CesUE.

University Institute for European Studies. CEU San Pablo University, Madrid:

1) **Master programmes 2017 - 2018**

Master in European Union

The European Union Master's Degree is an official postgraduate program organized by the Institute for European Studies within the University CEU San Pablo.

It's official, bilingual and provides specific training in areas that analyze European integration from a multidisciplinary perspective. It is a leading program in Spain with a high level and international faculty and both a professional and research vocation. Optional internships in private and public bodies are available to complete the training and connect students with the labour market.

More information: <https://goo.gl/z2rMG6>

Master in International Relations

The International Relations Master's Degree is an official postgraduate programme organized by the Institute for European Studies within the University CEU San Pablo. This programme is pioneer in Spain and leads the ranking in academic research within the domains of International Relations. It's official, interdisciplinary and bilingual.

More information: <https://goo.gl/cJ7u08>

2) **International Conference on 'European identity. How to combat right-wing-populism in order to save the European ideal'**

The University Institute for European Studies organized the International Conference on 'European identity. How to combat right-wing-populism in order to save the European ideal'. The lecture was given by Alexander Görlach.

January 2017. More information: <https://goo.gl/3FFKNP2>



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3) Workshop on 'Financiación Europea: Oportunidades de Subvenciones y Asistencias Técnicas'

The Centre for Development Cooperation Studies and the University Institute for European Studies organized this workshop whose main issues were: Evaluation and Aid Efficiency, Institutional Strengthening and Development, and European Union Development Policies **January 2017**. More information: <https://goo.gl/K6LhgN>

4) International Conference on 'Logros de la Política Exterior Estadounidense 2008-2016. Relaciones bilaterales con España'

The University Institute for European Studies organized the International Conference on 'Logros de la Política Exterior Estadounidense 2008-2016. Relaciones bilaterales con España'. The lecture was given by Shelby Smith-Wilson (US Embassy Madrid). **February 2017**. More information: <https://goo.gl/zNwXyM>

5) IV Curso Superior de Arbitraje

This is the first course in Spanish offered as part of the program 'Recognised Course Provider (RCP)'. It allows participants to access the accreditation at the level of Member (MCIArb) of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators. **February 2017**. More information: <https://goo.gl/Z2eaad>

6) Jean Monnet Network MoreEU: Formación para Profesores

Workshop on 'Formando a ciudadanos europeos'
March 2017. More information: <https://goo.gl/vD9lgy>

7) Workshop on 'Traspasando horizontes: oportunidades laborales para los jóvenes madrileños en la Unión Europea'

This workshop was organized by the University Institute for European Studies and the European Documentation Centre at CEU San Pablo University.
- Seminar I: Oportunidades laborales de la UE: Consultoría, think tanks y sector privado
- Seminar II: Empleo juvenil y ayudas a la movilidad en la Unión Europea
- Seminar III: La función pública europea: trabajar en y para la Unión Europea
March 2017. More information: <https://goo.gl/H6yvA8> - <https://goo.gl/1VRTpU> - <https://goo.gl/6lk0Db3>

8) Presentation of the book 'Gorbachov. Primavera de la libertad. Ocaso y caída del imperio rojo'

Josep Borrell, Former President of the European Parliament, was the speaker in this event. **March 2017**. More information: <https://goo.gl/YqzPrZ>



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9) Seminar on 'The future of Europe'

The University Institute for European Studies organized an interesting meeting on 'The future of Europe' with prestigious experts: Jorge Toledo, Secretary of State for the European Union, and Carlos Closa, Research Professor at CSIC.

April 2017. More information: <https://goo.gl/Nr2Sfr>

10) 'EUROPE: WHAT A PASSION! The musical tale of a stormy love affair'

'Europe: what a Passion!' is a lively and innovative recital show narrating the history of European integration since World War Two. It engages spectators in the tale of a little known, yet all-important part of their own story, whose further development weighs heavily on our future and depends ultimately on our conscious or unconscious choices.

- **European Awareness Day: AwarEU (April, 24)**

- **European Awareness Day: Jean Monnet Network MoreEU (April, 25)**

More information: <https://goo.gl/VKtbR6> - <https://goo.gl/7AViGJ>

11) Seminar on '¿Cómo hablan los medios españoles de la Unión Europea?'

The University Institute for European Studies organized an interesting meeting on "EU and the media". Prestigious journalists took part in this seminar:

- Álvaro López de Goicoechea (RTVE)
- Cristina Manzano (esglobal.org)
- Áurea Moltó, (politicaexterior.com)

April 2017. More information: <https://goo.gl/UQtrlK4>

Nova Law School , Lisbon:

1)Four students from Nova Law School (Afonso Ferreira, Bruno Reis, Guilherme Oliveira e Costa, Sofia Teixeira) got 3rd place on the regional final of the **European Law Moot Court Competition**, that took place in Naples on 16-19 February. <http://www.fd.unl.pt/Detail.asp?id=11419>

2)Brief Course – 20-24/03/2017 **Global Europe: European Union's External Action Law**

Coordination: Pedro Espírito Santo (European Commission)

<http://www.fd.unl.pt/Anexos/11410.pdf>

3)Brief Course – from 27/03 to 31/03 **Personal data protection** Coordination: Francisco Pereira Coutinho and Graça Canto Moniz <http://www.fd.unl.pt/Anexos/11441.pdf>



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Institute of European Studies - University of Warsaw:

1) **Conference: *Przyszłość integracji europejskiej*** [Future of European Integration] was organized by Institute of European Studies, University of Warsaw and The Polish Association of European Studies on 18 January 2017 in Warsaw. More information: <http://pl.europeistyka.uw.edu.pl/u/files/KN%20Przyszłość%20integracji%20europejskiej%20-%20zaproszenie.pdf>.

2) **Deliberative debate: *Reload Europe*** was organized by Institute of European Studies, University of Warsaw with the support of the The Polish Association of European Studies, European Commission and Team Europe on 25 February 2017 in Warsaw. More information: http://pl.europeistyka.uw.edu.pl/u/files/Reload-Europe_zaproszenie%20-%20ANG.pdf.

3) **Conference: *Traktaty Rzymskie – 60 lat integracji europejskiej*** [Treaties of Rome – 60 Years of European Integration] was organized by Institute of European Studies, University of Warsaw and co-organised by The Polish Association of European Studies, Ośrodek Analiz, Studiów i Szkoleń PTSE, Chair of European Studies Iniversity of Wrocław, Faculty of Political Science and Journalism of Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, WSB University in Wrocław, Centre for Political Analysis, University of Warsaw and held on 24 March 2017 in Warsaw. More information: <http://www.pl.europeistyka.uw.edu.pl/u/files/Program%20-%20Traktaty%20rzymskie%2024.03.2017.pdf>.

IV - Publications

Belén Becerril Atienza, José Alberto Parejo Gámir and Blanca Sánchez Alonso. *Migración y Asilo: Nuevos retos y oportunidades para Europa*. Thomson Reuters Aranzadi. Madrid, 2016. More information: <https://goo.gl/RpOqBG>

Winston S. Churchill (Author); Belén Becerril Atienza (Editor). *Europa Unida. Dieciocho discursos y una carta*. Ediciones Encuentro. Madrid, 2016. More information: <http://goo.gl/J9PMV7>

José María Beneyto and Jerónimo Maillo. *The Fight against Hard Core Cartels in Europe*. Bruylant. Madrid, 2016. More information: <https://goo.gl/FR3imy>

Álvaro del Blanco, Lorenzo del Federico, Cristina García Herrera, Concetta Ricci, Caterina Verrigni and Silvia Giorgi. *Energy Case-Law on the Control of Energy Taxes and Tax Reliefs under European Union Law*. Instituto Universitario de Estudios Europeos – CEU Ediciones. Madrid 2017. Download: <https://goo.gl/2wdrkL>

Tomasz Grzegorz Grosse (edited by), *European Union Policies at a Time of Crisis*, Wydawnictwo Scholar, Warsaw 2017, http://scholar.com.pl/sklep.php?md=products&id_p=2635

Jerónimo Maillo, Edoardo Traversa and Justo Corti. Alice Pirlot. *EU Energy Taxation System & State Aid Control Critical Analysis from Competitiveness and Environmental Protection Objectives*. Instituto Universitario de Estudios Europeos – CEU Ediciones. Madrid 2017. Download: <https://goo.gl/eFUO1Q>



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José A. Rozas. *The Role of the Polluter Pays Principle and others Key Legal Principles in Energy Taxes, on an State aid Context*. Instituto Universitario de Estudios Europeos – CEU Ediciones. Madrid 2017. Download: <https://goo.gl/Ie1vTq>

Marta Villar Ezcurra and Janet Milne. *Energy Taxation and State Aids: Analysis of Comparative Law*. Instituto Universitario de Estudios Europeos – CEU Ediciones. Madrid 2017. Download: <https://goo.gl/MVRurP>