



## **EUROPE OPEN PODIUM**

### **A Meet-Up for European Alternatives**

**Sunday February, 14-18h**

Salon & Café De Balie

Kleine-Gartmanplantsoen 10, Amsterdam (off Leidseplein)

#### **In search for vital frames for Europe**

With every half hour a short pitch or dialogue (10 minutes) on the Salon Stage & Conversations with a beer, wine, orange jus with speakers and all participants in Salon, Balie Café en Rotonde

#### **With**

EBN, European Alternatives, Reclaim Europe partners, Bridging Europe, SIB, Commons Network/European Commons Assembly, Happy Chaos, Network Democratie, De Beweging, Diem25, Open Knowledge International, Europeana, Pulse of Europe, We25Million, Are We Europe (AWE), Spring to Come Foundation, GeoffreyNice Foundation, en vele anderen...

#### **Languages**

Dutch and English (and whatever else one wishes to speak)

#### **And presentations at roundtables of**

New alliances, new democracy, new relations of Europe with the world

## EUROPA OPEN PODIUM LINE-UP

**13.45**

### **OPENING MEET UP**

Meet and greet

**14.00**

### **FIRST CONVERSATION: TALES OF MY EUROPE: THE DAY THE WALL CAME TUMBLING DOWN**

#### **Tales of My Europe – “The Day the/my Wal fell”**

A kick-off around Imagining Europe, Europe as a Web of Stories. With **Sahand Sahebdivani** - storyteller of the year and **Ogutu Muraya**, with photographer **Valerio Vincenzo** (Borderline, Frontiers of Peace). And with columnist/art historian **Thomas von der Dunk**. Plus the launch of the **Nanke Meuter Award Bloggers Contest/Festival**.

All afternoon, **filmer Joshua Bolwerk** will record individual stories, under the title: “Europe, The Day My Wall Fell”, about defining change moment’s in people’s memories and heads.

**14.30**

### **SECOND CONVERSATION: RYDER CUP OR EUROPEAN ARMY?**

Within Europe, there is a lot of talk about ‘forming a strong block’? This is more easily said than done. Why do certain forms of collaboration in Europe happen smoothly and painlessly (like the Golfer’s Ryders Cup, in which Europe plays as one team). And why do other forms of collaboration are so painstaking? What are the prerequisites for collaboration? How inclusive is collaboration? And who decides what we mean by ‘security’ in all the appeals for investing more in security today. What type of security will benefit humanity, in Europe and the rest of the world. With **Dick Berlijn**, vml Commander in Chief of the Dutch Army, and **Marijn Hoijtink** (tbc, VU).

**15.00**

### **THIRD CONVERSATION: EUROPE: HERE’S THE WORLD SPEAKING – NEW CONNECTIONS WITH THE NEIGHBOURS**

A conversation about how the world is moving, what the world still expects from Europe and how Europe – according to its neighbours – should free itself from the bonds of fear. What alternative ways are there for international cooperation? With Kenyan broadcaster and VU international relations specialist **Josh Maiyo**, with **Wouter van de Staaij (Ministry of Foreign Affairs, EU Global Strategy)** and **Rena Netjes**. Olv **Coen Ramaer** (Midden-Oosten Studies)

**15.30**

**FOURTH CONVERSATION: WAY BEYOND THE EURO** - In search of a solid, social, sustainable financial order and 'better deals'. Dialogue with **Paul Buitink (Reinvent Money/ Bitcoins/ Depositobank)** and **Victor Broers (author of Europe in the Red/ Europa in het Rood and Truth, Value and Wealth/Waarheid, Waarde en Welvaart)** and speaker from **TNI/SOMO (tbc)**.

The euro, once launched as a symbol of European collaboration, is everywhere under pressure. Its political flaws are increasingly manifest and debated. Way beyond the euro, the recent financial crises have painfully exposed the deeper turmoil with financial markets: how they appear footloose, and how flash capital may turn whole societies upside down. A growing number of people is concerned about the financial order and wish to think out better alternatives. We discuss the dilemmas and some suggestions for solutions.

**16.15**

**FIFTH CONVERSATION: EUROPE: HIGH TIME FOR A NEW DECLARATION... OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND RULE OF LAW**

Dialogue with the acclaimed international human rights lawyer and activist **Sir Geoffrey Nice** (prosecutor Milosevic Tribunal) and rule of law expert **mr. Camilo Schutte (Nederlandse Orde van Advocaten)** about human rights, rule of law, and what citizens could do themselves to prevent further undermining of human rights which is visible in many places.

**17.00**

**SIXTH CONVERSATION: EUROPEAN COMMONS AND COMMONERS**

Conversation about how people and cities reclaim public space, deal with new democracy and take the future into their own hands again, in a wide range of local initiatives. We discuss new coalitions and connections between all the new civil initiatives and movements that spring up. The 'commons perspective' embraces co-creation, democratization, and social & ecological sustainability. It is not 'left' or 'right' but has clear implications for policy. Does this 'commons perspective' carry the potential to create a more democratic Europe?

With **Sophie Bloemen (European CommonsNetwork/European Commons Assembly)** and **Anne de Zeeuw (Network Democracy/ EUCrowd)**.

**17.30**

**SEVENTH SESSION: EUROPE UNPLUGGED**

**Europe, a Web of Stories with Sahand Sahebdivani.**

Followed by Europe Jamsession....

**18.00**

**Closing Salon Podium, bar remains open....**