

ECCM Symposium: Productivity of Culture

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Wednesday 17 October 2007

Athens Centre, 48, Archimidous Str. (210-7015242)

19.00 - 22.00

Poetry Reading by **Michael D. Higgins**

and presentation of Wall Murals in Belfast by **Bernard Conlon**

organized by the Greek-Irish Society

ECCM Symposium and Kids' Guernica Exhibition at the Zappion - Megaron, Athens

Thursday 18 October 2007

9.00 - 9.30

Opening

- Welcome speech
Nikitas Kaklamanis, Mayor of Athens
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Nikos Stasinopoulos, President of the European Union Club
- Introduction into the Symposium
Spyros Mercouris, Honorary President of the ECCM Network and Representative of the Melina Mercouri Foundation

9.30 -11.00

Cultural Policy

Chair Person: **Spyros Mercouris**, General Coordinator of Athens European Cultural Capital 1985

- Cultural Policy of the Municipality of Athens
Sofi Daskalaki Mitilinaiou, President of the Board of the Cultural Centre of the Municipality of Athens
- Cultural Policy, the Arts, Vision, Productivity and Quality of Life
Michael D. Higgins, former Minister of Culture, Ireland and MP of Irish Parliament

- Istanbul 2010 - a European Cultural City already in dialogue
Nuri M. Colakoglu, Coordinator of Istanbul 2010
- Culture as a Bridge between People and Decision Makers
Tamara Devyatkina, Deputy Minister of Culture and Social Development of the Ulyanovsk region
- The role of children and the role of education for culture – the Kids' Guernica Experiences
Takuya Kaneda, Prof. of Art Education, Tokyo

11.00

Opening of the Kids' Guernica Exhibition

Introduction into the exhibition and introducing the Coordinators of Kids' Guernica Workshops throughout the world by **Hatto Fischer**:

Takuya Kaneda, International Coordinator of Kids' Guernica, Tokyo / Japan; **Iman Nouri**, Tripoli / Lebanon; **Jad Salman**, Palestine; **Sara Lowndes**, Dubai / UAE; **Yvette Galot**, Director of the Cultural and Arts Centre in Martinique, Caribbean Sea; **Savina Tarsitano**, Italy / Martinique of the Caribbean Sea; **Asit Poddar**, Calcuta / India; **Deniz Hasirci** and **Gulistan Banu Cel**, Izmir / Turkey; **Efi Lipari**, Chios; **Thomas Economacos**, Arts Coordinator of Poiein Kai Prattein Athens / Greece; **Vilka Tzouras**, Video Documentation for Kids' Guernica in Chios 2007; **Maya Fischer**, Photo Documentation and Participant in Kids' Guernica Workshops (Ubud, Bali 2005; Chios May 2007; Osaka, Japan, Sept. 2007)

11.30 - 12.00 Coffee Break

12.30 - 14.00

The role of culture

- Branding of Culture
Volker Hassemer, Berlin, Ex Senator for Urban Development and Environmental Protection, Ex Senator for Cultural Affairs, Spokesperson for the Initiative "A Soul for Europe"
- The Role of Museums, Foundations, Institutions
Angelos Delivorias, Director of Benaki Museum, Athens
- Cultural Heritage and Environment
Kostas Carras, President of Hellenic Eteria for the Protection of Cultural Heritage and Environment
- Journalism and Culture - the Receptivity of Culture in the Information Society
Mr. Carakousis, special correspondent of the newspaper VIMA
- Listen to the Artists
Karl-Erik Norrman, General Secretary of the European Cultural Parliament

14.00 - 15.00 Lunch

15.00 - 16.30

Dialogue between cultures

Chair person: **Carin Fisher**, General Coordinator: Stockholm European Cultural Capital 1998

- Introduction to the Dialogue between Cultures
Dusan Sidjanski, President of the European Cultural Centre
- Is the necessary dialogue between cultures still possible?
Kacem Abdelaziz, Prof. (University of Tunis), Essayists in Comparative Literature and Cultural Studies, Member of the European Academy of Sciences, Arts & Literature
- The Role of Culture for a Dialogue between Civilizations
Guy Delacroix, Deputy German Ambassador to Greece and Vice Chairman of the European Union Club
- Acculturation and European Citizenship as Significant Parameters in the Multicultural Urban Space
Dr. Kostas Theologou, post-doc N.T.U.A. research, member of the EU RA.net (European Research Associates network)
- Surviving in which spaces - an Arabic woman in Lebanon
Iman Nouri, Business consultant, resident of Tripoli

16.30 - 17.00 Coffee break

17.00 - 18.30

Cultural Planning

- Visions for Cities: Public Truth and Public Spaces
- **Bart Verschaffel**, Philosopher, Head of Faculty of Architecture and Planning, University of Gent, Belgium
- Public Spaces for Children in Cities
Deniz Hasirci, Ass. Prof. at Izmir University of Economics, Department of Interior Architecture and Environmental Design
- Cities and Artists: developing cultural projects together?
Diane Dodd, University of Girona, European liaison and ConnectCP Co-ordinator for IFACCA
- Cultural Capitals of Europe and the Identity of European City (Athens, Glasgow, Lisbon, Thessaloniki)
Annastasia Pappas, Architect A.U.Th., Town Planner U.C.L., M. Phill., M.R.T.P.I.
- Taking Culture into Consideration by Urban Planners
Anna Arvanitaki, POIEIN KAI PRATTEIN, Ministry of Environment, Urban Planner

20.00 Reception at the Municipality of Athens

By invitation only

Friday 19 October 2007

9.30 - 11.00

Culture and Economy

Chair Person: **Simone Beck**, Ex General Secretary of ECCM, Coordinator
Luxemburg European Cultural Capital 1995

- Culture and Economy
speaker to be named, DG Culture and Education of the European Commission
- A Perspective for a Civilized Life
Panagiotis Roumeliotis, Vice President of Panteion University, Prof. of International Economy, Former Minister of National Economy
- A Perspective for a Civilized Life
George Krimbas, former director of OECD - Greek Section, Prof. of University of Athens
- Culture and Economy - a possible dialogue about new policy measures
Joanna Sanetra-Szeliga, International Cultural Centre of Krakow
- Ruhr 2010 - Creative Industries: Project related to Process
Bernd Fesel, active member of the team 'Creative Industries' for RUHR 2010, Capital of Culture

11.00 - 11.30: Coffee break

11.30 - 12.30

Presentation of the European Capitals of Culture for the Year 2007

Chair persons: **Yvonne Rego Feldman**, Coordinator for Lisbon European Cultural Capital 1994 and **Ingo Weber**, Coordinator for Berlin European Cultural Capital 1998

Presentation of the current European Capitals of Culture

- Luxembourg 2007 **Guy Dockendorf**
- Sibiu 2007 **Cristian Radu**

Presentation of the newly designated European Capitals of Culture

- Liverpool 2008 **William Chambers**
- Linz 2009 **Christian Denkmeier**
- Pecs 2010 **Tamas Szalay** (to be confirmed)
- Turku: 2011 **Suvi Innila**

12.30 – 14.00

Network of Networks - the global dimension of culture

Chair person: **Spyros Mercouris**

- Culture, Society and Economy in Europe
Edda Rydzy, European Cultural Foundation
- Networks of Americas and Coordination & Programs Of the Network of Networks
Xavier Tudela, Americas and Catalonia
- Projects & Impact of Culture in Central Europe
Max Aufischer, Coordinator of the Network of Cities of Central Europe
- Culture for Change And Impact of Culture On the Region of Volga
Anna Gor, Network of Volga Region
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US Capitals of Culture
Maria Teresa Velasco
- University Network of the European Capitals of Culture
Prof. **William Chambers**, Vice President of UNEECC and Dean of the Liverpool Hope University
- Observer from China
Representative to be named, Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries / General Director

14.00 - 15.00: Lunch

15.00 - 17.00

Functioning of the Network of Networks – practical suggestions

Round Table Discussion:

Xavier Tudela – organisational framework conditions at global level; **Rudolfo Maslias** – Archive of ECCM with the Municipality of Athens; **William Chambers** – linkage between University Network of the European Capitals of Culture and the ECCM; **Takuya Kaneda** – taking Kids' Guernica a step further; **Hatto Fischer** – networking as the art of bringing people together; **Spyros Mercouris** – ideas about the future and how to meet the global challenge; **Kacem Abdelaziz** – linkage to Algiers and the current Arabic Cultural Capital; **Max Aufischer** – practical projects as bridges of understanding; **Gleb Firsov** – Networking in Russia

17.00 - 18.00

Conclusions of the Symposium ‘Productivity of Culture’

- Kids’ Guernica Experience in Martinique - **Savina Tarsitano** and **Yvette Galot**
- Thoughts on future projects and perspectives
Hatto Fischer, Poet, Coordinator of Poiein kai Prattein and ECCM Associated Member
- Presentation of the Peace Mural by the Children of Athens

18.00 – 20.00

Reception at the Zappion – Megaron

organized by the European Union Club

20.00

Evening program

Buses depart for Technopolis, Municipality of Athens

Visit to the ECCM Archive

Dinner (invitation only)

Saturday 20 October

One day excursion to Mycaene and Nafplion, First Capital of Greece after the War of Independence

Visit to Skouras

Presentation of the Kids’ Guernica experience with the Izmir-Chios / Turkish – Greek mural by Deniz Hasirci, Gulistan Banu Cel and Thomas Economacos

Sunday 21 October

Departure

Notes:

The ECCM Symposium "Productivity of Culture" follows the first ECCM Symposium which took place in Athens 2005.

The theme of the Symposium of the ECCM Network is in part a response to the findings of the EU Study on ‘culture and economy’ with following reference:

(http://ec.europa.eu:8082/culture/eac/culture2007/cult_en.html)

The Kids' Guernica exhibition

As to the Kids' Guernica exhibition, there shall be exhibited children's peace murals the size of Picasso's Guernica (7,8 x 3,5 m). One of these paintings has been done by children from Chios, Greece and from Izmir, Turkey to underline the theme of the Symposium focusing on dialogue between cultures.

Furthermore, under the guidance of Thomas Economacos a new peace mural shall be created during the Symposium. 40 children from the 108 Primary School of Athens shall paint a special mural to be presented to the participants of the Symposium on the second day.

Paintings from Izmir-Chios (Turkey/Greece), Kabul (Afghanistan), Blind Boys Academy in Calcutta (India), Nagasaki (Japan), New Zealand, Dubai, Martinique, Australia, Georgia, Palestine, USA and Athens (Greece).

Kids' Guernica International shall be represented by Takuya Kaneda, coordinator in Japan; Asit Poddar, artist and member of the international committee; Iman Nouri, Lebanon; Savina Tarsitano, Italy and Yvette Galot, Martinique; Sara Lowndes, Dubai; Bernard Conlon, Belfast; and Deniz Hasirci and Gulistan Banu Cel from Izmir and Efi Lipari from Chios.

In Athens Poiein Kai Prattein – Kids' Guernica has been coordinated by Hatto Fischer, Thomas Economacos, Maria Capari with Anna Arvanitaki as President.

Documentation of Kids' Guernica has been done by Vilka Tzouras (video) and Maya Fischer (photography), Hatto Fischer (photography and text)

Organisations involved:

Municipality of Athens
ECCM Network
Melina Mercouri Foundation
European Union Club
Horizons
Poiein kai Prattein

In cooperation with: European Union / DG Culture and Education

Network of Networks:

US Capital of Culture: www.culturalcapital.us

Co-responsible for the Joint Event of ECCM Symposium and Kids' Guernica exhibition:

Spyros Mercouris
Honorary President of the ECCM Network

Philippos Logotheitis
European Union Club

Hatto Fischer
Coordinator of POIEIN KAI PRATTEIN