Wednesday 16th March

GISBERT KAPP BUILDING, GREEN ZONE, G8, LECTURE THEATRE 2

9.00 - 9.30  Registration /Coffee

9.30 - 10.00  Welcome - Prof Mark Webber, Head of the School of Government and Society, University of Birmingham

10.00 - 11.30  Panel A - State of the Union
Chair: Dr Julian Paenke

Prof Stephen Gill (York University, Toronto)
Utopias/Dystopias: from the Silent Revolution to Fortress Europe

Dr Jens Maesse (University of Giessen)
Power and Critique in Europe. On the Discursive Logic of Austerity Discourses Within a “New Weberian Universe”

Dr Tommaso Visone (Scuola Superiore Sant’Anna, Pisa)
The Beauty and the Beast. From Dystopia to a New “Figure” for EU

11.30 - 11.45  Coffee Break

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12.00 - 13.30  Panel B - The Idea of European Identity and Civilization
Chair: Dr Nick Martin

Sofia Mali (Loughborough University)
Byzantium Answers to the Current European ‘Dystopia’

Kevin Hannon (Midlands European Movement)
The Place of the EU Civilisation in the World History of Civilisations

Julia Wdowin (University of Warwick)
Is a National Identity Really Incompatible with a EUropean Identity?

13.30 - 14.15  Lunch
Panel C - European Responses to the Refugee Crisis
Chair: Dr Lorenzo Cladi

Gergana Tomova (Fordham University, New York)
Refugees Migration and Borders in the Newest EU Members

Prof Hans Hahn (Oxford Brookes University)
Between Utopia and Dystopia: The Syrian Refugee Crisis, Reflected in Aspects of German Political Culture

Tobias Scholz (University of Göttingen)
Europe Unchained or Europe Unchanged? A quantitative Content Analysis of the European Parliament’s Debates on the ‘Migration Crisis’ in 2015

Coffee Break

Keynote Prof Gregory Claeys (Royal Holloway, University of London)
European Utopias and Dystopias: Past, Present and Future

Thursday 17th March

Panel D - Contemporary Regional Challenges: Paradiplomacy, Citizenship and Digital Democracy
Chair: Dr Isabelle Hertner

Cairo Junqueira (San Tiago Dantas)
Paradiplomacy and Regional Integration Processes: a Comparative Analysis Between European Union and Mercosur Subnational Committees

Martijn van den Brink (European University Institute, Florence)
EU Citizenship and Fundamental Rights: Empirical, Normative, and Conceptual Problems

Tobias Burgers (Free University Berlin)
The Militarisation and Securitisation of the European Cyberspace and What It Means for the Utopia of Direct Digital Democracy

Lunch
**Panel E - Narratives of Utopia and Dystopia**
Chair: Dr Paolo De Ventura

Marlene Schrijnders (University of Birmingham)
*From London to Leipzig and Back: Goth Scenes in the GDR Between Endzeit, Weltschmerz and Revolution*

Dr Rossella Bonfatti (University of Bologna)
*Dante and Mazzini: Mirroring Utopia*

Dr Carlos Espaliú Berdud (Universitat Internacional de Catalunya)
*United States of Europe: Between Dystopia and Utopia*

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**Roundtable Integrating Europe: An Utopia in Times of Crisis?**
Speakers: Dr Isabelle Hertner, Dr Tim Haughton, Dr Lorenzo Cladi