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VP, EUROPEAN COMMISSION
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WELCOME INTRODUCTION



One of a kind experience

SPEAC is a 5-day, intensive residential conference program for select high school students from some of the most competitive secondary institutions in Asia and Europe. Our program participants will not only gain exposure to **leading scholars, politicians, and businessmen** of our perplexingly instituted, yet continuously evolving Europe-Asia region, but also engage in rigorous **workshops** aimed at educating everyone on relevant interregional issues and honing one's ability to analyze objectively, organize efficiently, and reason thoroughly.

At SPEAC, you will be able to develop profound understanding of

historic, political, economic, and cultural links between the two neighboring continents by listening to keynote speakers and engaging in advanced workshops.

In order to provide fullest experience, we limit participation to **80 students per year**.

A week in France

In addition to attending speeches and workshops, you will be gaining real perception of living in France. Through organized **trips** to Etretat or Rouen in Haute-Normandie, you will be visiting historic landmarks and other attractions in Northern France, which served as a major stage in the World War II.



SPEAC is founded on the deeply instituted passion for engagement in international politics, a source of motivation greatly promoted by Sciences Po Paris.

Depending on climate and schedule, you will also participate in group **activities**, such as bowling, paintball, or movies.

Program by Sciences Po Paris

SPEAC is an annual conference organized by students of Sciences Po, an internationally renowned Parisian Grande-Ecole in social sciences and politics and alma mater of many figures of influence, such as Jacques Chirac (President of France), Boutros Boutros-Ghali (UN Secretary General), Paul Bremer (US Politician), and Christian Dior (Designer).

SPEAC is jointly sponsored by **Sciences Po** and **Société Générale**, a global bank based in France.

2008 - 2009

AGAIN BUILDING UPON SUCCESS

April 2008 marked the inauguration of SPEAC, and we're doing it again.

It all started as a small idea proposed by a group of six ambitious Sciences Po students, whose passion for international politics and global awareness helped the idea evolve into a full, week-long conference.

Sciences Po Europe-Asia Conference, or more familiarly referred to as SPEAC, was launched in April 2008 to serve as a venue for Asian and European students to come together, learn, discuss, and exchange.

In concordance with

Sciences Po's purpose behind its establishment of a regional campus in Le Havre to specialize in Europe-Asian relations, SPEAC has now become an original conference where 50 top students from competitive secondary schools in various



Pierre Beuzit
President, Alphéa

countries, such as France, China, Spain, Russia, Singapore, and Hong Kong, gather to discuss key interregional issues of the day.

Sponsored by Sciences Po, the City Government of Le Havre, and Société Générale, SPEAC was able to hold a successful conference for the fifty students and a dozen speakers, who each specialized on a specific subject that was carefully



Jean-Luc Domenach
CERI & Sciences Po

chosen by the organizing committee to provide a specific, yet comprehensive, array of topics in politics, economics, journalism, media, and culture.

Commenced by an opening speech by the Mayor of Le Havre and Director of the Sciences Po Europe-Asia Undergraduate Program, SPEAC participants engaged in lectures and discussions with various specialists, including Jacques Barrot, Vice-President and Transport Commissioner of the European Commission; Jean-Luc Domenach, Fellow of CERI and Scholar at Sciences Po; James L. Bullock, Minister Counselor for Public Affairs at the American Embassy in Paris;

Congguo Cai, Chief Editor of the China Labour Bulletin; Pierre Hasky, Founder of Rue89 and ex-Deputy Editor of the *Liberation*; Pierre Beuzit, President of Alphéa; Michel Gardel, CEO of Toyota Europe; David Camroux, Senior Research Associate of CERI; and John Barzman, a Harvard-educated Professor of History at Sciences Po.

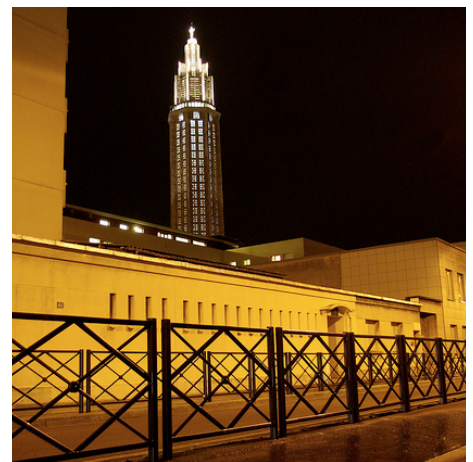
Building upon the success demonstrated by the founding committee, SPEAC 2009 invites 80 elite students to participate in the second annual conference, where more schools will be represented, qualified speakers will be presented, and improved activities will be offered.



Michel Gardel,
CEO Toyota Europe & France



LE HAVRE EURO-ASIA CAMPUS



A Major Port City

Le Havre, located in Haute-Normandie, is a French city of about 230,000 people. Dubbed *Porte Océane*, or *Door to the Ocean*, Le Havre is adjacent to the English Channel and is considered as one of the largest ports in Europe, where some of the very first Europe-Asian trades have taken place.

Once served as a major stage during the World War II, the city was reconstructed in modernist style by Auguste Perret. It was

designated a UNESCO World Heritage Site in 2005 for its development since the war.

Sciences Po Campus

The Le Havre campus is the fifth and most recent regional site established by Sciences Po.

Considered equal as other regional campuses and the one in Paris, the Le Havre campus offers an undergraduate program in an international framework, with specific emphasis on European and Asian relations.



CONFERENCE TOPICS

Trade and Financial Markets of Europe and Asia: A Needed Challenge & Challenging Need

It is a matter of fact that international relations of today are based, to a large extent, on economic affairs. Commercial exchanges and financial links weave a highly complex web of material, informational, and social exchanges that connect one person, one country, one continent to another, and we're left to consider all the undeniable benefits of such a web of economic transactions, while gauging them with possible disadvantages and increasing challenges. The worldwide trend of transnational incorporation leading to the delocalization of production processes; differences in fiscal policies; dumping of national programs; or the increasing levels of entry to market are only few examples illustrating the inevitable consequences of our desire to establish an evermore connected world of commerce. We will compare and contrast effects of transcontinental economic affairs - whether it be soaring profits or social inequalities.

Different Political Leadership & Governance in Europe and Asia: National Systems and Regional Structures. Will There Be an Asian EU?

The differences in leadership and systems of government in Europe and Asia reveal contrasting concepts and perceptions of the State and its role, in the domain of national policy development and in the establishment of a country's position towards its neighbors. The extensively evolving union with Europe has become a reference for others around the world, more specifically for regional associations, like ASEAN, which aim at creating a frame of dialogue and integration between Asian nations. However, the EU has benefited from the reality that its members share common history and highly similar cultural background, which is not always the case in Asia. So, how can the governments use the EU as an example and apply it successful to the Lands of Rising Sun, Morning Calm, and Middle Kingdom? Will we ever witness an Asian EU?

Sustainable Development and Environmental Concerns: International Commitments and New Sources of Energy

Balancing economic growth and environmental conservation is a valid problem that has now deeply penetrated to the core of the Euro-Asian relations. As many Asian countries are currently undergoing rapid economic transformation and development, we must deal with the intense industrial activities and uncontrollable urbanization. Although collaborative efforts, such as the founding of a carbon emissions market and anti-pollution policies, are contributing to the environment-conscious societies, we must consider more ways to propel this trend. Today, it is a true economic, social, and moral duty for all Europe and Asian powerhouses to take the helm of the collective fight against environmental crisis.

The Dark Side of the Moon (Euro-Asia Version): Drug Trafficking, Human Organs Market, and Sex Tourism

The economic, political, and cultural gaps between Europe and Asia have based the exploitation of labor, trades of illegal substances, creation of human organs black market, and promotion of sex tourism. Obviously, these pose direct threat to security, order, and morality of the two neighboring continents. It is necessary to fight against these problems, but doing so demands constructive reactions from both Europe and Asia. Since this can only be conducted by installing profound insight of the issue, we will study what we can do to eradicate the disturbing problems.

WORKSHOP TOPICS

Financial Crisis: A World In Need of Renewed Regulation. Whose Role is it? How Much?

Since 2008 was the year of the explosion of a global financial crisis, 2009 should be the year of new resolutions. The world is in urgent need of a new frame of rules, and Europe and Asia can both learn from one another regarding this issue. Asia, as it is still in the gradual process of recuperating from the 1997 crisis, can teach Europe how to overcome a dramatic downturn. Europe, on the other hand, can showcase how a solid regional union can be an effective means for a collective and rapid recovery and evolution. The aim of this workshop is to propose new regulation frameworks for Europe and Asia, while trying to find a solution to reach an equilibrium of Euro-Asian economic and financial collaboration.

Prevailing Economic Relations Between Europe and Asia: Replacement of Politics by Diplomacy

The economic and financial relationships between Europe and Asia often lead to giving them priority over other kinds of political dialogue. In these cases, self-enforced neutrality takes the form of empty diplomacy, under which only what wants to be heard is said and everyone's eyes remain closed to many sources of unfairness and controversy. It is no longer acceptable, and this workshop will aim at overcoming this past attitude of the governments and raise awareness of the importance of accelerated and facilitated reaction towards still existing cases of political corruption and authoritarianism, violation of human rights, and ignorance towards social differences and abuses. How can Europe help Asia? How can Asia help Europe? And how can Europe and Asia both help the forgotten continent of Africa?

Development: Can We Sustain It or Are We Witnessing an Economic Suicide?

In order to ensure sustainable development of our planet, we must stimulate enough reaction at all levels and achieve a real solution to this shared problem. However, the countries' interests differ and the attempts at discussing to reach a compromise are simply slowing down the process of development. Thus, the objective of this workshop will be creating a set of achievable goals for both European and Asian countries at each level of the society. How can governments compromise? What can be a new set of environmental regulations for Euro-Asian corporations?

Culture, Belief, and Gender in Asia: Need of Change?

Societies that comprise today's Europe and Asia are mere products of many centuries of individual and historic development. Comparisons between Europe and Asia present not only a fascinating panorama, but also a source of reciprocal teachings, references, and even counter-examples. For instance, the different roles of men and women in each continent often raises the question of the actual role of education. These differing gender conceptions can only be understood from the wider perspective of particular and intricate systems of beliefs and traditions. The goal of this workshop will be to allow the participants to dig into this issue and enhance their comprehension by sharing varying perspectives and experiences.

SCHEDULE TIME TABLE

SUNDAY, April 12th

Arrival at the train station (2 Rounds: Morning & Afternoon)
Exact times to be determined according to demand

21:00 Welcome drinks

MONDAY, April 13th

08:00 Breakfast

09:00 Opening of the SPEAC Week
Remark by the Organizing Committee
Speech by the Mayor of the City of Le Havre
Speech by Thierry Schwarz, Director of Sciences Po

11:00 Conference 1

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Workshop 1
Group work and discussion (1 hour 20 mins)
Plenary Session (1 hour 20 mins)

19:00 Dinner

20:00 Night Activity: Bowling

TUESDAY, April 14th

08:00 Breakfast

10:00 Conference 2

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Workshop 2
Group work and discussion (1 hour 20 mins)
Plenary Session (1 hour 20 mins)

19:00 Dinner

20:00 Night Activity: Bowling

SCHEDULE TIME TABLE

WEDNESDAY, April 15th

08:00	Breakfast
09:30	Conference 3
12:30	Lunch
14:00	Workshop 3
	Group work and discussion (1 hour 20 mins)
	Plenary Session (1 hour 20 mins)
18:00	Departure to Etretat (Dinner at Etretat)
22:30	Return to Le Havre

THURSDAY, April 16th

08:00	Breakfast
09:30	Conference 4
12:30	Lunch
14:00	Workshop 4
	Group work and discussion (1 hour 20 mins)
	Plenary Session (1 hour 20 mins)
19:00	Closing Ceremony
	Speeches from the Organizing Committee
	Award of Prizes
	Gala Dinner

FRIDAY, April 17th

05:30	Breakfast
06:30	Departure to Paris
10:30	Visit to Sciences Po Paris
	Debate in Emile Boutmy Auditorium
13:00	Free time for lunch
14:30	Visit to the National Assembly (2 Groups)

[Official End of SPEAC]

* Night in Paris (Optional, for those who leave on the following day)

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