

Which role for the European Union in the Israel-Palestine conflict

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We are delighted to announce the *Piet Akkermans Memorial Lectures* of the European Association for Education Law and Policy and the College of Europe.

The Lectures are held as a recurring activity with the purpose to strengthen the discussions on fundamental European challenges.

The European Association for Education Law and Policy, to be considered as an institution furthering European cooperation in the educational and cultural field, has a responsibility towards promoting discussions on important European challenges that lie ahead.

It is our hope that the *Piet Akkermans Memorial Lectures* will prove to be the right platform to promote the role of education as a tool for pacification in this conflict area.

At the same time, it is a great honour that we can pay in this way tribute to Piet Akkermans.

Professor Dr. Jan De Groof,

Chargé de Mission to UNESCO for the Right to Education, President of the European Association for Education Law and Policy, Professor at the College of Europe (Bruges) and TIAS (the Netherlands) **Professor Dr. Paul Demaret**, Rector of the College of Europe

- The College of Europe and the Board Members of ELA are pleased to invite you to the sixth *Piet Akkermans Memorial Lecture* which will take place in Bruges on Thursday, May 8-2008, at 4 p.m.
- The sixth *Piet Akkermans Memorial Lecture*, will be followed by a mayoral reception.
- You are kindly requested to be seated before 3.50 p.m.

We have the honour to announce that the sixth Piet Akkermans Memorial Lecture will be delivered by:

Prof. Dr. Sari Nusseibeh

President of Al Quds (Jerusalem) University, Former Negotiator for the Palestinian Authority, Holder of the UNESCO Chair of "Freedom of Expression", Author of the autobiography "Once Upon a Country: A Palestinian Life"

Invited Speakers of previous "Piet Akkermans Memorial Lecture"

- 2007: Albi Sachs, Judge in the Constitutional Court of South-Africa Marc Bossuyt, Judge in the Belgian constitutional court, Professor at the University of Antwerp, Chairperson of the Sub-Commission on the Promotion and Protection of Human Rights Maria da Graça Carvalho, Principal Adviser to the Bureau of European Policy Advisers (to the President of the European Commission), Former Minister of Science and Higher Education of Portugal
- 2005: Mgr.A.H.van Luyn, salesian of Don Bosco, bishop of Rotterdam, president of Pax Christi the Netherlands, responsible within the Bishops' Conference of the Netherlands for the peer groups on "Church and Society" and "Dialogue with Judaism", representative of the Bishops' Conference in the Commission of the Bishops' Conferences of the European Community (Comece), vice-president of Comece *Vladyka Dimitrij, Archbishop of Tobolsk and Tyumen, Rector of Tobolsk theological seminary, President of the Commission on Religious Education of the Russian Orthodox Church and on Reforms of Clerical Schools, Doctor in Theology, Professor of Fundamental Theology and of Pastoral Theology
- 2004: Godfried Cardinal Danneels Ján Figel', European Commissioner for Education, Culture, and Multilingualism• J.S. Verma, Former Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of India, Chairman of the National Human Rights Commission of India Maria J.A.van der Hoeven, Minister of Education, Culture and Science of the Netherlands, Chairperson of the European Council of Ministers of Education
- 2003: *Prof. Dr. Emilio Platti*, Professor at the "Institut d'Etudes Orientales" Cairo, the "Katholieke Universiteit" Louvain, the "Institut Catholique de Paris" *Imam Yahya Hendi*, Spokesman of the Islamic Jurisprudence Council of North America, Muslim Chaplain at Georgetown University, Washington D.C. *Prof. Dr. Ernst Hirsch Ballin*, Member of the Council of State of the Netherlands, Professor of International Law Tilburg University, Former Minister of Justice of the Netherlands, Member of the EU Convention for the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union
- 2002: *Prof. Dr. Giuliano Amato*, Vice-president of the Constitutional Convention *Mr. Pal Csaky*, Deputy Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic for the European Integration, Human Rights and Minorities *Mr. Jean-Luc Dehaene*, Minister of State, Vice-President of the European Convention *Prof. Dr. Bronislaw Geremek*, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland *Mdme. Vivianne Reding*, European Commissioner for Education and Culture *Mr. Max van der Stoel*, First OSCE High Commissioner for National Minorities