

# Biographies

## I Session: *"Make It: Crafting a New Europe for the Future"*

**RENAUD DEHOUSSE** is the President of the European University Institute (EUI) since the 1st of September, 2016. Previously, he was Jean Monnet Professor of European Law and Political Science at Sciences Po, where he founded and directed the Centre for European Studies. He also chaired Sciences Po's Governing Council from 2013 to 2016.

Professor Dehousse holds a law degree from the University of Liege (Belgium) and a PhD from the EUI. Before moving to Sciences Po, he held Professorships at the EUI and at the University of Pisa. He was a visiting Professor at the universities of Florence, LUISS (Rome), Lausanne, Cologne and at the Law School of the University of Michigan. He has also been scientific advisor to Notre Europe, the research center founded by Jacques Delors. Prof. Dehousse was a member of several working parties on the reform of European institutions established by European institutions and the French Government.

**SYLVIE GOULARD** has been an MEP since 2009. Reelected in 2014 for the South East constituency of France, she sits in the group of the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe (ALDE). She is a member of the Economic and Monetary Affairs Committee (ECON), a substitute member of the Constitutional Affairs Committee (AFCO) as well as a substitute member of the Money laundering, tax avoidance and tax evasion Committee of Inquiry (PANA). She is president of the European Parliament Intergroup fighting against poverty which works to ensure that Europe's most deprived persons have a voice at the European level. After her law studies, and having graduated from Sciences Po and the Ecole Nationale d'Administration, Sylvie Goulard worked as a diplomat in the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs (legal affairs department/policy planning staff) as well as at the Conseil d'Etat. Between 2001 and 2004 she was political advisor to Romano Prodi, during his time as President of the European Commission. She is the author of *Goodbye Europe* (2016), *50 notions sur l'Europe* (2016), *Europe: Amour ou chambre à part ?* (2013), *De la démocratie en Europe* (2012), co-authored with Mario Monti, *L'Europe pour les Nuls* (2007), winner of the European Book Prize 2009.

**STEFANO MICOSSI** is Director General of Assonime (since 1999), a private business association and think tank active on issues of corporate law and taxation, competition policy and regulatory affairs. In 2016 he has been appointed honorary professor of the College of Europe, where he taught monetary and banking union and internal market matters for over 20 years. Currently, he is also Member of the Board of Directors (independent) of Cassa Depositi e Prestiti, the CIR Group, the Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), European Issuers (the European Association of Listed Companies), the Institute for International Affairs (IAI) and the International Yehudi Menuhin Foundation. He Chairs the LUISS School of European Political Economy and the Scientific Advisory Committee of Confindustria. Previously, he was Director-General for Industry at the European Commission (1994-98), Director of Economic Research at Confindustria (1988-94), economist in the Bank of Italy Research Department (1973-88), where in 1987 he was appointed director of international research. He has written editorial comments for *Il Sole 24 Ore*, *La Stampa*, *La Repubblica* - *Affari e Finanza* and comments and policy briefs for the CEPS website and VoxEu on European institutions and policies, and has published widely read books and articles on the international financial crisis, the euro and the banking union architecture, the Treaty of Lisbon.

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### *II Session: “(Do Not) Break It: Today's Europe at Full Speed”*

**MARIA DEMERTZIS** is Deputy Director at Bruegel and a visiting professor at the University of Amsterdam. She has previously worked at the European Commission and the research department of the Dutch Central Bank. She has also held academic positions at the Harvard Kennedy School of Government in the USA and the University of Strathclyde in the UK, from where she holds a PhD in economics. She has published extensively in international academic journals and contributed regular policy inputs to both the European Commission's and the Dutch Central Bank's policy outlets.

**PETER PRAET** joined the European Central Bank as Member of the Executive Board in 2011. He is responsible for the Directorate General Economics. Before joining the ECB, Peter Praet was Executive Director of the National Bank of Belgium (2000-2011). Here he was responsible for International Cooperation, Financial Stability and Oversight of Financial Infrastructures and Payments Systems. Between 2002 and 2011, he was also a Member of the Management Committee of the Belgian Banking, Finance and Insurance Commission (CBFA), where he was responsible for Prudential Policy for banking and insurance. Peter Praet served as Chief of Cabinet for the Belgian Minister of Finance from 1999-2000, as Chief Economist of Générale de Banque and Fortis Bank from 1988-1999, as Professor of Economics at the Université Libre de Bruxelles from 1980-1987, and as Economist at the International Monetary Fund from 1978-1980. He earned a Ph.D. in Economics from the Université Libre de Bruxelles in 1980. Peter Praet served on several high-level international committees, including the Basel Committee on Banking Supervision, the Committee on Payment and Settlement Systems, the Committee on the Global Financial System, and the European Banking Authority. He was First Alternate of the Board of Directors of the Bank for International Settlements from 2000-2011.

**NIELS THYGESEN** is the Chairman of the European Fiscal Board. He is Professor Emeritus of International Economics at the University of Copenhagen. Mr. Thygesen is the former adviser to the Governor of Denmark's Nationalbank, Chair of the Danish Economic Council and member of various expert groups on European monetary and financial integration – the subject area of most of his research and publications. Mr. Thygesen was an independent member of the Delors Committee, which prepared the outline of the Economic and Monetary Union in Europe in 1988-89.

**NATACHA VALLA** is Head of Policy and Strategy Division at EIB, member of the CAE and of the Board of Directors of LVMH, Accor and ASF/Cofiroute. Previously, Natacha Valla was Executive Director at Goldman Sachs and worked as economist at the ECB. She was seconded at the Banque de France Research Directorate, has been a consultant for the IMF and OECD and taught at Sciences-Po and NYU.