



# LIBERAL DIALOGUES



# SOUTH EAST OBSERVATORY

The **South East Observatory (SEE)** is a permanent regional Observatory launched by the Fondazione Luigi Einaudi in partnership with the MIB School of Management of Trieste and Open Society Foundations – Western Balkans, to monitor and support democratic resilience across Southeast Europe. Its mission is to analyze political, social and economic trends and to promote cross-border cooperation to address rising nationalism and democratic stress.

The Observatory produces evidence-based policy briefs, convenes expert roundtables and public seminars about liberal thought and offers capacity-building programs for young leaders, civil society actors and public officials. It serves as an institutional incubator for regional initiatives, providing organizational support, thematic framing and a platform ([www.seeobservatory.eu](http://www.seeobservatory.eu)) connecting local projects with European institutions and high-level stakeholders.

# **LIBERAL DIALOGUES**

Liberal Dialogues is a transnational educational and civic initiative, conceived within the South East Observatory (SEE) and launched by the Fondazione Luigi Einaudi in partnership with the MIB School of Management of Trieste and Open Society Foundations - Western Balkans. It brings together young leaders, students and early-career professionals from Italy and Southeast Europe for a series of expert lectures about liberal thought, practical workshops and a culminating annual forum in Trieste with representatives of the European Institutions, ministers and experts.

The program fosters critical debate, regional cooperation and capacity building at a time marked by the resurgence of nationalism and democratic stress.



**Learn** core principles of liberal political thought and their contemporary applications.

**Connect** with peers and experts across borders and exchange ideas and resources via the Liberal Dialogues platform.

**Present** your ideas: selected participants will present short policy reflections at the Annual Forum in Trieste.

**Certify** your participation: all attendees receive a certificate issued by the Fondazione Luigi Einaudi and partners.



# OBJECTIVES

**Create a sustained space for dialogue** across Italy and Southeast Europe.

**Amplify youth voices** on Europe, cooperation and democratic resilience.

**Build a network** that continues to exchange ideas and resources via the SEE Observatory platform.

# EXPECTED OUTCOMES

A **regional network** of trained young leaders and researchers.

**Policy briefs** and participant reports were circulated to European institutions.

**Public visibility** for youth perspectives at the Annual Forum.

# TRIESTE - ROOTS OF LIBERAL THOUGHT

Date: 10 March 2026 — 11<sup>am</sup>-1<sup>pm</sup>

Venue: MIB Trieste School of Management, Largo Caduti di Nasiriyah 1, 34142 Trieste

Welcome Address: **Vladimir Nanut** (CEO & General Director MIB Trieste School of Management)

Introduction: **Valentina Superti** (European Commission Director Western Balkans - ENEST WB)

Speakers: **Alberto Mingardi** (Full Professor of the History of Political Doctrines at IULM University in Milan, serves as Vice Rector for Strategic Planning): *Roots of liberal thought*;

**Emma Galli** (Full Professor of Science of Finance, Sapienza University, Rome; Scientific Director Luigi Einaudi Foundation): *Einaudian liberal economic theory*;

**Ezio Benedetti** (Contract Professor in International Organisations, Lecturer in EU Law, University of Trieste; Senior Expert in EU projects for Western Balkans): *The impact and the importance of liberal thought in the process of European integration*;

Format: 3 short lectures + Q&A; local networking session

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# LJUBLJANA - LIBERAL ECONOMIC TRADITIONS AND GENDER

Date: 31 March 2026 — 11<sup>am</sup>-1<sup>pm</sup>

Venue: Europe House, Dunajska cesta, 20, Ljubljana

Introduction: **Jerneja Jug** (Head of the Representation of the European Commission in Slovenia)

Speakers: **Alessandro De Nicola** (Professor in Comparative Business Law at Bocconi School of Management, Milan; Lawyer and President of the Adam Smith Society, Milan): *Liberal economic schools from Adam Smith to von Hayek*;

**Serena Sileoni** (Associate Professor of Constitutional Law at Suor Orsola Benincasa University of Naples, editorial manager and expert consultant): *Women's Freedom and the Legal Foundations of a Liberal Order*;

**Oto Luthar** (Historian and director of the Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts in Ljubljana): *Contemporary geopolitical realities*;

With the participation of **Matjaž Nemec** (member of the European Parliament)

Format: Lectures + Q&A



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## BELGRADE - LEADERSHIP, RIGHTS AND MEDIA

Date: 14 April 2026 — 11<sup>am</sup>-1<sup>pm</sup>

Venue: Europe House, Zmaj Jovina 8, Belgrade

Introduction: **Mauro Di Veroli** (Head of Cooperation · EU Delegation to Serbia)

Speakers: **Sofia Ventura** (Associate Professor of Political Science at University of Bologna, essayist and expert consultant): *State, Pluralism and Individual Rights*;  
**Fabio Padovano** (Full Professor of Public Finance at University of Roma Tre, Italy and University of Rennes 1, France): *Public Debt and Joining the Euro*  
**Marko Novaković** (Full Professor of International Law at the Institute of International Politics and Economics of Belgrade): *Freedom of the Press and Public Opinion*

Format: Panel discussion + interactive session



## PODGORICA - CONSTITUTIONALISM AND MARKET OPENNESS

Date: 5 May 2026 — 11<sup>am</sup>-1<sup>pm</sup>

Venue: Europe House, 4 Trg Argentina, Podgorica

Introduction: **Bernard Brunet** (Head of Cooperation · EU Delegation to Montenegro)

Speakers: **Emanuela Pistoia** (Full Professor of European Union Law at the University of Teramo; Director of the Department of Law): *European Constitutionalism and Enlargement*;

**Andrea Giuricin** (Adjunct professor of Marketing Management, Milan, US; CEO of TRA consulting): *Competition and Open Markets*;

**Nikoleta Đukanović** (Associate Professor in Foreign Policy and International Organisations at the University of Donja Gorica, former advisor at Montenegro's Ministry of Defence): *Montenegro and the EU challenges*

Format: Lecture + policy workshop





## TIRANA — LIBERALISM, EDUCATION AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Date: 19 May 2026 — 11<sup>am</sup>-1<sup>pm</sup>

Venue: Europe House, Rruga Papa Gjon Pali II, Tirana

Introduction: **Silvio Gonzato** (EU Ambassador to Albania)

Speakers: **Alessandro Sterpa** (Associate Professor of Public Law Institutions at the University of Tuscia): *Liberalism and Lifelong Learning*;

**Martina Diablaiovà** (politician, entrepreneur, and consultant who chaired the Zlin Region Chamber of Commerce and has served as a Member of the European Parliament for ANO 2011): *Entrepreneurial Spirit and Business Skills — Opportunities for youth*;

**Gentian Elezi** (Resident Professor in Eu Law and Jean Monnet chair holder at the College of Europe in Tirana; former Deputy Minister for European Integration of Albania): *Albania and the EU Integration*

Format: Practical skills session + entrepreneurship clinic.



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## ANNUAL FORUM — EU OPPORTUNITIES: COMPARING EXPERIENCES AND EXPECTATIONS

Date: 15 September 2026 — 11<sup>am</sup>-1<sup>pm</sup>

Venue: Trieste (full program TBC)

Institutional roundtable, expert panels, presentations by selected participants. The Foundation covers travel and participation expenses for winners.



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# REGISTRATION

## STEPS

- 1** Click the Eventbrite link for the session(s) you wish to attend.
- 2** Complete the short registration form and select in-person or online attendance.
- 3** You will receive a confirmation email with a calendar invite and instructions for joining the livestream.

Registration closes 24 hours before each session. You may register for single sessions or the full program.

Attendance is tracked via session check-ins; participants who complete the full program are eligible for special recognition and prizes.

# **CERTIFICATES AND REPORTS**

After the program, participants submit a 5000 characters reflection (including spaces) on the theme “How to build the Europe I would like.”

A scientific committee evaluates submissions; winners are invited to present their works at the Annual Forum.



# HOW TO FOLLOW THE LIVE STREAM



**Live chat enabled**

<https://www.youtube.com/@seeobservatory>

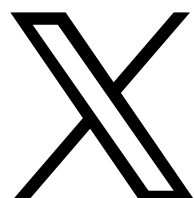


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Registered participants receive  
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Follow live highlights

# TECHNICAL NOTES

Streams will be recorded and made available on the SEE Observatory website.

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