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Thursday, 9 April

- **8:30-9:00 Welcome and Registration**

- **9:00-9:30 Opening Session and Introduction**

  Gil DESMOULIN (Deputy Director of Sciences Po Rennes), Alan HERVÉ (Jean Monnet Chair Holder), Mathieu DUBOIS (Head of the ICEE Sorbonne Nouvelle)

- **9:30-11:00 Panel 1. Workers Protests in Coal and Steel**

  Chair: Alan HERVÉ

  - Nicolas VERSCHUEREN (Brussels): *Disaster, Decline, Demonstration: Tracing the Europeanization of Coal Miners' Collective Action*
  - Stefan BERGER and Till TRAUTE (Bochum): *Saving European Steel? Protests against EC Plans for the European Steel Industry from the 1970s to the 1990s*
  - Jörg ARNOLD (Augsburg): *Left Euroscepticism. The British trade union movement and their critique of the European project (1960-1998)*

- **11:00-11:30 Coffee Break**

- **11:30-12:30 Panel 2. Confronting the Single Market**

  Chair: Jürgen FINGER

  - Nadia HILAL (Strasbourg): *European Mobilisations in Land Transport from 1990 to 2005: Building a Repertoire of Collective Action at EU-level*
  - Matt MYERS (Oxford): *British and French Water Workers and European Policy Directives from the 1970s to the 1990s*

- **12:30-14:00 Lunch Break**

- **14:00-15:30 Panel 3. Agricultural and Fisheries Policies**

  Chair: Lorenzo MECHI

  - Carine GERMOND (Trondheim): *No Big Tractors, No Big Arms? Farm and Rural Women's Contestation in the EC*
  - Sergio MOLINA GARCÍA (Madrid): *When the Sea Mobilizes: Social Movements in the Fishing Sector during the First Two Enlargements of the EEC, 1970-1986*
  - Luca ALTERI and Alessandro BARILE (Rome): *Before the pro-EU Euphoria: Territories Against the European Single Market. The case of «Cobas latte» in 1990's Italy*

- **15:30-16:00 Coffee Break**

- **16:00-17:00 Panel 4. European Mobilisations for Jobs**

  Chair: Gerd-Rainer HORN

  - Stephen GAFFNEY (Brussels): *Jobs for all? Trans-European Politicisation of Unemployment and the 1997 Euromarch to Amsterdam*
  - Jean-Philippe TONNEAU (Nanterre): *Renault Vilvoorde: A Turning Point in the Mobilisation Strategies of European Trade Unions?*

- **19:00 Dinner (Brasserie de la Paix)**

Friday, 10 April

- **9:00-10:30 Panel 5. New Social Movements and EC Policies**

  Chair: Sarah Tanke

  - Micheal J. GEARY (Trondheim): *From the streets to Brussels – The Anti-Apartheid Movement and the European Communities in the 1970s and 1980s*
  - Frieda OTTMANN (Munich): *Testing the Waters, Resisting the Channels: Performing Europe through Transnational Environmental Protest*
  - Eloisa BETTI (Padua): *Women's Movements and the History of the European Parliament: Political Mobilizations and Debate to Improve Women's Condition in Europe and Beyond (1970s-1980s)*

- **10:30-11:00 Coffee Break**

- **11:00-12:00 Panel 6. External Constraint and Mobilisations**

  Chair: Carine GERMOND

  - **Mathieu DUBOIS** (Paris): *The Completion of the Common Market and the Social Protests of the long 1960s*

  - **Francesco PETRINI** (Padua): *«Getting rid of an unbearable burden». Italy's Economic Establishment and European Monetary Integration in the early 1970s*

- **12:00-13:30 Lunch Break**

- **13:30-15:00 Panel 7. Accession Process and Mobilisations**

  Chair: Laurent WARLOUZET

  - **Matthieu TROUVÉ** (Bordeaux): *From Euro-Enthusiasm to Euroscepticism? Anti-European Criticism and Protest in Spain (1980s-1990s)*

  - **Guya ACCORNERO** (Lisbon): *Social Movements and Europeanization in Portugal between Revolution and Austerity*

  - **Michele MIONI** (Venice): *Mobilizing for the «European Social Model»: Enlargement and Cross-Border Integration through Interregional Trade-Union Councils between Italy and Yugoslavia, 1991-2000s*

- **15:00-15:30 Coffee Break**

- **15:30-16:30 Conclusion / Discussion**

  Chair: Mathieu DUBOIS

  Gerd-Rainer HORN (Paris), **Lorenzo MECHI** (Padua), **Laurent WARLOUZET** (Paris)

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