BUILDING BRIDGES 2021

32nd Annual Conference of Academia Europaea (AE)
and 10th of the Young Academy of Europe (YAE)

PLENARY PROGRAMME (as of 17 October 2021)

Note: Please note that all times listed below are according to Central European Time (CET).

Speakers delivering virtual presentations marked in blue.

DAY 1: WEDNESDAY, 20 OCTOBER 2021

10:30 am  Welcome to Building Bridges 2021
Sierd Cloetingh, AE President (Distinguished Professor, Utrecht University)
Ricard Guerrero, AE Barcelona Knowledge Hub Academic Director

10:45 am  Recap of Class meetings by Chairs
Class A1-Humanities: Poul Holm, Trinity College Dublin
Class A2-Social and Related Sciences: Björn Wittrock, Uppsala University and Swedish Collegium for Advanced Study
Class B-Exact Sciences: Don Dingwell, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich
Class C-Life Sciences: Eva Kondorosi, Biological Research Centre, Szeged

11:15 am  Break

11:45 am  Academia Europaea Erasmus Medal and Lecture, “Upside-Down: Revolutions in Physics, Old and New”
AE Erasmus Medallist: Sir Roger Penrose, University of Oxford, and 2020 Nobel Laureate in Physics
Laudatio: Lord Martin Rees, Astronomer Royal, University of Cambridge
Introduction: Sierd Cloetingh, AE President
12:30 pm  Academia Europaea’s Gold Award: “Science, Scientific Publishing and Scientific Advice for Policy: 50 years of personal experiences”
Gold Award recipient: Ole Petersen, Cardiff University, AE Cardiff Knowledge Hub
Laudatio: Sierd Cloetingh, AE President

1:15 pm  Break for lunch

3:00 pm  Balzan Prize Lecture I: “The Amazon and Global Change”
2020 Balzan Prize Winner: Susan Trumbore, Max Planck Institute for Biogeochemistry
Chair: Sierd Cloetingh, AE President

3:45 pm  Barcelona 2021 speaker I: “Volcanism: from wonder and fear to experiment and intervention”
Don Dingwell, Ludwig-Maximilians-University Munich and AE Munich Knowledge Hub
Chair: Sierd Cloetingh, AE President

4:30 pm  End of Day 1

8:00 pm  AE President’s Dinner (optional; for on-site delegates that registered specifically for this event), at Hotel Casa Fuster (Passeig de Gràcia 132, 08008, Barcelona)

DAY 2: THURSDAY, 21 OCTOBER 2021

9:30 am  AE Annual Business Meeting of AE members
Chair: Sierd Cloetingh, AE President

10:45 am  Break

11:30 am  Welcome and introduction from the AE President-Elect
Marja Makarow, AE President-Elect (Professor, University of Helsinki)

11:45 am  Balzan Prize Lecture II: “How Should We Think About Freedom?”
2006 Balzan Prize Winner: Quentin Skinner, Queen Mary University of London
Chair: Peter Wagner, ICREA and University of Barcelona

12:15 pm  André Mischke YAE Prize 2021 for Science and Policy
André Mischke YAE Prize 2021 winner: Marian Verhelst, KU Leuven
Introduction: Gemma Modinos, Chair, Young Academy of Europe (King’s College London)
Laudatio: Arild Husby, Uppsala University
1:00 pm Break

2:30 pm Young Academy of Europe (YAE) Panel: “Redefining Rewards & Recognitions for European Scholars”

Chair: Gemma Modinos, Chair, Young Academy of Europe (King's College London)

Panellists: Michael Murphy, European University Association; Konstantinos Glinos, Unit for Open Science, European Commission; Rebecca Lawrence, F1000Research; Moniek Tromp, University of Groningen and Young Academy of Europe (YAE).

3:45 pm Barcelona 2021 speaker II: “The mysteries of memory: how it is stored (the engram) and how it is retrieved (the ecphory). How to erase, manipulate or cure memory loss”

Mara Dierssen, Centre for Genomic Regulation, Barcelona

Chair: Eva Kondorosi, Biological Research Centre, Szeged

4:20 pm Close and farewell toast from outgoing AE President Sierd Cloetingh

4:30 pm End of Building Bridges 2021