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Peace Talks
Webinar Series

"Is there a Future for the European Union and the Rules-Based Global Order?"

Friday, June 26, 2020 at 1500 CET (9am EST)

Greetings from UPF International:

We are pleased to announce a "Peace Talks" webinar organized by UPF and ISCP to be held on Friday, June 26, 2020 at 1500 CET.

The theme of the Webinar is:

"Is there a Future for the European Union and the Rules-Based Global Order?"

Background: Both the rules-based world order established after WWII and the European Union system of close intergovernmental cooperation integration are under such severe strain as to cast doubt on their future viability. In both cases increasing preoccupation with national self-interest, as against the willingness to cooperate together for the common good, would appear to be the key destabilizing factor.

What are the key issues threatening to tear the EU apart or at least to greatly reduce its effectiveness and how can they be resolved, if at all? Even more importantly, can the global, rules-based system survive and how can the European Union best adapt itself so as not only to ensure its own survival but also to bolster the global rules-based system in its fight for survival?

Few people can be better qualified to provide answers to these vital questions than our 3 panelists. Each has played a key role in the development of the European Union's policies in the last 20 years.

PANELISTS:

Romano Prodi

*Prime Minister of Italy (1996-1998 and 2006-2008),
President of the European Commission (1999-2004)*

José Manuel Barroso

*Prime Minister of Portugal (2002-2004),
President of the European Commission (2004-2014)*

Herman Van Rompuy

*Prime Minister of Belgium (2008-2009),
President of the European Council (2009-2014),
Chairman of the Board of the College of Europe (since 2019)*

MODERATOR:

Rita Payne

*Former Asia Editor, BBC World News (TV),
President emeritus, Commonwealth Journalists Association*

Please register for the Webinar on June 26 through the following link:

[Registration link](#)

After the presentation there will be time for Q&A.

Questions may be sent by registered participants, before and during the Webinar, to: peacetalks@europe.upf.org

We sincerely hope you will join us for this important and timely discussion!

Sincerely yours,
Thomas G. Walsh, Ph.D.
Chairman, Universal Peace Federation

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- JUN 21: [International Day of Yoga](#)
JUN 29: [Webinar Violence Against Women in Time of Covid-19](#)
JUN 30: [UN International Day of Parliamentarism](#)
JUL 18: [Nelson Mandela International Day](#)
AUG 19: [UN International Day of Peace](#)
AUG 19: [UN World Humanitarian Day](#)



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