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IN-PERSON EVENT

9:30-12:15

📍 Martens Centre, Rue du Commerce 20,
1000 Brussels

Publication Launch: European View Autumn 2025

A Lost Generation? Challenges and Hopes of the European Youth

ABOUT THE EVENT

Europe stands at a crossroads, facing profound social, economic and geopolitical strain. Its ability to endure and to renew itself will depend in no small part on whether it can once again offer its younger generations a credible stake in the continent's future. Yet, accumulated policy choices have shifted risk onto the young, weakened intergenerational balance and fuelled anxiety and disaffection with the political centre.

To discuss how to confront the core problems facing younger generations, the Martens Centre has invited the authors of the Autumn 2025 issue of the European View to present their papers and debate possible solutions.

PROGRAMME

9:30 Registration and Coffee

10:00 **Panel 1: Reestablishing the Intergenerational Balance**

Moderator:

Peter Hefele, Policy Director, Martens Centre

Discussants:

- Maurizio Sacconi, former Minister of Labour, Health and Social Policies, Istituto Bruno Leoni
- Arjen Siegmann, Professor of Finance, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
- Eoin Drea, Senior Research Officer, Martens Centre
- Teona Lavrelashvili, Research Associate, Martens Centre

11:00 Coffee Break

11:15 **Panel 2: The European Youth Between Anxiety and Agency**

Moderator:

Sara Pini, Assistant Editor-in Chief of the European View, Martens Centre

Discussants:

- Francesco Sismondini, President, European Democrat Students
- Sotiris Paphitis, Doctoral Candidate, University of Tilburg
- Giulia Maria Galli, Delegation Officer, Young European Leadership
- Wojciech Przybylski, President, Res Publica Foundation
- Mihael Koščak, Independent Researcher

12:15 Light networking lunch



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