

*Webster University Geneva Presents Its 12th Annual Humanitarian Conference,
Under the Auspices of the Government of Geneva*

THE SPIRIT OF GENEVA IN A GLOBALIZED WORLD

At the International Conference Center of Geneva

15, rue Varembe

15 – 16 February 2007

THURSDAY - DAY ONE

9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Registration: 8:30 AM - 9:00 AM

Welcome: Robert SPENCER, Director General, Webster University Europe

Opening Statement of the Representative of the Geneva Government

Laurent WALPEN, Délégué du Conseil d'Etat aux Relations de la "Genève Internationale", Représentant du Conseil d'Etat de la République et Canton de Genève : *La Genève Internationale*

Keynote Speakers – The Multiple Aspects of the Spirit of Geneva

François BUGNION, Conseiller Diplomatique et Ancien Directeur pour le Droit International et la Coopération au Sein du Mouvement, Comité International de la Croix Rouge: *Origines et Portée de l'Esprit de Genève*

Judy CHENG-HOPKINS, Assistant High Commissioner, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees: *Operational Challenges for UNHCR*

Session 1 The spirit of Geneva and Globalization: Economic, Financial and Ethical Dimensions

Emilio FONTELA, Dean of the Faculty of Law and Economics, Universidad Antonio de Nebrija, Former Director, Department of Econometrics, University of Geneva: *The Geneva School of Economics and the Spirit of Geneva*

Stuart ROBINSON, Former Senior Director, GATT, Geneva: *The Role of GATT and WTO in a Globalized World*

Paul H. DEMBINSKI, Professor of Economics, Université de Fribourg, Directeur, Observatoire de la Finance, Genève : *The Spirit of Geneva and Ethical Issues in Contemporary Finance*

Coffee Break 11:00 – 11:30

Session 2 Geneva as a Humanitarian capital

Hans LUNSHOF, Head, Swiss Liaison Service, UNHCR: *Geneva as a Humanitarian Capital*

Ed SCHENKENBERG VAN MIEROP, Coordinator International Council of Voluntary Agencies, Geneva : *ICVA and the Spirit of Geneva*

Vincent CHETAİL, Graduate Institute of International Studies: *The New Human Rights Council: Reform for Nothing?*

Mark CUTTS, Humanitarian Reform Support Unit, UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Geneva: *Humanitarian Reform*

Lunch Break 1:00 PM – 2:00 PM

Keynote Speaker

Jacques MOREILLON, Member and Former Director General, International Committee of the Red Cross, Former Secretary General of World Scouting: *Bringing to the Front the Worldwide Challenge of Educating Youth*

Session 3 Multilateral humanitarian diplomacy

Michel VEUTHEY, Vice-President, International Institute of Humanitarian Law, Associate Professor, Institute of the Law of Peace and Development, University of Nice: *Informal Multilateral Diplomacy in Geneva*

Béat SCHWEIZER, Adjoint du Directeur Général, Comité International de la Croix Rouge : *Multilateral Diplomacy and Humanitarian Coordination*

IOM (Speaker to be announced): Migration and International Cooperation

François RUBIO, Directeur Juridique, Médecins du Monde, Paris : *L'esprit de Genève : humanitaire ou pacifiste ?*

Serge PAQUIER, Professor of History, University of Strasbourg: *Geneva's Humanitarian Tradition*

Coffee Break 3:15 PM – 3:45 PM

Session 4 Neutrality and humanitarian action

Jean Luc BLONDEL, Conseiller Personnel du Président, Comité International de la Croix Rouge : *Neutralité et action humanitaire*

Daniel KLINGELE, Chef de Section, Droits Humains et Droit International Humanitaire, Département Fédéral des Affaires Extérieures, Berne: *Nouveaux développements dans le domaine du droit international humanitaire*

Alexandre VAUTRAVERS, Head, International Relations Program, Webster University, Geneva: *The New International Engagements of Switzerland*

Katrien BEECKMAN, Senior Officer, International Disaster Response, Legal Affairs Unit, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies: *The Domestic Framework of International Disaster Relief and Recovery Assistance*

Theodoor GERRITSEN, Webster University: *The Tradition of Human Rights and Humanitarian Action in the Netherlands*

Reception at the Conference Venue

FRIDAY - DAY TWO

9:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Keynote speaker

Daniel WARNER, Deputy to the Director, Graduate Institute of International Studies: *The United States and the Spirit of Geneva*

Session 5 Geneva Values and the Search for Peace

Hugo SLIM, Chief Scholar, Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, Geneva: *The Key Values of Geneva in the World of Tomorrow*

Robert KOLB, Professeur de Droit International, Université de Neuchâtel : *La Sécurité Collective : de la Société des Nations aux Nations Unies*

John KING, Director, Business Humanitarian Forum, Former Senior US Diplomat: *Geneva and Disarmament Negotiations*

Muneera AL KHALIFA and Noora AL KHALIFA, Webster University: *Human Rights in the Middle-East: Women and Children*

Jubin GOODARZI, Webster University: *The Spirit of Geneva and the Middle East: the Case of Iran and Syria*

Coffee Break 11:00 AM – 11:30 AM

Session 6 Humanitarian Action and Cooperation

Daly BELGASMI, Director, World Food Program, Geneva: *Emergency Operations: Darfur, a Case Study*

John HOREKENS, Senior Partner, Humanitarian & Development Network, Former Director, UNHCR and IFRC: *Disaster reduction and the Hyogo Framework of Action*

Vincent COCHETEL, Deputy Director, Department of International Protection, UNHCR: *Protection for the Internally Displaced*

Concluding Statements – Reaffirming the “Spirit of Geneva”

Silvano M. TOMASI, Nonce Apostolique, Mission Permanente du Saint Siège, Genève : *Values in International Relations*

Jean FREYMOND, Directeur, Centre d'Etudes Pratiques de Négociation Internationale (CASIN): *The Relevance of the Spirit of Geneva in a World Transformed?*

Otto HIERONYMI, Professor and Former Head, International Relations Program, (1995-2006) Webster University, Geneva: *The Spirit of Geneva and Globalization*

Daphne CRAMER, Webster University: *The Spirit of Geneva – A View from Geneva*

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