

Jean Monnet Conference “European Union at 50: Assessing the Past, Looking Ahead”

讓·莫內研討會歐盟50週年：回首過去，展望未來

The University of Macau (UM) organized the Jean Monnet Conference, “European Union at 50: Assessing the Past, Looking Ahead,” on 27 and 28 May 2008. The conference featured 28 internationally known scholars from the Mainland, Brazil, France, Germany, Portugal, Slovakia, Spain, the Netherlands, Britain, the United States, Hong Kong and Macao who presented papers reflecting on the half-century development of the European Union (EU), and an overall review of European legal systems, on which the Macao legal system is based.

The conference was organized by the Faculty of Law (FLL) and its Institute for Advanced Legal Studies in collaboration with the Jean Monnet Chair, “European Union Law: Facing the Constitutional and Governance Challenges in the Era of Globalization”. Besides celebrating the 50th anniversary of the EU, the conference was also a celebration activity of the 20th anniversary of FLL. Held at the Cultural Centre of the university on 27 May, the opening ceremony was officiated by Prof. Iu Vai Pan, Rector of UM, Mr. Thomas Roe, Head of Office of the European Commission in Hong Kong and Macao, Mr. Christian Ramage, Deputy Consul-General of France in Hong Kong and Macao, Mr. José Luís de Sales Marques, President of Institute of European Studies of Macau, Prof. Zeng Lingliang, Dean of FLL, and Prof. Paulo Canelas de Castro, Conference Academic Coordinator.

The two-day conference consisted of eight sessions. The session topics included: “From the Single Market to the Economic and Monetary Union: Is There Any Other Challenge Ahead?”; “Other Policies, Other Concepts: Other Models of Governance?”; “The Area of Freedom, Security and Justice: More Freedom, Justice or More Security?”; “The Institutional System: Efficient at Last?”; “The External Action of the European Union: An Union Open to the World?”; “European Union Law and International Law: How International Law-Friendly is the Union?”; “Constitutionalism Without Constitution?”; and “The European Union Legal Order: *Sui Generis* Case or Global Lesson?” Besides legal issues in Macao, the conference also explored such areas as economics, international relations and cultures, especially discussing the reformation avenues opened by the Treaty of Lisbon.

This conference was one of the two proposals for which UM gained the approval and funding from the European Commission last year. The other proposal was the Jean Monnet Chair. Among the 37 conference applications approved, only two are outside of Europe. UM became the sole higher education institution in China to organize it. This conference was also sponsored by the Consulate General of France in Hong Kong and Macao, the Consulate General of Portugal in Hong Kong and Macao, the Institute of European Studies of Macau, the Tourism Bureau of the Macao SAR Government and Macao Lawyers Association.



澳門大學於2008年5月27及28日舉辦“讓·莫內研討會歐盟50週年：回首過去，展望未來”，研討會邀請了28位來自中國內地、巴西、法國、德國、葡萄牙、斯洛伐克、西班牙、荷蘭、英國、美國、香港及澳門等國家和地區的國際知名學者出席發表論文，從最高學術層面對歐盟半個世紀的發展予以反思，並對作為澳門法律系統基礎的歐洲法律體制進行整體回顧。

研討會由澳大法學院及其高級法律研究所與“歐盟法：在全球化時代面對憲法與管理的挑戰”讓·莫內講座教席合作主辦，是次研討會除慶祝歐盟成立50週年外，亦作為澳大法學院今年建院20週年慶祝活動之一。開幕式於27日在澳大文化中心舉行，由澳大校長姚偉彬教授、歐盟委員會駐香港及澳門辦事處主任魯堂安、法國駐港澳總領事Christian Ramage、澳門歐洲研究學會主席麥健智、法學院院長曾令良教授及研討會學術統籌Paulo Canelas de Castro主持。

一連兩日的研討會共分八個環節，題目包括：“由單一市場至經濟及貨幣聯盟：前面還有其他挑戰嗎？”、“其他政策，其他理念：其他管治模式？”、“自由、保障和公義範疇：多些自由、公義或多些保障？”、“制度體系：終於有效？”、“歐盟的對外行動：一個向世界開放的聯盟？”、“歐盟法和國際法：二者能否和諧共存？”、“沒有憲法的立憲主義？”、“歐盟的法律秩序：個別事例或世界性課題？”。研討會除探討有關澳門的法律課題外，還涉及經濟、國際關係及文化等領域，當中特別就《里斯本條約》所頒佈的各項改革方法展開討論。



“讓·莫內研討會歐盟50週年：回首過去，展望未來”是澳大去年獲歐盟委員會批准和贊助舉辦的兩項計劃之一，另一項目為讓·莫內講座教席。在獲歐盟批准的37個申請中，僅有兩個是給予歐洲以外的國家，而澳大成為內地及港澳唯一一所獲歐盟批准舉辦該研討會的高等院校。是次研討會同時還獲得法國駐香港澳門總領事館、葡萄牙駐澳門香港總領事館、澳門歐洲研究學會、澳門特別行政區政府旅遊局及澳門律師公會的贊助。