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THE WEST:
ITS LEGACY AND FUTURE
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THE WEST: ITS LEGACY AND FUTURE

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Recent developments appear to end the “end of history” and foreshadow instead the end of the West. After 1989, many expected a gradual convergence toward Western models of liberal market democracy. But Western responses to 9/11 and the 2007–8 transatlantic “credit crunch” have exposed the limits of U.S. international primacy and accelerated the global shift of power from West to East and North to South—as evinced by the rise of China, India, and other emerging markets.

Politically and economically, that shift seems to portend the emergence of a post-American and perhaps even a post-Western world. Yet the United States is still the default superpower whose military might and economic energy ensure its pre-eminence for the foreseeable future. Likewise, Europe’s institutions, culture, and way of life remain attractive across the globe. Even the near meltdown of Wall Street and the mishandling of the sovereign debt crisis have so far not led to a decoupling of the rest from the West.

Historically, the transition from a unipolar to a multipolar world order appears to restore a more “natural” global balance that had prevailed before China’s isolationist withdrawal beginning with the Ming dynasty in 1433 and the West’s growing domination following the discovery of the New World in 1492. At the same time, contemporary global multipolarity seems to coincide with the crisis of the modern centralized state and the modern free market that were instituted by the West. That crisis might mark the end of the Westphalian settlement, which is coextensive with Western global hegemony. However, non-Western powers are wedded to Western principles (e.g., national sovereignty and territorial integrity) and to the international system of nation-states instituted by the Treaty of Westphalia in 1648.

In terms of present and future trends, there is some evidence to suggest that the dominant mode of globalization is synonymous with the demise of Western-style nation-states and the resurgence of non-Western empires—imperial spheres of influence and colonialist powers. Examples seem to abound: Turkey and Iran in the Middle East; Russia in the Caucasus and Central Asia; China in East Asia and Africa; India and Brazil in parts of the southern hemisphere. Or is globalization promoting a shift toward global cities and the institutions of civil society that are a distinct legacy of the West?

CONFERENCE SUMMARY

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Philosophically, it is not clear whether the global shift in power confirms or refutes the utopia of linear, boundless progress that characterizes the dominant Western ideologies of liberalism and Marxism. What about cyclical conceptions of history that have been popular since the work of Jacob Burckhardt, Friedrich Nietzsche, Oswald Spengler, and Arnold Toynbee on the twilight and demise of the West? Perhaps the rise of China and other emerging markets in Asia is evidence in support of certain Hegelian or Marxist accounts such as world system analysis or cycles of hegemony. In what way do these ideas reflect Western “historicism,” which portrays the West’s peculiar and contingent history as universal, necessary, and even normative? Which Western and non-Western alternatives to historicism are available to us?

Theologically, ideas of the West are closely connected with the three Abrahamic faiths in general and the Christian fusion of Greco-Roman Antiquity and the biblical legacy in particular. Just as the Renaissance and the Enlightenment have their origins in medieval Christendom, so too late (or post-)modernity is inextricably intertwined with theological categories and the greater visibility of religion in public political life. That, coupled with the growing presence of Islam, raises questions about the distinctly Judeo-Christian identity of the West—including notions of the secular and the modern.

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

0900–1330	Arrival in L'Aquila and check-in
1340	Bus from Hotel San Michele to the conference center ANCE
1345	Bus from Hotel Federico II to the conference center ANCE
1350	Bus from Hotel Castello to the conference center ANCE
1415–1500	Registration, light lunch, and coffee
1500–1530 <i>Amphitheater</i>	Welcome: Mayor of L'Aquila, Carla Mannetti, Mary Piccone, Russell Berman, and Adrian Pabst
1530–1715	Parallel Panels
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Breakout Session 1	The Origins of the West
1530–1715 <i>Top Floor</i>	<i>Chair: Tim Luke</i>
	Julio Alcántara, “Sculpting Reality”
	Ricardo Duchesne, “In the Beginning of Western Civilization were the Deeds of Indo-European Aristocratic Warriors”
	Greg Melleuish, “The Rise of the West and the Logic of History”
	Susanna G. Rizzo, “ <i>Occasus oriens</i> : The Discursive Origins of the West”
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Breakout Session 2	Wither the West?
1530–1715 <i>Lower Ground</i>	<i>Chair: David Pan</i>
	Fred Harrison, “Nature and Society: How to Outlaw Cheating and Save our Civilization”
	Michal Luczewski, “Apocalypse and Anamnesis”
	Corina Stan, “The End of Western culture: Canetti, Wat and Eliade”
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Breakout Session 3	Western Modernity in Question
1530–1715 <i>Amphitheater</i>	<i>Chair: Adrian Pabst</i>
	Jens-Martin Eriksen, “Culturalism: When Culture Becomes Political Ideology”
	Jay A. Gupta, “Hegel’s Critique of Modern Moral Consciousness”
	Marcia Pally, “Opposing Strains of Western Modernity: Situatedness and Separability”
	Neil Turnbull, “The Critique of the Metaphysics and the Decline of the West”

F **FRIDAY** **SCHEDULE**

1715–1730

Refreshments

1730–1900

Amphitheater

**Plenary Panel:
A Divided West?**

Chair: Adrian Pabst

With Russell Berman, Christopher Coker, John Milbank, Marcia Pally,
Luciano Pellicani and Nick Rengger

1900

Bus (from the conference center ANCE to the restaurant La Conca)

1915

Drinks, reception, and dinner

2200

Bus (from the restaurant to the three hotels)

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

- 0840 Bus from Hotel San Michele to the conference center ANCE
- 0845 Bus from Hotel Federico II to the conference center ANCE
- 0850 Bus from Hotel Castello to the conference center ANCE

0900–1100
Amphitheater

**Plenary Panel:
Philosophies of History**
Chair: Tim Luke

Leonidas Donskis, “Spengler Revisited”
Simon Glendinning, “The End of the World Designed with Men in Mind”
Richard Sakwa, “The Politics of *Krisis*”

1100–1130

Coffee

1130–1315

Parallel Panels

Breakout Session 4
1130–1315
Amphitheater

Liberty, Equality, and the Imperative of Security
Chair: Russell Berman

Wolfgang Palaver, “How Fraternity Can Transform Parochial Altruism”
Hans Rustad, “Norway after 22/7”
Kasper Stovring, “The Return of History in a Pluralistic World Order”

Breakout Session 5
1130–1315
Lower Ground

The Telos of Europe and the West
Chair: David Pan

Chantal Bax: “A Forward-looking France: Jean-Luc Nancy on National Identity”
Peter M. Candler Jr: “Reflections on Charles Péguy”
Timothy Stacey: “The Teleological Deficit: How Europe Lost and Can Re-engage with Teleological Ideas”

SATURDAY SCHEDULE

Breakout Session 6 1130–1315 <i>Top Floor</i>	Universalism, Pluralism, and Relativism <i>Chair: Jay Gupta</i> Joseph W. Bendersky, “Reducing the Clash in <i>The Clash of Civilizations</i> : Is Huntington’s Abandonment of Western Universalism Still Relevant?” Danilo Breschi, “From Europe to America and Back: Tocqueville and Democracy as Legacy and Future of the West” Christos Moutsouris, “Universalism in Ancient Greece and Germany”
1315–1400	Lunch and coffee (at the conference center ANCE)
1400	Bus (from the conference center ANCE to the town center)
1415–1600	Guided tour of L’Aquila
1600	Bus (from the town center to the three hotels)
1730	Excursion to Gran Sasso by bus
1730	Bus from Hotel San Michele to Gran Sasso
1735	Bus from Hotel Federico II to Gran Sasso
1740	Bus from Hotel Castello to Gran Sasso
1830–2000 <i>Gran Sasso</i>	Plenary Panel: Europe: Its Legacy and Future <i>Chair: Marcia Pally</i> Debate with Leonidas Donskis, Simon Glendinning, Adrian Pabst, Richard Sakwa, and Wodek Szemberg.
2000	Drinks, reception, and dinner
2200	Bus (from Gran Sasso to the three hotels)

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

0830	Bus from Hotel Castello to the Basilica Santa Maria di Collemaggio
0835	Bus from Hotel Federico II to the Basilica Santa Maria di Collemaggio
0840	Bus from San Michele to the Basilica Santa Maria di Collemaggio
0900–0945	Mass in honour of Paul Piccone at the Basilica Santa Maria di Collemaggio
0945	Bus (from the Basilica Santa Maria di Collemaggio to the conference center)
1000–1145	Parallel Panels

Breakout Session 7

1000–1145
Top Floor

War and Law

Chair: Tim Luke

Guilherme Marques-Pedro, “Revisiting Voegelin’s Nietzschean Assessment of Crisis, War, and the Spiritual Disintegration of the West”

Tim Luke, “A Mythography of the West: The Politics of Reinventing its Past, Present, and Future”

Mark Wegierski, “Conflicts of Notions of Freedom, Order, and Security in a Globalized World”

Breakout Session 8

1000–1145
Lower Ground

Politics and Culture in the Modern West

Chair: Chantal Bax

Amine Ahmed, “Reflections on the Misunderstanding between Orient and Occident in the Trilogy of Yamina Khadra”

Emile Bojesen, “The Future of Education in the West at the End of History”

Nyasha Chiundiza, “A Philosophical Situation Deferred: The Epistemic Trauma of Postmodern and Postcolonial Reading of Africa”

Hugh Grady: “Reification, Mourning and the Aesthetic in *Antony and Cleopatra* and *The Winter’s Tale*”

Breakout Session 9

1000–1145
Amphitheater

The Future of the West

Chair: David Pan

Frederik Stjernfelt, “The Plurality of Western Values”

Michael Ledeen, “How Peace and Success Threaten Western Values”

Giacomo Marramo (title tbc)

Fred Siegel, “On Rewriting the History of American Liberalism”

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

1145–1200	Coffee
1200–1330 <i>Amphitheater</i>	<p>Plenary Panel: Is the West Best? <i>Chair: Russell Berman</i></p> <p>With Phillip Blond, Michael Ledeen, Tim Luke, David Pan, and Fred Siegel</p>
1330–1430	Lunch at the conference ANCE
1430–1615	Parallel Panels
<p>Breakout Session 10 1430–1615 <i>Top Floor</i></p>	<p>Space, Sacredness and Sacrifice <i>Chair: David Pan</i></p> <p>Antonio Cerella, “The Space of the Sacred: Outline for an Alternative Genealogy of the Global Age”</p> <p>Thanos Christacopoulos, “The Sacrification Theorem”</p> <p>Mary Frances McKenna, “The Role of Christianity in the Development of the Western Synthesis: Yesterday, Today, and a Vision for Tomorrow”</p>
<p>Breakout Session 11 1430–1615 <i>Amphitheater</i></p>	<p>The European Non-West? <i>Chair: Jay Gupta</i></p> <p>Andreas Berg, “Polizeistaat, Mysticism, and the Fragmentation of the Idea of Europe during the Russian Enlightenment”</p> <p>Arvydas Grisinas, “‘Eastern’ and ‘Western’ Social Imaginaries: Comparing Concepts”</p> <p>Tugrul Keskin, “Beyond East and West: A Global Paradigm of Turkish Social Space”</p> <p>Alessandro Vitale, “Russia and the West. The Myth of Russian Cultural Homogeneity and the “Siberian Paradox””</p>
<p>Breakout Session 12 1430–1615 <i>Lower Ground</i></p>	<p>History and the State <i>Chair: Tim Luke</i></p> <p>Sevgi Dogan, “Man and the State”</p> <p>Federico Leonardi, “Linear or Cyclical History? Hegel versus Spengler”</p> <p>David Pan, “Carl Schmitt’s <i>Theory of the Partisan</i> and the Stability of the Nation-State”</p>

SUNDAY SCHEDULE

1615–1630 Coffee Break

1630–1730 **Concluding Plenary Panel:**
Amphitheater **Renewing the West**
Chair: Russell Berman

With Phillip Blond, John Milbank, Adrian Pabst, David Pan,
and Nicholas Rengger

1730 Excursion to Rocca di Cambio by bus (from conference center)

1815 Wine and cheese tasting

1900 Dinner

2130 Bus (from Rocca di Cambio to the three hotels)

Monday, September 10, 2012

0900–1400 Departure

DIRECTIONS & TRANSPORTATION

Telos Conference Location

ANCE L'AQUILA
Viale Alcide De Gasperi, 60
67100 L'Aquila

Bus Pick-Up from Hotels to Conference Center

Friday September 7th

1340	Bus from Hotel San Michele to the conference center
1345	Bus from Hotel Federico II to the conference center
1350	Bus from Hotel Castello to the conference center
1900	Bus (from the conference center to the restaurant La Conca)
2200	Bus (from the restaurant to the three hotels)

Saturday September 8th

0840	Bus from Hotel San Michele to the conference center
0845	Bus from Hotel Federico II to the conference center
0850	Bus from Hotel Castello to the conference center
1400	Bus (from the conference center to the town center)
1415–1600	Guided tour of L'Aquila
1600	Bus (from the town center to the three hotels)
1730	Excursion to Gran Sasso by bus
1730	Bus from Hotel San Michele
1735	Bus from Hotel Federico II to the conference center
1740	Bus from Hotel Castello to the conference center
2200	Bus (from Gran Sasso to the three hotels)

Sunday September 9th

0830	Bus from Hotel Castello to the Basilica Santa Maria di Collemaggio
0835	Bus from Hotel Federico II to the Basilica Santa Maria di Collemaggio
0840	Bus from San Michele to the Basilica Santa Maria di Collemaggio
0900–0945	Mass in honor of Paul Piccone at the Basilica Santa Maria di Collemaggio
0945	Bus (from the Basilica Santa Maria di Collemaggio to the conference center)
1730	Excursion to Rocca di Cambio by bus (from conference center)
2130	Bus (from Rocca di Cambio to the three hotels)

DIRECTIONS & TRANSPORTATION

Driving Directions

For those driving to the restaurants, below are the addresses:

Friday Night

La Conca
Via G. Caldora, 12
L'Aquila
Tel: 0862 405211
www.ristorantelaconca.eu

Saturday Night

Hotel Ristorante Fiordigigli
Base Funivia del Gran Sasso d'Italia – Forte Cerreto
67100 L'Aquila
Tel: 0862 0606171/2
www.fiordigigli.com

Sunday Night

L'Aurora Resort
Strada del Rocchio, 2
67047 Rocca di Cambio (AQ)
Tel: 0862/918377
www.auroraresort.it

DIRECTIONS & TRANSPORTATION

Departing L'Aquila

Monday September 10th

Bus fare is 16 euros. The bus pick up is at Hotel Amiternum (10 minutes) from the hotel. If you plan to take the bus, please ask the front desk at your hotel to purchase your ticket for the exact time you are leaving. The bus will drive directly the airport (first stop: Ciampino; final stop: Fiumicino, Terminal 1).

<http://www.gasparionline.it/index.php?pagina=ticketing>

Destinazione	Prezzo	Ora Partenza	Ora Arrivo	Corsa	Info
Roma	16,00	05,00	07,00	L' Aquila (Hotel Amiternum)- Roma(Ciampino Aereoporto Terminal)- Roma (Fiumicino Aereoporto Terminal)	Corsa 1
Roma	16,00	08,00	10,15	L' Aquila (Hotel Amiternum)- Roma(Ciampino Aereoporto Terminal)- Roma (Fiumicino Aereoporto Terminal)	Corsa 1
Roma	16,00	10,00	12,15	L' Aquila (Hotel Amiternum)- Roma(Ciampino Aereoporto Terminal)- Roma (Fiumicino Aereoporto Terminal)	Corsa 1
Roma	16,00	13,00	15,00	L' Aquila (Hotel Amiternum)- Roma(Ciampino Aereoporto Terminal)- Roma (Fiumicino Aereoporto Terminal)	Corsa 1
Roma	16,00	16,00	18,10	L' Aquila (Hotel Amiternum)- Roma(Ciampino Aereoporto Terminal)- Roma (Fiumicino Aereoporto Terminal)	Corsa 1

Option II:

If the above times are not convenient per your scheduled time of departure, take the ARPO bus (at the bus terminal Collemaggio) for 12 euros. The buses run on the hour on weekdays. The trip takes about 1 hour and 40 minutes, but it is strongly dependent on local traffic. You will arrive in Rome at Stazione Tiburtino. Take the train at Tiburtino Station (across the street from the bus terminal) to Fiumicino Airport.

HOTEL **INFORMATION**

Hotel San Michele

Via dei Giardini, 6 - 67100 L'Aquila (AQ)

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Website: www.stmichelehotel.it/eng/

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Hotel Castello

Piazza Battaglione Alpini

67100 L'Aquila

Tel: +39 0862 419147

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Website: www.hotelcastelloaq.com

Email: info@hotelcastelloaq.com

Hotel Federico II

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Website: www.hotelfedericosecondo.it

Email: info@hotelfedericosecondo.it