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Leiden, 20th of March 2019

The Europa Institute of Leiden University is honoured to invite you to attend the

9th Annual Bronisław Geremek Lecture

on Friday the 12th of April 2019. This year's lecture is entitled

The Idea of Europe

presented by

Mr. J.P.H. (Piet Hein) Donner

This lecture is organised by Leiden University's Europa Institute in cooperation with the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The event will take place at Leiden University in the *Groot Auditorium* located in the Academy Building at Rapenburg 73, Leiden. The programme can be found below.

13:00 – 13:30 Welcome with coffee and tea
13:30 – 15:00 Geremek Lecture, followed by Q & A
15:00 – 16:00 Reception

Please send an RSVP on or before the 5th of April [here](#).

The Professor Bronisław Geremek Lecture

The lecture series is named after the former Foreign Minister of Poland, Bronisław Geremek. It started in 2009 as a collaborative initiative between the Dutch and Polish Ministers of Foreign Affairs with the intention to honour the political and academic work of Bronisław Geremek.

Professor Geremek was an important figure within the Polish Solidarity movement and played a crucial role in the negotiations between members of the Solidarity movement and the communist authorities. These negotiations led to the free parliamentary elections in 1989. When he was Minister of Foreign Affairs he was responsible for the EU entry negotiations as well as Poland's membership within NATO. In 2004 he was elected as a member of European Parliament. Professor Geremek taught at many universities and published numerous works on European history.

Mr. J.P.H. (Piet Hein) Donner

Mr. Donner (1948) has had a long and distinguished career in Dutch politics and public service. He served as the director of the Scientific Council for Government Policy (WRR) from 1993 until 1997, when he became a member of the Council of State. He then served as Minister of Justice (2002-2006), Minister of Social Affairs and Employment (2007-2010) and Minister of the Interior and Kingdom Relations (2010- 2011). In 2011 Mr. Donner was awarded the Commander's Cross with Star of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Poland. He took office as Vice-President of the Council of State on the 1st of February 2012, until his retirement at the end of October 2018. On the 21st of December 2018 he was granted the honorary title of Minister of State. In the academic year 2015-2016 Mr Donner held the Cleveringa Chair at Leiden University.

It would be a pleasure to have you attend the lecture series in Leiden. Please register [online](#) on or before the 5th of April 2019.

On behalf of the Europa Institute at Leiden University we hope to see you on the 12th of April.

Yours sincerely,

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