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“Yet all the while there is a remedy which, if it were generally and spontaneously adopted by the great majority of people in many lands, would as if by a miracle transform the whole scene, and would in a few years make all Europe, or the greater part of it, as free and as happy as Switzerland is today.

What is this sovereign remedy? It is to recreate the European Family, or as much of it as we can, and to provide it with a structure under which it can dwell in peace, in safety and in freedom.”

Winston Churchill, 19 September 1946

“Let Europe Arise”

Echoes of Churchill’s Landmark Speech
at the University of Zurich

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“Therefore I say to you: Let Europe Arise!” It was on 19 September 1946 in the Aula of the University of Zurich that Winston Churchill issued his famous call to action – a galvanizing message that reverberates up to the present day.

Indeed, the words of conciliation and unity spoken by the British prime minister had an uplifting effect on the weary population of Europe, which had grown despondent in the aftermath of two world wars. And today, when liberty and humanitarian principles are threatened worldwide, and the European idea is facing serious challenges, Churchill’s visionary speech has taken on new relevance and urgency.

We must never forget that stability, economic vitality, and prosperity in Europe – and in Switzerland – depend on strong relations among Europe’s countries. And the academic community is equally reliant on cross-border dialogue and exchange, which is why the University of Zurich and other Swiss higher education institutions are committed to working as closely as possible with their peers and counterparts throughout Europe.

The University of Zurich is exceptionally proud that the words of hope spoken that day by Winston Churchill echoed around the world. Over the course of the coming days, key players and thought leaders from the world of politics and academia will meet at UZH. A propitious constellation for initiating change – let us seize the opportunity!

Michael O. Hengartner,
President of the University of Zurich

19 September–7 October 2016

Exhibition

Lichthof, Main Building UZH / from 19 Sept. 8:00pm / to 7 Oct. / see opening hours of main building

In celebration of the 70th anniversary of Winston Churchill’s visit to the University of Zurich, a select exhibition of photographs, sound recordings, and film material from the historic occasion is taking place in the main building of UZH.

Recordings of the landmark speech, contemporary articles in the NZZ from 1946, and photographs of the event transport visitors back to the memorable day.

The event is hosted by the Europe Institute at the University of Zurich, with generous support from the University of Zurich, the Churchill Archives, and the NZZ.

Monday, 19 September 2016

The Significance of Churchill’s Zurich Speech 1946–2016

University of Zurich, Rämistrasse 71, 8006 Zurich, Aula (KOL-G-201) / 4:00–8:00pm,
video feed in other lecture halls

- 4:00pm **Welcome Address**
Prof. Michael O. Hengartner, President of the University of Zurich
- 4:05pm **Churchill’s Zurich Speech. The Context**
Allen Packwood, Dr. Werner Vogt, Lord Watson of Richmond
- 4:35pm **The Significance of the Zurich Speech in 1946**
Chair: Prof. David Reynolds, Felix Klos, Dr. Andrew Roberts
- 5:05pm **The Relevance of the Zurich Speech in 2016**
Chair: Bridget Kendall, Lord Powell of Bayswater, Dr. Andrew Roberts, Laura Sandys, Lord Watson of Richmond
- 5:50pm **Concluding Remarks** Randolph Churchill
- 6:00pm **Break**
- 6:30pm **Introduction**
Johann N. Schneider-Ammann, President of the Swiss Confederation
Main Speech
Jean-Claude Juncker, President of the European Commission
- 7:30pm **Q&A**

Tuesday, 25 October 2016

“The Churchill Europe Symposium” with Valéry Giscard d’Estaing

University of Zurich, Rämistrasse 71, 8006 Zurich, Aula (KOL-G-201) / 6:30–7:45pm

Valéry Giscard d’Estaing, former President of France, holds a speech with the title “Europa– La dernière chance de l’Europe.” The lecture is held in French and open to the public.

The city of Zurich is commemorating Winston Churchill’s historic speech with the program “Churchill in Zürich,” which includes a panel discussion on the future direction of Switzerland and Europe held at “Kaufleuten” on 23 September 2016 at 4:30pm. Mario Fehr, President of the Government Council of the Canton of Zurich, will also speak at the Münsterhof. More information at: → churchill-in-zurich.ch