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## About the Presentation

The world is in danger of becoming an unpleasant place for everybody. The only way out of this is for countries to work very closely together, reaching agreements on solutions and sticking to them. Nations need to pursue, not only their own national interest, but also the interest of humanity as a whole. The problem is that there are 200 countries in the world and their leaders are answerable to their own people, not to people of the planet Earth.

There is a small region of the world where the political system is not simply every country for itself. This region is Europe. The EU is a new political system. It is different from the rest of the world because, in a limited number of areas, the countries share sovereignty. Does it work? The record speaks for itself, in spite of past and current crises. Not only is Europe at peace, it is now one of the wealthiest economies in the world.

The hallmark of the European Union is shared sovereignty. This is absent from the United Nations and is the reason why, sadly, the UN does not have the necessary powers to solve the planet's problems. What Europe is doing, the world needs to do also. After all, Jean Monnet said that the European Union is but a step towards the way we will organise the world of tomorrow.

But how can we realise Monnet's global vision?

## About the Author

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## Location

The Aurelio Peccei Lecture-Event will take place at the:

Royal Academy of Belgium (Rubens auditorium. Entrance A + D)

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Address:

Hertogstraat 1 rue Ducale B-1000  
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Doors open at 18:00.

The lecture, starting at 18:30 sharp, will be followed by refreshments.

After the event participants are welcome to join the speaker for dinner (participation is at own cost).