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**FRIDAY, MAY 25, 2012**

**Roy Thomson Hall**

60 Simcoe Street, Toronto, Canada

**6:30 PM**

Doors open

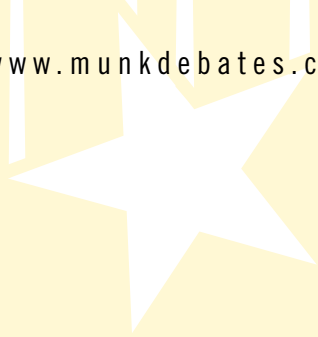
**7:00 PM**

Debate begins

**8:45 PM**

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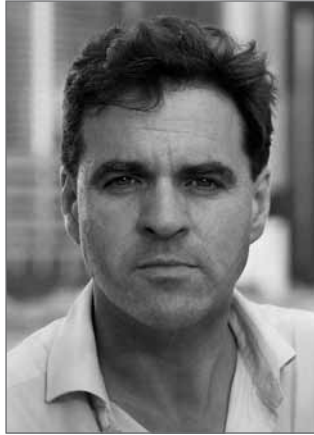


## **MUNK DEBATE ON EUROPE**

In the sweep of human history, the European Union stands out as one of humankind's most ambitious endeavors. It encompasses half a billion people, twenty-seven member states, twenty-three languages and an economy valued at over \$15 trillion. Modern Europe's stunning achievements aside, its sovereign debt crisis has shaken the world's largest political and economic union to its core. Can the federal institutions and shared values of Europeans meet the challenges of debt crisis that are as much political as economic? Or, are Europe's current woes indicative of a series of deep structural faults that will doom the European Union to breakup and failure?

To promote a far-ranging discussion of an issue of global significance, the Munk Debates convenes four influential Europeans to tackle the resolution:

**BE IT RESOLVED THE EUROPEAN  
EXPERIMENT HAS FAILED....**



## NIALL FERGUSON

Niall Ferguson is Laurence A. Tisch Professor of History at Harvard University. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Hoover Institution, Stanford University, and a Senior Research Fellow at Jesus College, Oxford. A prolific commentator on contemporary politics and economics, Ferguson is a weekly columnist for *Newsweek* and a contributing editor for Bloomberg TV. Last year he published *Civilization: The West and the Rest*, also a Channel 4/PBS documentary series.

**“For more than 10 years, it has been the case that Europe has conducted an experiment in the impossible.”**



## JOSEF JOFFE

Josef Joffe is publisher-editor of the German weekly *Die Zeit*. He is a regular contributor to the *Wall Street Journal*, *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *TIME* and *Newsweek*. In 2007, he was appointed Senior Fellow of Stanford's Institute for International Studies, and has taught at Harvard, Johns Hopkins and the University of Munich. In 2005, he co-founded the foreign policy journal *The American Interest* in Washington with Zbigniew Brzezinski and Francis Fukuyama.

**“Europe has transcended a thousand years of war,  
but 27 nation-states will never grow into one.”**



## PETER MANDELSON

Peter Mandelson is a Member of the House of Lords, and Chairman of Global Counsel, a strategic advisory firm. Lord Mandelson was elected to Parliament in 1992 and entered British government in 1997, serving as Secretary of State for Trade and Industry and Secretary of State for Northern Ireland. In 2004, he became EU Commissioner for Trade, until 2008 when he re-entered the British government serving as Secretary of State for Business, Innovation and Skills until 2010.

**“European leaders are getting there and they need to not lose any further time because the world is very impatient.”**



## DANIEL COHN-BENDIT

Daniel Cohn-Bendit first rose to public prominence as a leader of student revolts in France in the 1960s. Half a century later he remains a highly influential voice in Europe serving as the co-president of the Greens/Free European Alliance Group in the European Parliament. He sits on the Parliamentary Committees for Economic and Monetary Affairs and Constitutional Affairs. He is also co-chair of the Spinelli Group, a European parliament group dedicated to the federalist project in Europe.

**“We need a true democratic process for the renewal of Europe, in which the European Parliament has to play a central role.”**

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# THE MUNK DEBATES

The Munk Debates are an initiative of the Aurea Foundation, founded in 2006 by Peter and Melanie Munk to support Canadian institutions involved in the study and development of public policy. The goal of the Munk Debates is to enliven and elevate public discussion in Canada of the major issues shaping the course of world events.

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