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Forums at work

Yesterday the forums discussion began. The participants of Forums 6 discussed on the topic of the Bologna Process, which is the "hot" issue speaking of higher education. They were divided in three groups (Employability, Access and Implementation of the Bologna Process), and they talked about these issues separately and then reported to the main group at the end of the activities. On forum 5 students examined fifteen major points that they considered the most important ones. At the end of the afternoon they summed up the partial conclusions, ready for the next day to come. In Forum 2, where students discussed about the social and economical reflections of European exchange system, the debate was very lively. We asked to the student Konrad Traupe what were his impressions of the day: "it's very significant that so many students from different countries and universities think in the same way". The debate of Forum 9, on sustainable development and greening universities was a very heated

Eric Corijn, Professor of Social and Cultural Geography at the Free University of Brussels, held an extremely interesting lecture regarding globalisation. According to him, a new world is in the making due to globalisation, but this is not happening everywhere at the same time. Triangular relationships are developing among the world, the nation-states and the cities, determining the need of a common cultural identity. Unfortunately, this is still not happening in Europe, which Corijn defines as "a country without a nation". What he proposes, as a starting point, is the creation of the United Cities of Europe.

debate as well. They tried to find common key themes from everybody's abstract and presentation: even if sometimes they had different ideas they did a great work together with their Chair. In forum 8, after the presentation of Alessandro Epasto, they started to analyze the topic. Mailis Ostra was very happy about it also because the debate went smoothly thanks to their capable Chair.

Daily report by Lorenzo Grande, Chiara Grillo, Michela Pellegrino e Carlotta Rossi.

