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THURSDAY & FRIDAY, 20 - 21 MARCH 2014, BRUGES

Conference venue: College of Europe, Verversdijk 16, building A, AUD.1
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PROGRAMME

Thursday, 20 March 2014

9:00   **Registration** (Foyer, building A)
             (Coffee available in building B, room 1.04)

9:30   **Welcome**
             Sieglinde Gstöhl, Director, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges

SESSION I   Institutional and Legal Challenges

9:55   **Chair:** *Erwan Lannon*, Professor, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges; Professor, Law Faculty, Ghent University

10:00   **The effectiveness of institutional arrangements in the relations between the EU and its Neighbours**
             Marc Franco, Senior Associate Fellow, EGMONT Royal Institute for International Relations, Brussels

10:25   **Approximation vs. convergence: Has the EU learnt its lessons in the Eastern neighbourhood?**
             Aaron Matta, Senior Researcher in EU Law, Centre for the Law of EU External Relations, Asser Institute, The Hague

10:50   *Coffee break (Building B, room 1.04)*

11:10   **A comparative analysis of legal frameworks between the EU and its neighbours for the prevention and control of illegal immigration**
             Maria Teresa Bia, Lawyer, Bari

11:35   **The cooperation between the EU and its neighbours in the fight against the trafficking of human beings: towards the creation of a safer ENP**
             Eimys Ortiz-Hernández, PhD candidate, Law Faculty, University of Lleida

12:00   **Discussion,** opened by
Nariné Ghazaryan, Lecturer, Law School, Brunel University, London
Sergio Carrera, Senior Research Fellow, Head of the Justice and Home Affairs Programme, CEPS, Brussels

12:45   *Buffet lunch (Foyer)*
(Coffee available in building B, room 1.04)

SESSION II   Economic and Financial Cooperation Challenges

14:15   **Chair:** *Sieglinde Gstöhl*, Director, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges

14:20   **Trading with devils? Challenges and lessons for the EU's economic cooperation with autocratic leadership in its neighbourhood**
Giselle Bosse, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Maastricht University

14:45   **European Union or Eurasian Union? A dilemma for the Eastern Partnership countries and the limits of the EU's influence**
Ramūnas Vilpišauskas, Director and Professor, Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University

15:10   **Discussion**, opened by
Kataryna Wolczuk, Reader in Politics and International Studies, University of Birmingham
Alicja Krzyzanowska, Policy Coordinator, DG Trade, European Commission, Brussels

15:45   *Coffee break (Building B, room 1.04)*

16:00   **De-securitization of ENP cooperation in the Black Sea region: A case study on the network governance approach**
Çiğdem Üstün, Assistant Professor, Political Science and Public Administration Department, Gediz University, İzmir

16:25   **Economic geography of the EU's neighbourhood: time to address spatial inequalities in the ENP on the basis of the pre-accession experience?**
Gilles Lepesant, Director of Research, CNRS-CERI Sciences Po, Paris

16:50   **Transferring accession programmes to the Arab Mediterranean partners: A comparative analysis between IPARD and the ENP reforms in the agricultural sector**
Christos Kourtelis, Teaching Fellow, Department of European and International Studies, King's College London

17:15   **Discussion**, opened by
Iana Dreyer, Associate Fellow, EU Institute for Security Studies, Paris
Catherine Combette, Deputy Head of Unit for Neighbourhood Policy and EFTA, European Commission, Brussels

18:00   *End of first day of conference*

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Friday, 21 March 2014

9:30   **Registration for participants attending only the second day** (Foyer)
(Coffee available in building B, room 1.04)

SESSION III   Political and Security Challenges

9:45   **Chair:** *Marco Rimanelli*, Fulbright-Schuman Chair on US-EU Relations, College of Europe, Bruges; Professor, Saint Leo University, Tampa

9:50   **EU enlargement and neighbourhood policy strategies: The role of political conditionality**
Sühal Şemşit, Assistant Professor, Seferihisar Fevziye Hepkon School of Social Sciences Dokuz Eylül University, Izmir

10:15   **A dyadic insight: Comparing the EU's approach to the Western Balkans and the South Caucasus**
Syuzanna Vasilyan, Assistant Professor and Jean Monnet Chair of European Studies, American University of Armenia, Yerevan

10:40   *Coffee break (Building B, room 1.04)*

11:00   **The EU's ability to deal with frozen conflicts in its neighbourhood: SAP and ENP compared**
Julija Brsakoska, Assistant Professor, Law Faculty, Ss.Cyril and Methodius University, Skopje

11:25   **Conflict management in a comparative perspective: Linking CSDP operations to stabilisation through the ENP and SAP**
Monica Oproiu, PhD candidate, National School of Political Studies and Public Administration, Bucharest

11:50   **Discussion**, opened by
Damien Helly, Policy Officer EU External Action, ECPDM, Maastricht; Visiting Professor at the College of Europe, Bruges
Antonio Missiroli, Director of the European Union Institute for Security Studies, Paris and Visiting Professor at the College of Europe

12:30   **Conclusions**
Erwan Lannon, Professor, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges; Professor, Law Faculty, Ghent University

12:45   *Buffet lunch (Foyer)*
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14:00   *End of conference*