



The European Union and the Governance of **Contested Global Spaces**

Conference | 14-15 October 2021

PROGRAMME

Venue: Auditorium 1, College of Europe, Verversdijk 16, BE-8000 Bruges

THURSDAY, 14 OCTOBER 2021

16:30 Registration for the conference (*Foyer*)

17:00 Welcome

Federica MOGHERINI, Rector, College of Europe

Sieglinde GSTÖHL, Director, Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges

17:15 EU Climate Diplomacy: Projecting Green Global Leadership

Marc VANHEUKELEN, Ambassador at Large for Climate Diplomacy, European External Action Service, Brussels

18:00 Q&A

18:45 *Reception (Foyer)*

FRIDAY, 15 OCTOBER 2021

9:00 Registration for the conference (*Foyer*)

INTRODUCTION

9:15 Welcome

Introduction: The EU Navigating Contested Global Spaces

Sieglinde GSTÖHL, Director, Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges

SESSION I The EU and the Poles: Antarctica and the Arctic

9:30 Chair: *Simon SCHUNZ*, Professor, Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges

9:35 The EU and Polar Politics

Andreas RASPOTNIK, Austrian Marshall Plan Fellow, Wilson Center, Washington DC; Senior Research Fellow, Fridtjof Nansen Institute, Lysaker, and *Adam STEPIEN*, Researcher, The Arctic Centre, University of Lapland, Rovaniemi

9:55 Discussion opened by

Terkel PETERSEN, Senior Expert, Arctic, European External Action Service, Brussels

10:45 *Coffee break*

SESSION II The EU and Outer Space

11:15 Chair: *Sieglinde GSTÖHL*, Director, Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges

11:20 The EU's Final Frontier? Perspectives for a Genuine Union Space Policy

Jan WOUTERS, Jean Monnet Chair *ad personam*, Professor of International Law and Director, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, KU Leuven; Visiting Professor, Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges

11:40 Discussion opened by

Carine CLAEYS, Ambassador, EU Special Envoy for Space, European External Action Service, Brussels

12:30 *Lunch*



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SESSION III The EU and Cyberspace

- 14:15 Chair: *Jan WOUTERS*, Jean Monnet Chair *ad personam*, Professor of International Law and Director, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, KU Leuven; Visiting Professor, Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges
- 14:20 Cyberspace and New Security Challenges for the EU
Hanna SMITH, Director of Research and Analysis at the European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats, Helsinki; Visiting Professor, Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges
- 14:40 Discussion opened by
Lorena BOIX ALONSO, Director, Digital Society, Trust and Cybersecurity, Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology, European Commission, Brussels
- 15:30 *Coffee break*

SESSION IV The EU and the High Seas

- 16:00 Chair: *Joris LARIK*, Assistant Professor of Comparative, EU and International Law, Leiden University, The Hague
- 16:05 A Maritime Global Commons Power in the Making? EU Blue Policies in the High Seas
Marianne RIDDERVOLD, Professor, NUPI and Innlandet University, Norway; Senior Fellow, University of California, Berkeley
- 16:25 Discussion opened by
Aurore MAILLET, Deputy Head of Unit, Ocean Governance, Law of the Sea, Arctic Policy, Directorate-General for Maritime Affairs and Fisheries, European Commission, Brussels

CONCLUSION: Key Takeaways

- 17:15 Policy Takeaways
Bruno DUPRÉ, Strategic Planning Division, European External Action Service, Brussels
- 17:25 Academic Takeaways
Joris LARIK, Assistant Professor of Comparative, EU and International Law, Leiden University, The Hague
Simon SCHUNZ, Professor, Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges
- 17:45 *End of conference*



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