



ENP IN A COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVE

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE KEY CHALLENGES AND MAJOR LESSONS 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



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- 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,
Luc Devigne, Head of Unit, 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 Kourtellis, 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)
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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

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14:00 *End of conference*