

PROGRAMME

*Conference venue: College of Europe, Dijver 11, room E
(with the financial support of the European Commission)*

Thursday, 15 November 2012

9:15 Registration (Foyer ground floor)
(coffee available in room A/B ground floor)

9:45 Welcome and Opening
Sieglinde Gstöhl
Director, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges
Stephan Keukeleire
Chairholder, TOTAL Chair of EU Foreign Policy, College of Europe, Bruges; Jean Monnet Professor, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

10:00 The European External Action Service: Current and Future Challenges in the EU's Broader Neighbourhood (with Q&A)
David O'Sullivan
Chief Operating Officer, European External Action Service, Brussels

10:45 Coffee break (room A/B ground floor)

INTRODUCTION

11:15 Conceptual Framework: The 'Neighbours of Neighbours' and the EU's Broader Neighbourhood
Erwan Lannon
Professor, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges; Ghent University

SESSION I Geopolitical Dimensions beyond the ENP's South: Sahara and the Horn of Africa

11:40 Chair: Erwan Lannon
Professor, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges; Professor, Ghent University

11:50 Background: The African Parties to the Cotonou Agreement and the ENP
Claudia Zulaika Escauriaza
Academic Assistant, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges

12:00 The EU's Engagement in the Libya-Sahel-Algeria Triangle
Alexander Mattelaer
Assistant Director, Institute for European Studies, Vrije Universiteit Brussel

12:20 The Horn of Africa: Transnational and Trans-regional Dynamics with Europe's Neighbourhood
Damien Helly
Senior Research Fellow, EU Institute for Security Studies, Paris; Visiting Professor, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges

- 12:40 Discussion**, opened by
Mohammad-Mahmoud Ould Mohamedou
Visiting Professor, Graduate Institute, Geneva; Head of Middle East and North Africa Programme (GCSP), Geneva Centre for Security Policy
Nicholas Westcott
Managing Director for Africa, European External Action Service, Brussels

13:15 *Buffet lunch (room A/B ground floor)*

SESSION II Geopolitical Dimensions beyond the ENP's East: Western and Central Asia

- 14:30 Chair:** Stephan Keukeleire
Chairholder, TOTAL Chair of EU Foreign Policy, College of Europe, Bruges; Jean Monnet Professor, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

14:40 Background: The Arabian Peninsula, Iraq, Iran and the ENP

- Andrew Bower
Academic Assistant, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges; Visiting Research Fellow, King's College London
Raphaël Metais
Research Assistant, TOTAL Chair of EU Foreign Policy, College of Europe, Bruges

15:00 The Gulf (GCC & Yemen) and the EU: Partners or Competitors?

- Abdullah Baabood
Director, Gulf Studies, Qatar University, Doha

15:20 Iraq and Iran between Reconstruction and Containment

- Clément Therme
Research Fellow, Graduate Institute, Geneva

15:40 *Coffee break (room A/B ground floor)*

16:10 Background: Central Asia and the ENP

- Francesca Fenton
Former Academic Assistant, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges

16:20 The Caspian Sea Region: The Struggle for Resources

- Alexander Warkotsch
Political Analyst, German Federal Ministry of Defence, Berlin

16:40 Discussion, opened by

- Ali Ansari
Director, Institute for Iranian Studies, University of St Andrews
Farkhod Tolipov
Director, Education and Research Institution "Knowledge Caravan", Tashkent

18:00 *End of first day of conference*

18:00 *Optional guided tour of Bruges (for registered participants)*

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SESSION III Diplomatic Dimensions beyond the ENP: The EU and the Other Global Players

9:40 Chair: Sieglinde Gstöhl
Director, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe

9:50 The EU and Other Global Players (China, Russia, US) in the Neighbours' Neighbourhood
Charles Grant
Director, Centre for European Reform, London

10:10 The Role of the EU Delegations in the Neighbours of the EU's Neighbours
Alar Olljum
Advisor, Middle East, North Africa and the Gulf, European External Action Service, Brussels

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 Lessons for EU Diplomacy from an Outside-in Perspective
Stephan Keukeleire
Chairholder, TOTAL Chair of EU Foreign Policy, College of Europe; Jean Monnet Professor, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven

11:20 Discussion, opened by
Timofey Bordachev
Director, Center for Comprehensive European and International Studies, National Research University - Higher School of Economics, Moscow
Michael Leigh
Senior Advisor, German Marshall Fund of the United States, Brussels

CONCLUSIONS

12:00 Conclusions: Models of Future Cooperation with the Neighbours of the EU's Neighbours
Sieglinde Gstöhl
Director, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe

12:20 Buffet lunch (room A/B ground floor)

14:00 End of conference