



# Theorizing the European Neighbourhood Policy

EU INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND DIPLOMACY STUDIES

**International Conference, 17-18 September 2015**

*College of Europe, Verversdijk 16, building A, AUD.1*

## **PROGRAMME**

**Thursday, 17 September 2015**

**9:00**      **Registration** (Foyer, building A)

**9:30**      **Welcome**  
*Jörg MONAR*, Rector, College of Europe

### **KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**9:45**      **The Review of the European Neighbourhood Policy (with Q&A)**  
*Johannes HAHN*, Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations

**10:45**      *Coffee break (Building B, room 1.04)*

### **INTRODUCTION**

**11:00**      **Theorizing the European Neighbourhood Policy**  
*Sieglinde GSTÖHL*, Director, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges

### **PANEL I Explaining the origins and scope of the ENP**

**11:15**      **Chair:** *Simon SCHUNZ*, Professor, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges

**11:20**      **Is a Constructivist Approach of the European Neighbourhood Policy still Relevant? Insights on the Origins of the Policy and their Impact on its Subsequent Developments**  
*Elsa TULMETS*, associated researcher, Institute of International Relations (IIR), Prague

**11:40**      **Understanding the Eastern Partnership: A Structural Power Perspective**  
*Panagiota MANOLI*, Assistant Professor, Department of Mediterranean Studies, University of the Aegean, Rhodes; Research Associate at ELIAMEP

**12:00**      **Bad Luck or Lack of Thorough Pre-assessment? Applying Bounded Rationality in the Study of the EU's Neighbourhood Policies**  
*Teodor Lucian MOGA*, Lecturer, 'Alexandru Ioan Cuza' University of Iasi; post-doc researcher, University of St Gallen

**12:20**      **Discussion**, opened by  
*Kerry LONGHURST*, Jean Monnet Professor, Collegium Civitas, Warsaw; Senior Research Fellow, College of Europe, Natolin

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

## PANEL II Explaining the relevance and (in)effectiveness of the ENP

- 14:30**     **Chair:** *Sieglinde GSTÖHL*, Director, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges
- 14:40**     **Rational, Sociological or Both? Identifying the Mechanisms of ENP Influence through a Spatial Econometric Approach**  
*Sara KAHN-NISSER*, Lecturer, Department of Sociology, Political Science and Communication, The Open University of Israel
- 15:00**     **Rethinking EU Governance in the Eastern Partnership Region: Towards a More Sustainable Future?**  
*Elena A. KOROSTELEVA*, Professor of International Politics, Jean Monnet Chair in European Politics, Director of the Global Europe Centre, University of Kent, Canterbury, and Visiting Professor, College of Europe, Natolin
- 15:20**     **Discussion**, opened by  
*Christos KOURTELIS*, Lecturer of International Relations, Department of Political Science, Maastricht University
- 15:45**     *Coffee break (Building B, room 1.04)*

## PANEL III Explaining the (in)consistency of the ENP: EU democracy promotion

- 16:00**     **Chair:** *Elena A. KOROSTELEVA*, Professor of International Politics, Jean Monnet Chair in European Politics, Director of the Global Europe Centre, University of Kent, Canterbury, and Visiting Professor, College of Europe, Natolin
- 16:20**     **The Accuracy of the EU's Democracy Assessments of the Eastern Partnership Countries: How to Measure and How to Explain?**  
*Lusine BADALYAN*, Ph.D. Fellow, Research Centre for East European Studies, International Graduate School of Social Sciences (BIGSSS), University of Bremen
- 16:40**     **Secessionists Conflicts and EU Democracy Promotion: The Case of Georgia**  
*Nicola DEL MEDICO*, Academic Assistant, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges
- 17:00**     **The EU's Democratic Institution Building in Ukraine's E-government and Anti-corruption Reforms after the 2014 Revolution**  
*Ryhor NIZHNIKAU*, Ph.D. Candidate, Institute of Government and Politics; Doctoral fellow at the Centre for EU-Russia Studies (CEURUS), University of Tartu
- 17:20**     **Discussion**, opened by  
*Cristian NITOIU*, Dahrendorf Postdoctoral Fellow in EU-Russia Relations and Ukraine, LSE IDEAS, London School of Economics and Political Science
- 17:45**     *End of first day of conference*



## **Friday, 18 September 2015**

**9:00**      **Registration** for participants attending only the second day (Foyer)

### **PANEL IV Explaining the role of Russia in the ENP**

**9:30**      **Chair:** *Laure DELCOUR*, Scientific Coordinator, EUFP7 project CASCADE, FMSH, Paris, and Visiting Professor, College of Europe, Bruges

**9:35**      **Russia's Realist Interpretation of the ENP**  
*Serena GIUSTI*, Professor, Sant'Anna School of Advanced Studies, Pisa; Senior Associate Research Fellow for the Russia and ENP Programme, Institute for International Political Studies, Milan

**9:55**      **Russia's Perception of the European Neighbourhood Policy: Constructivist Explanation of Political Concepts**  
*Natalia ZASLAVSKAYA*, Associate Professor of European Studies at School of International Relations, St. Petersburg State University

**10:15**      **Conceptualizing External Pressures as Agents of EU Foreign Policy Change: Russia's Impact on the ENP**  
*Nikki IKANI*, Ph.D. Candidate, Department of European and International Studies, King's College London

**10:35**      **Discussion**, opened by  
*Tom CASIER*, Academic Director, Brussels School of International Studies (BSIS), Jean Monnet Chair and Senior Lecturer in International Relations, University of Kent, Brussels

**11:00**      *Coffee break (Building B, room 1.04)*

### **PANEL V Explaining the role of other global actors in the ENP**

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

**11:20**      **Analyzing Competing Region-building Projects in the 'Common Neighbourhood': The Eastern Partnership and the Russia-led Eurasian Economic Union**  
*Laure DELCOUR*, Scientific Coordinator, EUFP7 project CASCADE, FMSH, Paris, and Visiting Professor, College of Europe, Bruges (paper co-authored with *Kataryna WOLCZUK*, Reader, Centre for Russian, European and Eurasian Studies, University of Birmingham)

**11:40**      **The Practices of Power Relations between the European Union and International Organizations in Ukraine**  
*Michal NATORSKI*, Marie Curie Research Fellow, Department of Political Science, University of Liège

**12:00**      **Turning a Problem into a Solution? The Potential of Interregionalism in Theorizing European Union–Eurasian Economic Union Relations**  
*Ueli STAEGGER*, Ph.D. Candidate, The Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

**12:20**      **Discussion**, opened by  
*Nariné GHAZARYAN*, Assistant Professor in Law, University of Nottingham

**12:45**      **Conclusions**  
*Simon SCHUNZ*, Professor, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges

**13:00**      *Buffet lunch (Foyer)*  
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