



Roundtable Conference

**The EU, Russia and Eastern Europe
Dissenting views on security, stability and partnership?**

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Monday, 22 November 2010

12.00 – 12.45 hrs *Registration and Snack*

12.45 – 13.00 hrs **Welcome and Introduction**

Dr Alfred SCHMIDT
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Mirte VAN DEN BERGE
Executive Director, Trans European Policy Studies Association, Brussels

Mariella FALKENHAIN
Research Associate, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin

13.00 – 15.00 hrs **Panel I**

**Rethinking EU-Russia relations:
Towards a constructive dialogue on the shared neighbourhood?**

In the EU-Russia relations the shared neighbourhood is often a source of problems: competing approaches and clashing projects from both partners seem to dominate. With a forward-looking perspective, the panel will focus on possible fields of political cooperation between Brussels and Moscow that take into consideration the aspirations of the countries in between. How could the shared neighbourhood become a self-evident topic on the political agenda between the EU and Russia? What role can individual EU member states play that have strong relations towards the Eastern neighbours and/or Russia?

Chair: Prof Dr Eckart STRATENSCHULTE
Director, Europäische Akademie Berlin

Speakers: Prof Dr Hannes ADOMEIT
College of Europe, Natolin, Warsaw

Dr Andras RACZ
Researcher, Strategic Defense Studies Center of the Zrinyi Miklos, National Defense University, Budapest, Hungary; SPES Fellow

Comments: Dr Stanislav SECRIERU
Researcher at the Centre for East European and Asian Studies, Bucharest, Romania; SPES Fellow

Dr Arunas MOLIS
Lecturer, Institute of International relations and Political science, Vilnius University; Associate Professor, Faculty of Political Science and Diplomacy, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania; SPES Fellow

15.00 – 15.30 hrs *Coffee Break*

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15.30 – 17.30 hrs Panel II

**The European Neighbourhood Policy:
How to give new impetus to its Eastern dimension?**

With the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) and the Eastern Partnership (EaP) the EU pursues noble and far-reaching objectives that range from stability based on democracy, human rights and the rule of law, over security to prosperity. Today, however, the EU is struggling to achieve its goals. Failed elections, the return of severe political crises and the continuity of authoritarian regimes prove the limited impact the EU has had so far on the transformation of its neighbourhood. With a forward-looking perspective, this panel invites the participants to discuss how to give new impetus to the ENP. The following questions seem crucial: What can the EU do better to achieve its foreign policy goals in the future? In how far does the EU need to open up cooperation to actors other than political elites (e.g. civil society, the economic sector)? And which strategy should the EU follow towards authoritarian regimes: confrontation or cooperation?

Chair: Dr Katrin BÖTTGER
Deputy Director, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin

Speakers: Dr Giselle BOSSE
Assistant Professor, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, University of Maastricht, The Netherlands

Iryna SOLOHENKO
Director of European Programme, Renaissance Foundation, Kyiv, Ukraine; SPES Fellow

Comments: Dr Andreas UMLAND
DAAD Associate Professor of German and European Studies,
Department of Political Science, National University of Kyiv - Mohyla Academy

Leonid LITRA
Deputy Director, Institute for Development and Social Initiatives (IDIS) „Viitorul“,
Chisinau, Moldova; SPES Fellow

18.30 hrs Dinner Debate

Location: *Cum Laude*, Universitätsstraße 4, 10117 Berlin

Speaker: Ambassador Borys TARASYUK
Former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine, Member of Parliament of Ukraine, Chairman of Parliamentary Committee on European Integration

Moderated by: Prof Dr Hartmut MARHOLD
General Director, Centre International de Formation Européenne; Deputy Chair,
Executive Board, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin

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10.00 – 12.00 hrs Panel III

**The EU as a successful security actor in its immediate neighbourhood:
How to consolidate CSDP?**

In its Eastern and Southeastern neighbourhood the EU is responding to crises with several civilian and military missions. Although the Common Security and Defense Policy (CSDP) - after a decade of existence - is often praised as a success story, great challenges are ahead. In particular, the gap between outside expectations and EU capabilities has to be explained and means have to be found to narrow it. Moreover, the EU should be able to learn lessons from past and current missions for its future commitments. Against the well-known shortcomings of the earlier ESDP the panel will focus on the institutional innovations under the Lisbon Treaty, an issue that is crucial for the consolidation and improvement of EU external action. Among the questions to be raised are: To what extent can the High Representative of the EU and the new European External Action Service (EEAS) contribute to a more effective, consistent and coherent EU foreign policy towards Eastern and Southeastern Europe?

Chair: Dr Elfriede REGELBERGER
Deputy Director, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin

Speakers: Prof Jan ZIELONKA
Professor of European Politics at the University of Oxford; Ralf Dahrendorf Fellow at St Antony's College

Matti MAASIKAS
Policy Advisor, Bureau of European Political Advisors, European Commission, Brussels

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Ketevan KERASHVILI
III Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Georgia, Department of International Organizations, UN Division, Tbilisi, Georgia; SPES Fellow

12.00 hrs **Concluding Remarks**

Gerhard ALMER
Head of Division EU Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy,
Federal Foreign Office, Berlin

Dr Elfriede REGELBERGER
Deputy Director, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin

12.15 hrs **Light Lunch Buffet**

End of conference