Between Cooperation and Competition: Major Powers in Shared Neighbourhoods – Lessons for the EU

International Conference
Thursday, 22 September 2016

PROGRAMME

Venue: College of Europe, Verversdijk 16, AUD.1, 8000 Bruges, Belgium

9:00 Registration (Foyer)

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

9:30 Welcome and introduction: major powers and shared neighbourhoods – setting the scene
Luk VAN LANGENHOVE Director, UN University-Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS), Bruges
Sieglinde GSTÖHL, Professor and Director of the Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges

SESSION I  Eurasia: the EU and Russia in their shared neighbourhood

9:45 Chair: Simon SCHUNZ, Professor, Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges

9:50 The EU, its ‘Eastern neighbourhood’ and Russia
Laure DELCOUR, Scientific Coordinator, EUFP7 project CASCADE, FMSH, Paris, and Visiting Professor, College of Europe, Bruges

10:10 Russia, its ‘Near Abroad’ and the EU
Vsevolod SAMOKHALOV, Research Associate, Centre for Development Studies/Central Asia Forum, University of Cambridge

10:30 Discussion opened by
Timofei BORDACHEV, Director, Council for Foreign and Defense Policy, and Director, Center for Comprehensive European and International Studies at the National Research University-Higher School of Economics, Moscow

11:00 Coffee break

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SESSION II  The Middle East and North Africa (MENA): the EU, Turkey and the Gulf States in their shared neighbourhood

11:30  Chair: Sieglinde GSTÖHL, Professor and Director of the Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges

11:50  The EU, its ‘Southern neighbourhood’ and the Middle Eastern powers  
Tobias SCHUMACHER, Chairholder of the European Neighbourhood Policy Chair, College of Europe, Natolin (tbc)

12:10  The Middle Eastern powers, Turkey, the MENA region and the EU  
Louise FAWCETT, Professor of International Relations, Wilfrid Knapp Fellow and Tutor in Politics St Catherine’s College, Oxford University (tbc)

12:30  Discussion opened by  
Özlem TERZI, Associate Professor, Faculty of Political Science, Istanbul University; Visiting Scholar, College of Europe, Bruges

13:00  Buffet lunch (Foyer)

SESSION III  Southeast Asia: China and India in their shared neighbourhood

14:15  Chair: Luk VAN LANGENHOVE, Director, UN University-Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS), Bruges

14:20  China, its neighbourhood and India  
Carla FREEMAN, Executive Director, Foreign Policy Institute at SAIS, Johns Hopkins University

14:40  India, its neighbourhood and China  
Rahul ROY-CHAUDHURY, Senior Fellow for South Asia, International Institute for Strategic Studies, London

15:00  Discussion opened by  
Jing MEN, Baillet Latour Professor of European Union - China Relations, and Director, EU-China Research Centre, College of Europe, Bruges

15:30  Coffee break

SESSION IV  The Americas: Brazil and the United States in their shared neighbourhood

16:00  Chair: Ana AMAYA, Research Fellow, UN University-Institute on Comparative Regional Integration Studies (UNU-CRIS), Bruges

16:05  Brazil, Latin America and the United States  
Any FREITAS, Brazil Institute, King’s College, London, and Team Leader, Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies, Brussels

16:25  The US, Latin America and Brazil  
Tom LONG, Lecturer, Politics and International Relations, University of Reading

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16:45 Discussion opened by
Alfredo VALLADÃO, Director, Latin America Research Chair, HEM Rabat, and Professor at Sciences-Po, Paris

17:15 Conclusions of the academic part of the conference: lessons for the EU
Simon SCHUNZ, Professor, Department of EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Bruges

17:30 Closing Address
Christian LEFFLER, Deputy Secretary General in charge of Political Affairs and Economic and Global Issues, European External Action Service, Brussels (tbc)

18:15 Reception (Foyer)

19:15 End of conference

19:30 Post-conference dinner for speakers