



## 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 SAMOKHVALOV*, 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



## **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*

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