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Programme Day 1Wednesday, 26 May 2021

11:30 - 13:00 Academic Panel Sessions

11:30 - 13:00 WED01-R01

Responses of third countries to EU demands for migration cooperation. How the EU agenda on migration interacts with domestic interests.

Chair/Discussant: Christof ROOS (University of Flensburg)

Presentations:

- How International Acctors Impact Bureaucratic Politics in West Africa: the Case of Migration Policy-Making Ilke ADAM, Florian TRAUNER (Vrije Universiteit Brussel), Christof ROOS (University of Flensburg)
- ★ The Politicisation and Framing of (EU) Migration (Cooperation) in The Gambia. Transition to Democracy as a Game Changer? Omar N. CHAM, Ilke ADAM (Brussels School of Governance)
- → How Non State Actors shape regional migration policies in West Africa Amanda BISONG (ECDPM)
- ★ The EUTF Africa and the Depoliticisation of Migration Natascha ZAUN, Olivia NANTERMOZ (London School of Economics)

11:30 - 13:00 WED01-R03

Positioning Theory in European Studies

Chair/Discussant: Stephan KLOSE (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

- → Positioning theory in EU studies Luk VAN LANGENHOVE (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)
- ★ The EU and the Iran Nuclear Deal: A positioning theory perspective Stephan KLOSE (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)
- ★ The Evaluation of the EU's Positioning on Artificial Intelligence (AI) from Juncker to von der Leyen Ivy YANG (University of Warwick)
- ★ Astronomy Diplomacy: A Positioning Theory Perspective Zonglyu MA (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

11:30 - 13:00 WED01-R04

European Studies: Made in Europe?

Chair/Discussant: Silvana Maria TARLEA (University of Basel, Switzerland)

Presentations:

- ★ European Studies in China: Images of Europe from Without Silvana TARLEA, Ralph WEBER (University of Basel)
- ★ European Studies in Europe's Unsteady Neighbourhood: University Curriculum Development in the MENAT region Noura ABU GHRIEQANAH (University of Basel)
- → Neglected Pertinence: The Case of European Studies in Sub-Saharan Africa
 Frank MATTHEIS (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

11:30 - 13:00 WED01-R05

The EU as a security and defence provider? Assessing new and old challenges for action

Chair/Discussant: Ana Isabel XAVIER (Centro de Estudos Internacionais)

Presentations:

- The grey fog between War and Peace
 Lukas BITTNER (Austrian Ministery of Defense)
- → New label for an old bottle? Assessing EU's integrated approach Ana Isabel XAVIER (Centro de Estudos Internacionais)
- ★ The EEAS's policy influence in security and defence Eleonore HEIMSOETH (London School of Economics and Political Science)
- ★ Is the European Union an Optimum Defense Area? Richard MAHER (University College Dublin)

11:30 - 13:00 WED01-R06

EU Values, Standards and Environmental Leadership

Chair/Discussant: François FORÊT (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

- ★ Electronic waste governance in the emerging economies: The influence of the European Union
 - Anwesha BORTHAKUR (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)
- ★ The 2018 EU Chairmanship of the Kimberley Process Elise ROUSSEAU (University of Namur)
- Knowledge as Power: Global Challenges and the Development of European Foreign Policy
 Mitchell R YOUNG (Charles University)

- ★ Commission President von der Leyen's European Green Deal: A First Assessment of her Leadership Strategy and Capacity Alexander BÜRGIN (Izmir University of Economics)
- ★ The European Union's Connectivity Strategy: What's in the Name? Katja BIEDENKOPF, Kolja Raube (Katholieke Universiteit Leuven)

11:30 - 13:00 WED01-R07

Assessing the EU's Perception and Role in Asia

Chair/Discussant: Frederik PONJAERT (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

Presentations:

- ★ The EU's Asia Security Policy in the Trump era: challenges and opportunities Emil Joseph KIRCHNER (University of Essex)
- ★ Looking for the EU's role in the Korean Peninsula Sungwook YOON (Chungbuk National University)
- ★ The EU's capacity to lead: perceptions and self-perception in a changing world order

Zsuzsa Anna FERENCZY (European Parliament; Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

11:30 - 13:00 WED01-R08

The Southern Neighbourhood and Eastern Mediterranean: What's the EU's Influence?

Chair/Discussant: Sarah WOLFF (Queen Mary University of London)

Presentations:

- ★ Assessing the EU's Capacity to Act: Eastern Mediterranean Yannis VALINAKIS, Petros VIOLAKIS (National and Kapodistrian University of Athens)
- "Comprehensive approach to the Syrian Refugee crisis in Lebanon" Education in emergencies: building resilience, politicizing aid? Lyla ANDRÉ (Université Catholique de Louvain)
- ★ Acceptance in principle, contestation in practice: EU norms and their discontents in Tunisia
 - Ragnar WEILANDT (KU Leuven)
- ★ Sectarian regimes and EU foreign policy: a challenge for an inclusive political transition, democracy and human rights promotion in Syria?
 Sara CANALI (College of Europe)

13:00 - 14:00 Lunch Break / Online Networking

Discover the networking options in our Networking Carousel, Lounge or Appointment Tables on our EUIA21 platform

14:00 - 15:30

Conference Opening by Florian Trauner,
Conference Chair

Introduction by Karel De Gucht,
President of the Brussels School of Governance

Keynote speech by Margrethe Vestager,

Executive Vice-President of the European Commission

Panel Discussion with Ramona Coman, Président of the Institut d'études européennes and George Christou,

Professor of European Politics and Security at Department of Politics and International Studies of the University of Warwick

High Level Policy Link Panel introductions by Philippe de Lombaerde Director of United Nations University (UNU-CRIS) and Sven BISCOP

Director of the 'Europe in the World' programme at the Egmont Royal Institute

15:30 - 16:00 Break / Online Networking

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16:00 - 17:30 High Level Policy Link Panels

16:00 - 17:30 WED-PL1:

Charm or Chasm - How Europe Can Deal with China
Chair: Sven BISCOP (Egmont Institute & Ghent University)

Panelists:

- → Dr Eva Gross, Policy Officer, China Division, European External Action Service (EEAS)
- → Roberto Zadra, Head Global Partnerships, Political Affairs & Security Policy Division (PASP) of NATO
- **★ Luis Simón**, Professor at the Vrije Universiteit Brussel
- **Tobias Gehrke**, Research Fellow at the Egmont Institute

16:00 - 17:30 WED-PL2

The EU and the UN: Shared Challenges, Same Vision?

Chair: Philippe de Lombaerde (United Nations University (UNU-CRIS))

Panelists:

- Veronika Boškovič Pohar, Ambassador, Representative to the Political and Security Committee
- ★ Barbara Pesce-Monteiro, UN Secretary-General's Representative towards the EU
- ★ Felix Fernandez-Shaw, Director D for Sustainable Development Policy and Coordination at DG INTPA
- → Mario Telò, Professor of Political Science and International Relations at Université Libre de Bruxelles and LUISS Guido Carli University Rome

Programme Day 2 Thursday, 27 May 2021

09:30 - 11:00 Academic Panel Sessions

09:30 - 11:00

THU01-R01

Understanding return governance, return migration and reintegration processes: Insights from African countries

Chair/Discussant: Ine LIETAERT (Ghent University; UNU-CRIS, Belgium)

Presentations:

★ Making sense of sustainable reintegration in the global migration governance

Rossella MARINO (UNU-CRIS; CESSMIR, Ghent University)

- ★ Why return back home: An empirical analysis of the driving forces behind worldwide return migration aspirations Els BEKAERT (UNU-CRIS; Ghent University), Killian FOUBERT, Ilse RUYSSEN (CESSMIR, Ghent University)
- ★ The Meaning of Return and Reintegration in the Context of Rural Ethiopia

Ashenafi Tirfie TIZAZU (UNU-CRIS; CESSMIR, Ghent University)

★ Return in context: family and community expectations towards Cameroonian returnees

Presca WANKI (UNU-CRIS; CESSMIR, Ghent University)

09:30 - 11:00

THU01-R02

The Success of the EU as a Global Security Actor: Legal Metrics

Chairs/Discussant: Elaine FAHEY (City, University of London), Fabien TERPAN (Sciences Po Grenoble)

- ★ EU-US negotiations on law enforcement access to data: divergences, challenges and EU law procedures and options
 Fabien TERPAN (Sciences Po Grenoble), Théodore CHRISTAKIS
 (University of Grenoble Alpes)
- ★ The e-evidence EU-US negotiations in the light of past transatlantic relations in the fields of criminal law and security Claudio MATERA (University of Twente)
- ★ Safeguarding EU values in EU-Japan cooperation: the emerging role for the European Parliament through EU law?
 Elaine FAHEY (City, University of London), Irene WIECZOREK (University of Durham)
- ★ Communitarisation of CFSP: The CJEU's jurisdiction over CFSP Fumi YOSHIMOTO (Hitotsubashi University)
- Challenging the security of citizens' rights: expulsion and sovereignty over borders in the EU
 Adrienne YONG (City, University of London)

09:30 - 11:00 THU01-R03

Dimensions of actorness in key EU foreign policy actors

Chair/Discussant: Federica BICCHI (London School of Economics), Richard WHITMAN (University of Kent)

- What 20 years of data on European diplomatic networks across the globe tell us about European diplomacy: expanding, contracting, innovating
 - Federica BICCHI (London School of Economics), Daniel SCHADE (University of Magdeburg)
- → Diplomats without a state in contested contexts: How external contexts shape EU diplomacy
 Franziska PETRI (KU Leuven)
- How much Unity do you need? Systemic Contestation in EU Foreign and Security Cooperation
 Heidi MAURER (University of Bristol), Nicholas WRIGHT (UC Louvain)
- **★** EU diplomacy and the 2013 military coup in Egypt Kolja RAUBE, Ragnar WEILANDT (KU Leuven)
- ★ Contesting procedural norms in EU foreign policy Ana JUNCOS (University of Bristol), Karolina POMORSKA (University of Leiden)

09:30 - 11:00

THU01-R04

The EU, Geopolitics and the Global Energy Transition

Chair/Discussant: Thijs VAN DE GRAAF (Ghent University), Daniel SCHOLTEN (Technical University Delft)

Presentations:

- Beyond the Regulatory State: Rethinking the External Dimension of European Climate and Energy Governance
 Andreas GOLDTHAU (University of Erfurt), Andrea PRONTERA (University of Macerata), Rainer QUITZOW (Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies)
- → Dangerous Assets? The Securitization of Foreign Capital in the European Energy Sector Anna HERRANZ-SURRALLÉ (Maastricht University)
- Shipping sunshine: the potential and pitfalls of international hydrogen trade
 Thijs VAN DE GRAAF (Ghent University), Michael BRADSHAW (Warwick Business School), Indra OVERLAND (NUPI, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs), Daniel SCHOLTEN (TU Delft), Kirsten WESTPHAL (SWP, German Institute for International and Security Affairs)

09:30 - 11:00

THU01-R05

Human Rights, Global Justice and EU Democracy Promotion

Chair/Discussant: Angela TACEA (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

Presentations:

- ★ EU in Prevention Networks of the UN Human Rights Council Anatoly BOYASHOV (Bielefeld University)
- → Businesses as criminal justice actors? The devolution of antitrafficking responsibilities to global companies in the European Union (EU) and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations Élisa NARMINIO (ULB; Waseda University)
- ★ EU-Brazil Human Rights Dialogue(s): Norm contestation and asymmetries in EU External Relations Gustavo MULLER, Mariana BEEKMANN (KU Leuven)
- **★** EU democracy support: Integrating "new" civic actors
 Kateryna PISHCHIKOVA (Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna)

09:30 - 11:00

THU01-R06

Institutional Dynamics in EU Defence

Chair/Discussant: Daniel FIOTT (Brussels School of Governance, VUB)

- → PESCO and the European Union's hedging strategy against the United States
 - Camille Joanna DE SUTTER, Mohammad SALMAN (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)
- ★ The European Defence Fund and the Transatlantic Alliance: A Policy Instruments Approach to a Political Conundrum Sara VALERI (Sciences Po Bordeaux, Centre Émile Durkheim)
- ★ The Discreet Involvement of the EU in the Realm of Collective Defence Elie PEROT (Brussels School of Governance)
- → Peer-reviews: a litmus test of trust for PESCO members?
 Tania LATICI (European Parliament; Ghent University)
- The European Commission as a capable international security actor?
 Building trust through CBRN Centres of Excellence
 Kamil ZWOLSKI (University of Southampton)

09:30 - 11:00

THU01-R07

EU-Russia - Ever More Conflicting Relations?

Chair/Discussant: Olesya TKACHEVA (Brussels School of Governance, VUB)

Presentations:

- ★ EU and Russian hegemonic power in the 'shared neighbourhood': Uses of coercion in the case of Moldova Isabell BURMESTER (University of Geneva)
- → Punching above your Weight?! Understanding Russia's Ability to Prevail over the EU in Crisis Bargaining despite the EU's Superiority in Economic, Military, and Normative Power Ulrich KROTZ, Jonas J. DRIEDGER (European University Institute)
- → Russian ontological (in)security in EU-Russia relations

 Laura VANSINA (Brussels School of Governance)
- ★ The fall of the pro-EU government in Moldova and what it tells about EU's capacity to act in the Eastern Neighbourhood. A constructivist approach

Anatolie CARBUNE (Doctoral School of Economics and Business Administration), Roxana-Mihaela CHIRIAC (IASI)

09:30 - 11:00

THU01-R08

Migration, Security and Rule of Law in EU-Africa Relations

Chair/Discussant: Julien JEANDESBOZ (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

★ An effective security actor in the Sahel? Understanding the role of EU security experts on the ground

Leonard COLOMBA-PETTENG (Sciences Po Paris; IRSEM)

The (in)visible role of African civil society in the externalisation of EU migration governance to Africa
 Michael STRANGE, Elsa LEONE (Malmö University)

★ Shifting Boundaries of the EU's Foreign and Security Policy - A Challenge to the Rule of Law Raphael BOSSONG, Annegret BENDIEK (SWP, German Institute for International and Security Affairs)

11:00 - 11:15 Break / Online Networking

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11:15 - 12:45 THU02-R01

Practitioner roundtable: The European Union and global justice

Chair/Discussant: Ben TONRA (University College Dublin)

Presentations:

- ★ Sir Robert COOPER, Special Advisor at the European Commission for Myanmar
- ★ Ms Marie CROSS, Institute for International and European Affairs (Dublin) and former Ireland PSC Ambassador
- → Prof Helene SJURSEN, ARENA Centre for European Studies, University of Oslo

11:15 - 12:45 THU02-R02

Rule of law challenges and the 'illiberal' turn in global and European governance

Chair/Discussant: Ramona COMAN (ULB, Belgium), Gergana NOUTCHEVA (Maastricht University)

- ★ A theorist of anti-liberalism? Ryszard Legutko, conservative philosopher and politician Valentin BEHR (University of Strasbourg)
- ★ Rule of Law: Coherence in EU internal and external approaches? Andrew BRADLEY (IEE-ULB)
- ★ The true laboratory of illiberalism: Democratic backsliding in Macedonia under Nikola Gruevski Jan BEYER (IEE-ULB)

→ 'Illiberal Europe', an alternative to European Union's normative power in the Eastern Neighbourhood? The case of Georgia Ana ANDGULADZE (CEVIPOL, ULB)

11:15 - 12:45 THU02-R03

Disparities in the European Union's support to regionalism in Africa

Chair/Discussant: Frank MATTHEIS (Université libre de Bruxelles), Mariel REISS (Philipps University Marburg)

Presentations:

★ A tale of regional transformation: from political community to security regions - The politics of security and regionalism in West Africa

Elisa LOPEZ LUCIA (Université libre de Bruxelles)

- ★ Role-model, Donor and Partner: the Various Roles the EU Plays in Eastern Africa Mariel REISS (Philipps University Marburg)
- ★ Reassessing the role of the European Union within African regionalism: from external sponsor to quasi-member Frank MATTHEIS (Université libre de Bruxelles)

11:15 - 12:45 THU02-R04

The EU's Legal Capacity to Act: The Road towards Unitary Actorness?

Chairs/Discussant: Joris LARIK (Leiden University), Ramses A. WESSEL (University of Groningen), Frank HOFFMEISTER (BSoG; European Commission)

Presentations:

- ★ From Using EU Competences to Exclusivity Andrea OTT (Maastricht University)
- ★ The Struggle for EU Competences in International Organizations Jed ODERMATT (City, University of London)
- ★ Legal Competences of the EU as a Global Environmental Power Gracia MARÍN DURÁN (University College London)
- ★ External Competences in the Area of Freedom, Security and Justice Claudio MATERA (University of Twente)
- ★ Competences of the EU to Engage with its Neighbours Peter VAN ELSUWEGE (Ghent University)

11:15 - 12:45 THU02-R05

Geopolitical Dynamics in South Asia and the Indo-Pacific

Chair/Discussant: Joe BURTON (ULB; University of Waikato)

- → Distrust, Loss of Credibility and Increasing Irrelevance: Assessing the EU Maritime Security Strategy in the 'Indo-Pacific'
 - **Dominik GIESE (Universität Hamburg)**
- ★ The EU's Reaction to Maritime Geopolitical Dynamics in the Indo-Pacific: the Projection of Security
 Jing YU (Ghent University)
- ★ Europe's capacity to act in the Indo-Pacific Lucas HELLEMEIER (Freie Universität Berlin), Sebastian STOELTING (University of Amsterdam)
- ★ The International Politics of FTAs: Rivalry and Interdependence in EU-Asia Trade Relations Evgeny POSTNIKOV (University of Melbourne), Johan ADRIAENSEN (Maastricht University)

11:15 - 12:45 THU02-R06:

Border and Maritime Security

Chair/Discussant: Seda Gurkan (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

Presentations:

- ★ A Border is not a Border. The Green Line, the Bordering Effects of EU Policy in Cyprus and its Ambiguous Implications for Division Magdalena Christine KÖNIG (University of Groningen)
- → Post-truth border security: populism, demographic anxiety, and the EU's capacity to manage human mobility Nick VAUGHAN-WILLIAMS (University of Warwick)
- → Securitizing Migration: external dimensions and implications Geoffrey Ivorson KILLY (Waseda University, Université Libre de Bruxelles)
- ★ Flailing or enduring actorness? The EU as a maritime security actor in the Gulf of Guinea Inês CABRAL, Inês Marques RIBEIRO, Pedro SEABRA (ISCTE Lisbon)

12:45 - 14:00 Lunch Break / Quiz

Want to do something fun during your lunch? Join our Fun Facts quiz and maybe even win a prize!

14:00 - 15:30 Academic Panel Sessions

14:00 - 15:30 THU03-R0

Justice and the European Union's capacity as a global actor

Chair/Discussant: Helene SJURSEN (University of Oslo), Richard WHITMAN (University of Kent)

- ★ Changing conceptions of multilateralism in the EU's external policies. Helene SJURSEN (University of Oslo, ARENA Centre for European Studies)
- ★ Assessing the EU's capacity to act in conflict resolution: a global political justice perspective
 - Ben TONRA, Nikola TOMIC (University College Dublin)
- ★ The external dimension of the EU migration governance: Perspectives of Justice
 - Sonia LUCARELLI, Michela CECCORULLI (University of Bologna), Enrico FASSI (Catholic University, Milan)
- → Principled Pragmatism in Climate Policy? The EU and Changing Practices of Climate Justice Thomas DIEZ, Franz VON LUCKE (University of Tübingen)

14:00 - 15:30 THU03-R02

Advancing Critical EU Neighbourhoods Studies

Chair/Discussant: Laura GELHAUS (University of Warwick)

Presentations:

- **★** EU Integration and national identity formation in Moldova Johann WOLFSCHWENGER (Université Libre de Bruxelles)
- → Democratic participation and competition in the EU-Russia Shared Neighbourhood

Marta MATRAKOVA (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

- ★ From principle to practice? The resilience—local ownership nexus in the EU Eastern Partnership policy Irina PETROVA (KU Leuven; Kent University), Laure DELCOUR (Université Paris)
- ★ External governance towards 'the local': circumventing central government reluctance Laura GELHAUS (University of Warwick)

14:00 - 15:30 THU03-R03

Challenges to a coherent EU grand strategy in an age of geopolitical competition

Chair/Discussant: Alexander MATTELAER (Brussels School of Governance)

Presentations:

- ★ EU Grand Strategy and the Future of the Transatlantic Relationship Jack THOMPSON (Center for Security Studies, ETH Zurich)
- → Opportunity makes the strategy: European trade policy in the Pacific Century

Michiel FOULON (Center for Security Studies, ETH Zurich)

 Bismarck, de Gaulle, or Trump? European Grand Strategy in a Multipolar World

Sven BISCOP (Egmont Institute; Universiteit Gent)

Reaffirming Multilateralism? The EU orchestration of the OSCE in the Ukrainian crisis

Maria Giulia AMADIO VICERÉ (Luiss University)

14:00 - 15:30 THU03-R04

Evolving geopolitics: the EU as a global climate actor

Chair/Discussant: Caroline KUZEMKO (Warwick University), Claire DUPONT (Ghent University)

Presentations:

→ Bringing it all together: the EU's climate diplomacy across the international regime complex on climate change: the case of the Paris Agreement

Tom DELREUX, Joseph EARSOM (Université Catholique de Louvain))

- ★ Connecting the dots: Conceptualising how actors like the EU approach negotiations inside a regime complex
 Joseph EARSOM, Tom DELREUX (Université Catholique de Louvain)
- ★ Covid-19: a critical juncture for EU climate policy development? Claire DUPONT (Ghent University), Sebastian OBERTHÜR, Ingmar VON HOMEYER (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)
- ★ The EU's Inter-Regional Energy Cooperation as a strategy for green leadership?
 Laima EICKE (IASS), Franziska PETRI (KU Leuven)
- ★ Northern neighbourhood or global hotspot? Conceptualising EU influence in the Arctic

Aslak Veierud BUSCH (Brussels School of Governance, VUB)

14:00 - 15:30 THU03-R05

EU's Trade policy legitimacy in question

Chair/Discussant: Jamal Shahin (Brussels School of Governance, VUB)

- ★ Contestation and sharing sovereignty over trade: how has the Wallonian rebellion against CETA been a game changer? Amandine CRESPY (ULB), Julia RONE (ULB & Cambridge University)
- ★ 'A Force for Good': The Narrative Construction of Ethical EU-Vietnam
 Trade Relations (A Play in Three Acts)
 Camille NESSEL (ULB), Elke VERHAGHE (Universiteit Gent)

 Politicisation of trade policy: trigger and barrier in the search of legitimacy

Maria GARCIA (University of Bath)

→ More than meets the eye: Inclusion and exclusion dynamics in multistakeholder bodies established under the EU's free trade agreements

Diana POTJOMKINA (Ghent University)

14:00 - 15:30

THU03-R06

The Role of EU Actors and Institutions in Foreign Policymaking

Chair/Discussant: Mario TELO (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

Presentations:

- ★ EU Association Agreement negotiations and institutional complexity Daniel SCHADE (Otto von Guericke University Magdeburg)
- → Subsidiarity of the European Foreign Policy: Implications of the EU in the Arctic Affairs

Nina LAVRENTEVA (Université de Liège)

- The European Union external relations from a "bottom-up" perspective: A new policy area for subnational actors?
 Spyros BLAVOUKOS (Athens University of Economics and Business),
 Giorgio OIKONOMOU (University of the Peloponnese)
- ★ Europarties in the Neighboorhood: how Translational Party Politics Bind Eastern Europe and Western Balkans to the EU Angelos Stylianos CHRYSSOGELOS (London Metropolitan University)

15:30 - 15:45 Break / Online Networking

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THU04-R01

Emerging Security Technologies in the European Context

Chairs/Discussant: Antonio CALCARA (LUISS Guido Carli University), Chantal LAVALLEE (Royal Military College Saint-Jean), Raluca CSERNATONI (Brussels School of Governance; Carnegie Europe), Julien JEANDESBOZ (Institut d'Etudes Européennes, ULB)

Presentations:

★ State-Industry Relations in Cybersecurity: A Comparative Political Economy Perspective

Antonio CALCARA (LUISS Guido Carli University)

- "The only winning move is not to play": deconstructing the AI Arms Race narrative
 - Maaike VERBRUGGEN (Brussels School of Governance, VUB)
- "The Politics of Techno-Security in the EU: Disruptive Military
 Technologies and the Futures of Defence"
 Raluca CSERNATONI (Brussels School of Governance; Carnegie
 Europe), Bruno OLIVEIRA MARTINS (Peace Research Institute Oslo –
 PRIO)
- → Drones in the Single European Sky: Towards New Civil-Military Synergies

 Chantal LAVALLEE (Royal Military College Saint-Jean)

15:45 - 17:15 THU04-R02

EU External Action Studies - Taking Stock, Looking Ahead

Chair/Discussant: Ben TONRA (Trinity College Dublin)

Presentations:

- **★** EU External Action Studies: concepts, approaches and theories Sieglinde GSTÖHL, Simon SCHUNZ (College of Europe)
- ★ Actorness and the study of the EU's external action Edith DRIESKENS (KU Leuven)
- → Decentring European Foreign Policy (Analysis)
 Stephan KEUKELEIRE, Sharon LECOCQ (KU Leuven)
- ★ Analysing the effectiveness of European Union external action Simon SCHUNZ (College of Europe)
- ★ Theorizing EU external action: a neofunctionalist perspective Arne Niemann

15:45 - 17:15 THU04-R03

Caught between populism and opportunism? The evolving role and place of EU development policy in the Union's external action

Chairs/Discussant: Sarah DELPUTTE (Ghent University, Belgium), Niels KEIJZER (German Development Institute; Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik), Aline BURNI (German Development Institute)

- Practicing what they preach? Development NGOs and the EU's Emergency Trust Fund for Africa
 Balazs SZENT-IVANYI (Aston Centre for Europe, Aston University)
- ★ The German guidelines on crisis prevention and peacebuilding, and Germany's responses to conflicts in the Middle East and North Africa Mark FURNESS (German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik)

- ★ EU Democracy support in Uganda through a local lens: re-evaluating the democracy-development nexus Nathan VANDEPUTTE (Ghent University)
- Responsibility for Sustainability: assessing EU fisheries ambitions and practices in West-Africa
 Sarah DELPUTTE (Ghent University), Lina GALVIS (UNU-CRIS), Niels KEIJZER (German Development Institute / Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik),

15:45 - 17:15 THU04-R04

Time to Level Up: The EU Faces A Resurgent Russia and Rising China

Chair/Discussant: Alasdair YOUNG (Georgia Institute of Technology)

Presentations:

- ★ The Impact of US-Russian Security Competition on the Development of Common Energy Policy in Europe loanna MAVROMATI (University of Dundee)
- The Claimed Role of the EU: Is the EU a Consistent Normative Actor?
 Christoffer NIELSEN (University of Dundee)
- ★ An EU Strategy for China: Joining the Dots between the South China Sea, AIIB, Belt and Road Initiative, and China's Growing Influence in Europe
 - **Scott BROWN (University of Dundee)**
- ★ EU Strategy-Making vis-à-vis Central Asia: De-Centring EU External Governance?
 Stefan GAENZLE (University of Agder), Neil WINN (University of Leeds)

15:45 - 17:15 THU04-R05

The Role of Science Diplomacy in the European External Policies

Chair/Discussant: Luk VAN LANGENHOVE (Vrije Universiteit Brussel), Paul BERKMAN (Fletcher, Tufts, USA), Shada ISLAM (Friends of Europe)

- ★ Science Diplomacy and its Engine of Informed Decision-making in our Globally-Interconnected Civilization
 Paul BERKMAN (Tufts)
- ★ The Need for a Scientist Driven Science Diplomacy in an Age of Populism and Tribalism Luk VAN LANGENHOVE (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)
- ★ A Strategy for European Science and Innovation Diplomacy Jos LEYTEN (JIIP)

★ A science commons to serve science diplomacy Jean-Claude BURGELMAN (European Commission)

15:45 - 17:15

THU04-R06

Narratives and Strategic Cultures in Foreign Policy

Chair/Discussant: Caterina CARTA (Brussels School of Governance, VUB)

Presentations:

- Does the EU have friends?
 Stephan KLOSE (Brussels School of Governance, VUB)
- ★ Connecting conflicting narratives on European Integration Gjovalin MACAJ (Leiden University)
- ★ Convergence and Divergence in Strategic Cultures of Member States: implications for the EU
 Xue MI (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
- ★ The World of Oligarchic Alliances: What is EU's Role? Sohrab SADODDIN (University of Tehran)

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09:00 - 10:30 Academic Panel Sessions

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FRI01-R01

The Consequences of Brexit

Chair/Discussant: Richard Mervyn LEWIS (Brussels School of Governance) **Presentations:**

- + The Economic Consequences of Brexit
 André SAPIR (ULB/Breughel)
- ★ EU-UK Trade post-Brexit Karel DE GUCHT (Brussels School of Governance)
- + Irish-UK relations
 Claire DUPONT (Ghent University)
- + An International view on Brexit
 Shada ISLAM (College of Europe)
- + The future of EU-UK political relations
 Jonathan FAULL (Brunswick Group)
- ★ A post Brexit Agreement for Research and Innovation
 Michael LEIGH (Bruegel)

09:00 - 10:30 FRI01-R02

Reforming World Order: Why the World is not ready for a Dialogue of Civilisations

Chairs/Discussant: Richard HIGGOTT (Vrije Universiteit Brussel), Caterina CARTA (Brussels School of Governance, VUB)

Presentations:

→ Narcissism, Authoritarianism and International Politics: Why 'Strongmen Leaders' are part of the problem not the solution for the reform of the World Order.

Richard HIGGOTT (Brussels School of Governance, VUB)

- ★ 'It is people stupid': No human discourse, no dialogue of civilisation.

 Luk VAN LANGENHOVE (Brussels School of Governance, VUB)
- ★ Can EU Public Diplomacy Contribute to a Global and Cultural Dialogue of Civilisations?

Andrew MURRAY (Vesalius College, BSoG)

09:00 - 10:30 FRI01-R03

EU trade policy: Interest-based, ideational and international drivers under changing constraints, opportunities, and capabilities for action

Chair/Discussant: Ferdi DE VILLE (Universiteit Gent), Johan ADRIAENSEN (University of Maastricht)

Presentations:

- ★ Mapping the variation in politicization of EU trade agreement negotiations Scott HAMILTON, Dirk DE BIÈVRE (Universiteit Antwerpen),
- → Unpacking European Governments' Trade Contestation and Domestic Politicization: An Analysis of Variation in National Preference Formation Aukje VAN LOON (Ruhr-Universität Bochum)
- → Dodging vetoes: Escaping the politicized decision trap in EU trade policy Niels GHEYLE (UCLouvain)

09:00 - 10:30 FRI01-R04

The EU's role in building digital policies: a cross-sectoral analysis

Chair/Discussant: Jamal SHAHIN (Brussels School of Governance, VUB)

- ★ The End of Security as We Know It? Artificial Intelligence and an Emerging Trans-Sectoral Security Technological Field in Europe Raluca CSERNATONI (Brussels School of Governance, VUB)
- The EU as an Ethical Global Actor in Artificial Intelligence?
 George CHRISTOU (University of Warwick), Trisha MEYER (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

- Metaphors in building digital highways: teasing out trends from the United States and the European Union.
 - Jamal SHAHIN (Vrije Universiteit Brussel; University of Amsterdam), Orsolya GULYAS (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)
- ★ A Case Study of Filipinos' 'Diplomacy of the Public' at a Time of Tense EU-Philippine Relations

Manuel ENVERGA (Ateneo de Manila University)

09:00 - 10:30 FRI01-R05

The EU Promoting Equality

Chair/Discussant: Ilke ADAM (Brussels School of Governance, VUB)

Presentations:

★ Forcing gender change in corporate governance. A new European export product?

Alison E. WOODWARD (Brussels School of Governance, VUB)

- ★ Where the personal is geopolitical. The EU's LGBT equality promotion, (un)civil society and liminality in Georgia Laura LUCIANI (Ghent University)
- ★ The Impossible Reconciliation between Integration and Equality in the ECJ case-law A reductio ad absurdum
 Sarah GANTY (ULB; Yale Law School)
- → Performing Europeanness through the Rainbow Flag in Pristina Vjosa MUSLIU (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

09:00 - 10:30 FRI01-R06

Ad hoc coalitions and European foreign policy: a gift or a curse?

Chairs/Discussant: Yf REYKERS (Maastricht University), John KARLSRUD (Norwegian Institute of International Affairs), Federica BICCHI (London School of Economics)

- ★ Ad hoc coalitions and institutional exploitation in international security: A tentative typology
 John KARLSRUD (Norwegian Institute of International Affairs), Yf
 REYKERS (Maastricht University)
- ★ The impact of the E3/EU3 on EU foreign policy Tom SAUER (Universiteit Antwerpen)
- → Climate Clubs: Barrier, Complement, or Backup for the Paris Agreement?

 Jon HOVI (University of Oslo), Håkon SÆLEN2, Arild UNDERDAL

 (University of Oslo and Cicero)

★ Fragmented outside, united inside: The Visegrad Group within the EU's energy policy

Matúš MISIK, Veronika ORAVCOVÁ (Comenius University Bratislava)

★ The European Union's Approach to Informal International Organizations Towords a (Dys-)Functional Partnership?
Steve BIEDERMANN (Friedrich Schiller University Jena)

09:00 - 10:30 FRI01-R07

EU Development Policy - Understanding Current Challenges

Chair/Discussant: Sarah DELPUTTE (Ghent University)

Presentations:

- How to assess the progress of the EU development policy: between democratisation process and free trade? Amandine SABOURIN (IEE-ULB)
- ★ ACP-EU relations beyond 2020: Necessary adaptation in a changing world? Andrew BRADLEY (UNU-CRIS; IEE-ULB)
- ★ Form follows function? The controversial design of the Post-Cotonou EU-ACP partnership Maurizio CARBONE (University of Glasgow)
- ★ The politics of the migration-development nexus. Bureaucratic politics and agencification in an emerging EU policy area
 Alexandra BERGER (Universiteit Gent), Christof ROOS (Europa-Universität Flensburg)

09:00 - 10:30 FRI01-R08

Challenges to EU-China Cooperation

Chair/Discussant: Stephan KLOSE (Brussels School of Governance, VUB)

- ★ The EU and China: Rivals and Partners Jing MEN (College of Europe)
- ★ EU-China Comprehensive Agreement on Investments in a Changing World Chien-Huei WU (Academia Sinica, Taiwan)
- ★ Science and Technology Nationalism or Globalism: Trends in EU-China Research and Innovation Collaboration
 Wenjia WANG, Lining ZENG (National University of Defense Technology, China), Biyi YI (Academy of Military Science, China)
- → Tilting the Board and Dividing the Centre: the European Union's Capacities to Act and China's Multi-level Strategies for Changing Policy Outcomes Steven LANGENDONK (KU Leuven)

10:30 - 10:45 Break / Online Networking

10:45 - 12:15 Journal Editors' Panel

10:45 - 12:15 FRI-PL

Journal Editors' Panel: Research and Publishing in Times of a Pandemic

Chairs: Ramona COMAN (Université Libre de Bruxelles), Florian TRAUNER (Brussels School of Governance, VUB)

Panelists:

- ★ Knud Erik Jørgensen, editor of Global Affairs
- ♦ Olivier Costa, editor of the Journal of European Integration
- **♦ Jocelyn Mawdsley**, editor of European Security
- + Richard G. Whitman, editor of the Journal of Common Market Studies

12:15 - 13:30 Lunch Break / 'Office' Yoga

Take a break, get away from that chair and join our accessible yoga session to get energized!

13:30 - 15:00 Academic Panel Sessions

13:30 - 15:00 FRI02-R01

EU trade policy: The politicization of EU trade policy under changing constraints, opportunities, and capabilities for action

Chair/Discussant: Ferdi DE VILLE (Universiteit Gent), Johan ADRIAENSEN (University of Maastricht)

Presentations:

- ★ Geographical Concentration and Political Mobilisation in EU Trade Policy Formation: Explaining EU Action to Eliminate Foreign Trade Barriers Emile VAN OMMEREN, Dirk DE BIÈVRE(Universiteit Antwerpen), Arlo POLETTI (Trento University)
- ★ Societal involvement in EU Trade policy since the TTIP: containing contention?
 Johan ADRIAENSEN, Francesca COLLI (Maastricht University), Bart KERREMANS (KU Leuven)
- → Dispute Settlement After Brexit Jed ODERMATT (City University London), Sven VAN KERCKHOVEN (Brussels School of Governance)

13:30 - 15:00 FRI02-R02

Cooperation and Competition: Contemporary global realities of Africa-EU Relations

Chairs: Anthony COSTELLO (University College Cord), Toni HAASTRUP (University of Stirling)

- ★ Conditionality or Culture? Why the European Neighbourhood Policy is failing in the South Mediterranean Neighbourhood Anthony COSTELLO (University College Cork)
- ★ Strategic partnership or systemic Rivalry in a Microcosm: EU and China in Djibouti

Sophia KALANTZAKOS (New York University)

→ Provincializing Normative Power Europe, Decolonizing Diplomacy: How to theorize EU-Africa Relations from a postcolonial perspective Rahel Weldeab SEBHATU (Malmö University)

13:30 - 15:00 FRI02-R03

Principled Pragmatism in Practice: The EU's Policy towards Russia after Crimea

Chair/Discussant: Fabienne BOSSUYT (Ghent University), Peter VAN ELSUWEGE (Ghent University, Belgium)

Presentations:

- ★ Two monologues don't make a dialogue: EU's and Russia's strategic narratives about the Minsk Agreements and sanctions regime Irina PETROVA (KU Leuven)
- + Hierarchical inclusion of Russia in European energy, information and cyberspaces?

Tatiana ROMANOVA (Saint-Petersburg State University)

- ★ EU cultural relations with Russia after Crimea: A Crisis or a Turning Point?
 Domenico VALENZA (UNU-CRIS)
- ★ The Integration of Russia into the European Higher Education Area: Challenges and Opportunities Nathalia LESKINA (Ural Federal University)

13:30 - 15:00 FRI02-R04

Visions and practices of a geopolitical EU: spatial rethinking and (re-)ordering of global and regional relations

Chairs/Discussant: Wolfgang WAGNER (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam), Elisabeth JOHANSSON-NOGUÉS (Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI)), Ben TONRA (University College Dublin)

Presentations:

★ The transatlantic relations in the era of Trump: when the recognition of identity is at stake

Emmanuelle BLANC (London School of Economics)

- ★ The Party Politics of the EU's relations with Russia and the US. Evidence from the European Parliament
 - Tapio RAUNIO (Tampere University), Wolfgang WAGNER, Maartje VAN DE KOPPEL (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
- ★ Re-visioning the EU's Actorness in the Southern Mediterranean Münevver CEBECI (Marmara University)
- ♣ Bordering others: the involvement of Germany and the US on the Tunisia-Libya border
 - Federica BICCHI (London School of Economics; European University Institute)

13:30 - 15:00 FRI02-R05

The Dynamics around China's Belt and Road Initiative

Chair/Discussant: Luis SIMON (Brussels School of Governance, VUB)

Presentations:

- ♦ Normative Power Europe in the Belt and Road Initiative Challenge for Constructing the self and Opportunity for Changing Others? Xueji SU (Chinese University of Hong Kong)
- "China's Belt and Road Initiative and the Changing International Order: EU's Reactions and Responses"
 Gemma MAROLDA (University of Pittsburgh)
- ★ The EU, Asia and Connectivity: Does the EU have the Capacity to Export the "European Way" as an Alternative to the BRI Duncan FREEMAN (College of Europe)
- → Other "National Champions" in Europe: The Case of Chinese State-Owned Enterprises and EU Merger Control Alexandr SVETLICINII (University of Macau)
- ★ Actorness Revisited: Chinese elites' discourses of EU trade actorness from 2013 to 2020
 Shuxiao KUANG (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

13:30 - 15:00 FRI02-R06

EU in International Climate Change Politics

Chair/Discussant: Sebastian OBERTHÜR (Brussels School of Governance, VUB)

- ★ Multilevel Transatlantic Climate Relations Ellen VANDERSCHUEREN, Katja BIEDENKOPF (KU Leuven)
- ★ The European Union's capacity to fulfil its international commitments in a comparative perspective
 Johannes MÜLLER GÓMEZ (Université de Montréal; Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität München)

- → Offering New Modes for Evaluating EU Actorness in Climate Policy Insights from the TRIGGER project
 Julia TEEBKEN, Klaus JACOB (FFU, Freie Universität Berlin), Andrea RENDA, Moritz LAURER (Centre for European Policy Studies)
- ★ Explaining variation in the types of diplomatic activities of the EU in international environmental negotiations
 Frauke OHLER, Tom DELREUX (University of Louvain)
- Explaining variation in the EU's influence in international environmental negotiations

Frauke OHLER (University of Louvain)

13:30 - 15:00 FRI02-R07

Enhancing the synergies between internal and external counterterrorism strategies: towards a comprehensive approach?

Chair/Discussant: Chloé Brière (Université Libre de Bruxelles)

Presentations:

- The EU's Capacity to Prevent Radicalisation to Terrorism: between Words and Deeds
 Julia BURCHETT (Université Grenoble Alpes; Université libre de Bruxelles)
- ★ The EU's Response to the Foreign Terrorist Fighters Threat: An Illustration of a Continuum between EU Internal and External Security
 Ali BOUNJOUA (Université Libre de Bruxelles)
- → Finding a Path through Multi-headed Interregional Relations in Counterterrorism: The EU-ASEAN Dialogue
 Céline C. COCQ (Université libre de Bruxelles; Université de Genève)

15:00 - 15:15 Break / Online Networking

15:15 - 16:45 Academic Panel Sessions

15:15 - 16:45 FRI03-R01

EU trade policy: Communicating trade policy under changing constraints, opportunities, and capabilities for action.

Chair/Discussant: Leif Johan ELIASSON (East Stroudsburg University, USA), Ferdi DE VILLE (Ghent University)

Presentations:

★ The poststructuralist political economy of EU trade. A discourse-theoretical analysis of the construction of political agency in the European Parliament. Thomas JACOBS (Gent University)

- ★ Managed globalization as a response to trade politicization across time Patricia GARCIA-DURAN (University of Barcelona), Leif Johan ELIASSON (East Stroudsburg University)
- ♦ National sovereignty and European solidarity: the use of multiple geographic frames to politicise trade policy during the GATS 2000 and TTIP negotiations

Gabriel SILES-BRÜGGE (University of Warwick), Michael STRANGE (Malmö University)

15:15 - 16:45 FRI03-R02

Emotions in the EU's external relations

Chair/Discussant: Özlem TERZI (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam), Ben TONRA (University College Dublin)

Presentations:

- ← Emotions in Parliamentary Diplomacy: Debating Armenian Genocide and Cyprus issue in the European Parliament
 Seda GURKAN (Université libre de Bruxelles)
- ★ Emotion as a Factor in Turkey-EU Relations Çiğdem NAS (Yıldız Technical University)
- ★ Instrumentalizing Fear through Right-Wing Populist Discourse in the EU Yonca ÖZER, Fatmanur KAÇAR (Marmara University)
- ★ Contesting the Emergence of an Emotional Security Community: the European Defence Community Trineke PALM (Utrecht University)

15:15 - 16:45 FRI03-R03

Critically Assessing the EU's Capacity to Export Its Preferences

Chair/Discussant: Sieglinde GSTOHL (College of Europe)

- ★ Market Power Europe and the Externalisation of EU Environment and Labour Regulation Chad DAMRO, Alexander MESAROVICH (University of Edinburgh)
- ★ Wrestling referees? Global competition to govern the digital economy Alasdair YOUNG (Georgia Institute of Technology)
- ★ The effectiveness of EU external policies: the case of EU humanitarian aid in Myanmar
 - Irene MORLINO (The London School of Economics and Political Science)
- Exporting protection: EU trade agreements, geographical indications, and gastronationalism
 Martijn HUYSMANS (Utrecht University)

★ The European Union's Capacity as a Mediator: Revisiting the Effects of Diverging Member States' Positions

Moritz NEUBERT (University of Mannheim)

15:15 - 16:45 FRI03-R04

Salience and Politicisation of Migration Issues

Chair/Discussant: Christof ROOS (University of Flensburg)

Presentations:

★ Conflict at Sea: Boat Migration and the Politics of Saving Lives in the Central Mediterranean

Gemma MAROLDA (University of Pittsburgh)

→ Politicisation of EU migration-related issues in UK, Danish and German print media

Sevgi TEMIZISLER (Vrije Universiteit Brussel)

★ The re-emergence of the (in)coherence debate: Migration and the EU relationship with Africa

Asteris HULIARAS (University of the Peloponnese)

- ★ A fundamental norm on migration? The European Union and Member States dynamics of dissent on the UN Global Compact for Migration. Diego BADELL (Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals)
- Understanding the Economic Integration of Migrants in Europe through Capability Approach: The Role of Job Accessibility, Job Satisfaction, and Job Discrimination

Chinedu OBI (United Nations University – CRIS)

15:15 - 16:45 FRI03-R05

The EU and International Counterterrorism Efforts

Chair/Discussant: Thomas RENARD (Egmont Institute)

Presentations:

- ★ The Rising Fear of Terrorism and the Emergence of a European Security Governance Space: Recent Developments in EU Police Cooperation Thomas HENÖKL (University of Agder, Norway)
- ★ From visions to missions? Assessing European (non-)cooperation in the form of CSDP missions in Syria and Mali Gesine WEBER (King's College London)
- ★ Assessing the role of the EU as a peacekeeping and confidence building actor: the EUMM in Georgia
 Giulia PRELZ OLTRAMONTI (ESPOL, France)

15:15 - 16:45 FRI03-R06

A Changing World Order and the EU's Role

Chair/Discussant: Tongfi KIM (Brussels School of Governance)

Presentations:

- ★ The EU as an international actor four years after EUGS: EU inter-regional relations with East Asian and Latin American Countries. Charalampos TSARDANIDIS (University of Aegean)
- ★ The European Union, a "neutral" power?
 Paul LUIF (University of Vienna)
- → Impacts of Normless Europe in EU-Brazil relations
 Bruno LUCIANO (University of Warwick), Gustavo MULLER (KU Leuven)
- ★ Reacting to the decline of the West? The European Union's embrace of strategic hedging
 Brice DIDIER (University of Geneva)

15:15 - 16:45 FRI03-R07

EU Industrial Defence Policy and the Cyber Space

Chair/Discussant: Raluca CSERNATONI (Brussels School of Governance)

- ★ A Reluctant Cyber Power? Cyber Warfare, Strategic Culture and the European Union (EU)
 - Joe BURTON (Université libre de Bruxelles; University of Waikato)
- ★ Last, best hope? The EU's potential to lead in 'ethical and secure' Artificial Intelligence
 - Vicki Lynne BIRCHFIELD (Georgia Institute of Technology)
- ★ Strategic Autonomy, European TDIB and Technological Complexity Andrea GILLI (NATO Defense College, Italy), Mauro GILLI (CSS/ETH-Zurich), Zoe LOCKMAN (RSIS)
- → Arms without Influence? Defense Industrial Policy and Burden-Sharing in the Transatlantic Community
 - Jordan BECKER (Brussels School of Governance; US Army)