

**#EUIA23**

# **THE EUROPEAN UNION IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS VIII**

Europe's Pathways to  
(Dis)Engagement with the World

3 - 5 MAY 2023  
CONFERENCE BOOKLET



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Egmont - The Royal Institute for International Relations

United Nations University Institute on Comparative  
Regional Integration Studies

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## WELCOME TO #EUIA23

Dear colleagues,

It is our pleasure to welcome you to the 8th edition of the biannual 'EU in International Affairs' Conference (EUIA23)! Along with our colleagues at the partner institutes, we will do our best to make your sojourn in the 'Capital of Europe' both productive and enjoyable.

The conference theme of this year is 'Europe's Pathways to (Dis)Engagement with the World'. In the past years, home-grown and external shocks have fuelled a debate about the future of Europe's engagement with the rest of the world. Should the European Union continue to be actively involved far beyond its borders and adopt a leading role in as many global and transregional affairs as possible? Or should the EU reconsider its priorities and focus on internal priorities while becoming less dependent on the rest of the world? Proposals to enhance European sovereignty involve deliberate attempts to reduce some international entanglements while reinforcing ties with selected countries, be they prospective EU members or strategic partners.

To debate this key controversy regarding the EU's role in the world, we are pleased to welcome 300 researchers from more than 40 countries

for a programme of over 50 academic panels. The conference will also showcase several plenary events where European officials, international policymakers and esteemed colleagues will share their insights. Another highlight will be the debate of the editors of leading academic journals in the field of EU foreign policy-making. The conference will not only provide food-for-thought but also food-to-eat, which will give us opportunities to catch up in person this time, after the last edition of the EUIA conference having had to take place online.

Many thanks are due to everyone who in their individual or institutional capacity contributed to the organisation of the conference. We are grateful for all your engagement and enthusiasm in making #EUIA23 possible. We also acknowledge the financial support of the Flemish Research Council (FWO) and the Fonds de la Recherche Scientifique (FNRS), which has also allowed us to set up a solidarity fund. Lastly, we are much obliged to the Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for Sciences and the Arts for once again opening the doors of their cultural heritage building for us.

We look forward to stimulating discussions and encounters during the #EUIA23 Conference!

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Conference Co-Chair

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Gaëlle Le Pavic  
Academic Coordinator



## SCHEDULE AT A GLANCE

### DAY 1 - Wednesday 3 May

09:00 - 10:30	Pre-conference PhD symposium
11:00 - 12:30	Panel Session 1
12:30 - 13:00	Lunch Break
13:30 - 15:00	Panel Session 2
15:30 - 16:30	Plenary Session 1
16:45 - 18:15	Plenary Session 2
18:15 - 19:45	Reception

### DAY 2 - Thursday 4 May

09:00 - 10:30	Panel Session 3
11:00 - 12:30	Panel Session 4
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch Break
13:30 - 14:30	Plenary Session 3
14:45 - 16:15	Panel Session 5
16:45 - 18:15	Panel Session 6
19:00 - 21:00	Cocktail Reception*

### DAY 3 - Friday 5 May

09:00 - 10:30	Panel Session 7
11:00 - 12:30	Panel Session 8

All times are local Brussels time (CEST).

Conference programmes are often subject to last-minute changes. We are doing our utmost to update those changes in real-time in the detailed online version, which can be found on the EUIA website.

*\* Access to cocktail reception will be given only to registered presenters of the EUIA conference.*



## PLENARY SESSIONS

**3 May 2023**

15:30 - 16:30

### OPENING KEYNOTE

Location: Auditorium Albert II

Welcome words from organising institutions and conference chairs

#### **Keynote by General Brieger, Chairman of the EU Military Committee**



Robert Brieger has been the Chairman of the European Union Military Committee (EUMC) since May 2022. The EUMC is the highest military body set up within the Council, tasked to direct all military activities within the EU framework, in particular the planning and execution of military missions and operations under the Common Security and Defence Policy and the development of military capabilities. Mr Brieger is a General of the Austrian Armed Forces and was previously the Chief of its General Staff.

**3 May 2023**

16:45 - 18:15

### EGMONT POLICY PANEL

#### **The war in Ukraine - providing security and defence in and to Europe**

Location: Auditorium Albert II

**3 May 2023**

16:45 - 18:15

### UNU-CRIS POLICY PANEL:

#### **Europe's (Dis)Engagement with Africa**

Location: Baudouin/Baudewijn

**4 May 2023**

13:30 - 14:30

### Honoring the legacy of Mario Telò

Location: Baudouin/Baudewijn

**4 May 2023**

13:30 - 14:30

### **The EU in the Academy of War: A conversation with the European Foreign Affairs Review**

Location: Auditorium Albert II

**5 May 2023**

11:00 - 12:30

### Roundtable with Journal Editors

Location: Auditorium Albert II





## DOWNLOAD THE EVENT APP

To get the most out of your EUIA experience, we have developed the EUIA app for you. Details on accessing the app can be found below. We look forward to seeing you there!

### 1 DOWNLOAD THE APP



Download the app in the **Google Play Store** or the **Apple App store**. Search for the correct app name: **EUIA**

### 2 LOG IN AND COMPLETE YOUR PROFILE



Log in with the personal access code that has been sent to you via e-mail. If you did not receive an access code, you can request it via the app. The information you share will only be used in this app during the event, and it will be removed within 3 months of the event's end date.

We hope you enjoy using our app!.

## SOCIAL MEDIA

We have created the Twitter hashtag #EUIA23 for this event and we encourage participants to use it along with the Twitter handles of our institutes [@Brussels\\_School](#), [@EgmontInstitute](#), [@IEE\\_Bruxelles](#), [@UNUCRIS](#) and [@PAISWarwick](#).

Don't hesitate to share your experience on LinkedIn, Facebook and other social media channels as well.

Conference website: [www.euia.eu](http://www.euia.eu)

## CONFERENCE SECRETARIAT

On the days of the conference, the Conference Secretariat will have the following opening hours:

- Wednesday 3 May: 10h - 18h
- Thursday 4 May: 8h30 - 18h
- Friday 5 May: 8h30 - 13h

## EUIA23 WI-FI NETWORK PASSWORD

- SSID: EUIA23
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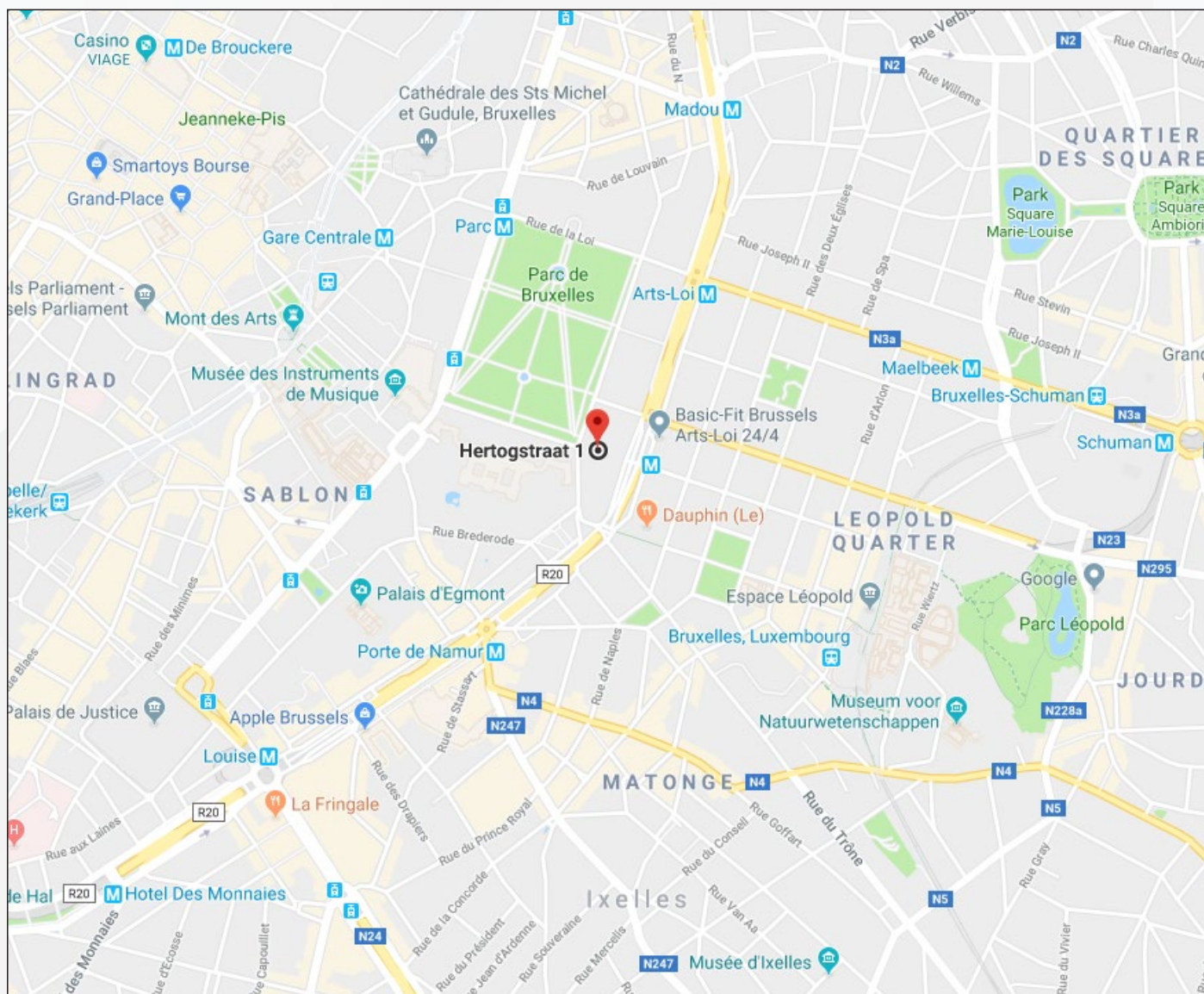
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## LOCATION



## ROYAL FLEMISH ACADEMY OF BELGIUM FOR SCIENCES AND THE ARTS (KVAB)

Rue Ducale 1, 1000 Bruxelles / Hertogstraat 1, 1000 Brussel

The EUIA Conference takes place in the Royal Flemish Academy of Belgium for Sciences and the Arts (KVAB). The Conference is held across several floors of the Academy Palace, which are accessible by lift and stairs. Panels will be held in rooms across the ground and first floors.

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## CONFERENCE VENUE



## GETTING AROUND BRUSSELS

Purchasing a public transport ticket on the bus or tram costs €2.50. If you buy your ticket at a station, you get a lower fare. You also have the option to buy five or ten journeys or a two to three-day pass. A MOBIB card can be obtained at a KIOSK (at stations: Arts-Loi, De Brouckère, Gare Centrale, Gare de l'Ouest, Gare du Midi, Gare du Nord, Louise, Merode, Montgomery, Porte de Namur, Rogier, Roodebeek) or online via the STIB website [https://www.stib-mivb.be/abon\\_tickets.html?l=en](https://www.stib-mivb.be/abon_tickets.html?l=en).

## FROM THE AIRPORT (ZAVENTEM)

We recommend you take the train to Brussels Central Station. Should you choose a taxi, be prepared to pay approximately €60. A journey from the airport may take 30 minutes or more, depending on traffic.

## FROM THE AIRPORT (CHARLEROI)

We recommend you take a Brussels City Shuttle to Brussels city centre. The shuttle will bring you to Brussels Midi / Brussel Zuid / Brussels South. The quickest option to the Conference venue is to take the metro line 2 or 6 in the direction of Elisabeth, stop Troon / Trône.

## BY METRO

Troon / Trône is the closest metro station to the venue.

## BY BUS

Lines 27, 38, 71 and 95 stop at station Troon / Trône.

## FLOOR PLAN

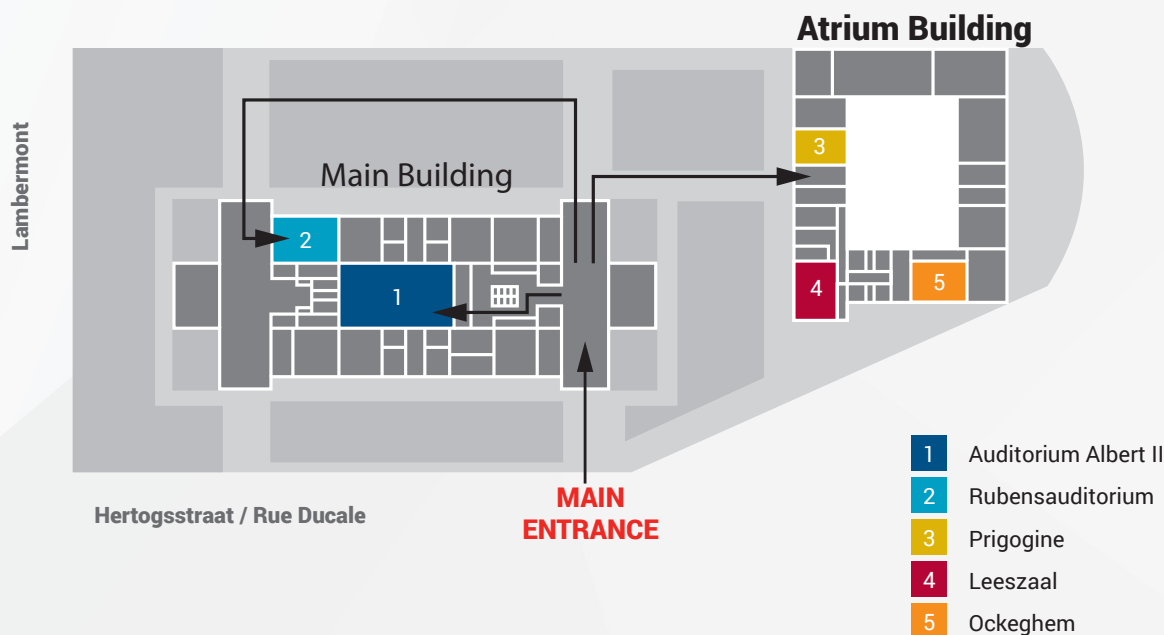
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### GROUND FLOOR

Kunstlaan / Avenue des Arts

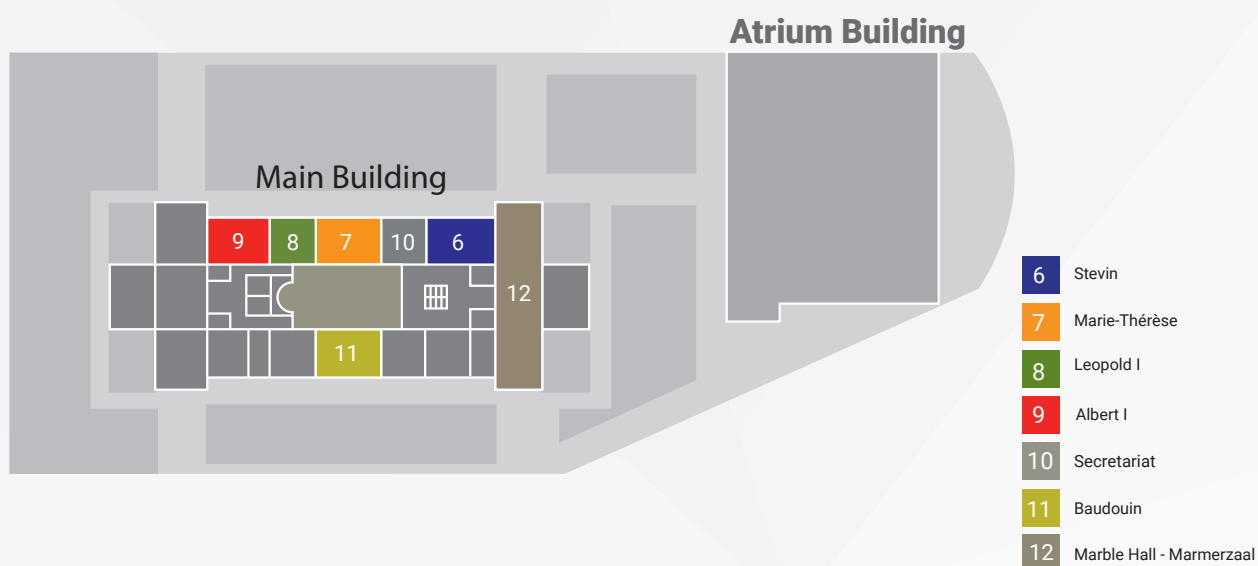
Regentlaan / Bd du Régent

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### FIRST FLOOR



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