



Europe's new leaders in a world of crises: What priorities?

Programme

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Monday, 8 September 2014

Public debate: Europe's new leaders in a world of crises: What priorities?

Representation of the European Commission, Warsaw, ul. Jasna 14/16a

13:00- 13:05

Welcome

Ewa Synowiec, Director, Representation of the European Commission

13:05- 13:45

Introductory remarks

Charles Grant, Director, Centre for European Reform

Speakers:

François Heisbourg, Chairman of the Council, International Institute for Strategic Studies

Claudia Major, Deputy Head of the International Security Division, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik

Gideon Rachman, Chief foreign affairs columnist, Financial Times

Pierre Vimont, Secretary General, European External Action Service

Chair: Paweł Świeboda, President, demosEUROPA – Centre for European Strategy

13:45- 14:15

Open discussion

14:15

Transport to the Bristol Hotel

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Warsaw Forum on Europe's foreign policy agenda

15:00- 15:15

Welcome

15:15- 16:00

Introductory remarks

Radosław Sikorski, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Poland

16:00- 17:30

Session 1: Is Europe prepared for a 'new cold war'? The crisis in Ukraine

Europe's strategy towards Russia and the future of EU foreign policy. The political and security crisis following the dramatic events in Ukraine in early 2014 is now a major clash between the West and Russia, and a 'crash test' for EU foreign policy. The Russian occupation of Crimea, and the battle for eastern Ukraine, have created a military conflict just behind the EU's eastern border. So far, the EU has responded with a range of sanctions, while NATO has put a 'reassurance package' in place. Has Europe's response been sufficient? How will its relationship with Russia be affected? What does it mean for Europe's eastern neighbourhood policy and relations with Belarus, Moldova and Georgia?

Speakers:

François Heisbourg, Chairman of the Council, International Institute for Strategic Studies

Oleh Rybachuk, former deputy Prime Minister, Ukraine

Wojciech Zajączkowski, former Ambassador, Embassy of Poland, Russia

Chair: Charles Grant, Director, Centre for European Reform

17.30- 17.45

Coffee Break

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17:45- 19:15

Session 2: Elections, Institutions and the EU's foreign policy machinery

After the European Parliament elections of May 2014 and the end of Catherine Ashton's term as High Representative in the autumn, the EU's foreign policy will enter a new institutional cycle. The victory of populist, eurosceptic parties in the recent European Parliament elections warns of growing European retrenchment. But meanwhile there are increasing security threats in the European neighbourhood and a continued need for diplomatic and economic engagement across the world. How will EU foreign policy be affected? Is Europe becoming more inward-looking? As a new Commission takes office, how should the EU's foreign policy institutions be improved to enable the Union to play a constructive and effective role in international affairs? What kind of leadership can and should we expect from the EU's next political leaders? What priorities should feature on the new High Representative's agenda?

Speakers:

Pierre Vimont, Secretary General, European External Action Service

Richard Youngs, Senior Associate, Carnegie Europe

Claudia Major, Deputy Head of the International Security Division, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik

Nathalie Tocci, Deputy Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali

Chair: Rem Korteweg, Senior research fellow, Centre for European Reform

19:15- 19:30

Transport to German Residence

19:30- 21:30

***Dinner and Keynote Speech: The Ukraine Crisis
- what does it mean for Europe?***

Welcome

Rolf Nickel, Ambassador, Embassy of Germany, Poland

Introductory remarks

Radosław Sikorski, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Poland

Speakers:

Hans-Dieter Lucas, Political Director, German Foreign Office

Peter Hill, Director for Strategy, Foreign and Commonwealth Office

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8:30- 10:00

***Session 3: Between commerce and security:
Can Europe develop a strategy towards Asia?***

China has become a crucial trade partner for the EU. Yet tensions in the Asia-Pacific are rising as countries in the region become increasingly nervous about China's new foreign policy assertiveness. The US "rebalance" to Asia is also forcing European capitals to reflect on their approach to China and its neighbours. How should Europe balance its trade and security interests? Is Europe doing enough? Can national agendas be overcome to give way to a common European strategy for the region, and China?

Speakers:

Hans Binnendijk, SAIS Center for Transatlantic Relations

Steven Everts, Adviser on EU-ASEAN and ARF, European External Action Service

Marjut Hannonen, Member of the Cabinet of Commissioner Karel De Gucht, European Commission

Chair: Krzysztof Blusz, Vice-President, demosEUROPA – Centre for European Strategy

10:00- 10:15

Coffee Break

10:15- 11:45

Session 4: Back to 'Great Power Politics'? The global geopolitical order in 2014 and beyond.

As we remember the centenary of World War I, Europe's geopolitics are changing. The 2014 conflict between Russia and Ukraine is a wake-up call for Europe's foreign policy. An increase in realpolitik and revisionism could have consequences far beyond eastern Europe and impact the global geopolitical order. It may harden international alliances and lead to new spheres of influence. What are the ramifications of a return to great power politics for transatlantic relations; the West and China; Europe, Iran and the Middle East, and the ability of the West to address global problems? Or will it be business as usual?

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Speakers:

Gideon Rachman, Chief foreign affairs columnist, Financial Times

Anne Marie Le Gloannec, Senior Research Fellow, SciencesPo

Roman Kuźniar, Advisor, Office of President Komorowski

Jiří Schneider, Senior Fellow, Prague Security Studies Institute

Chair: Paweł Świeboda, President, demosEUROPA – Centre for European Strategy

12:00- 13:30

Lunch discussion: Middle East and North Africa

13:30

End

List of Participants

Hans Binnendijk	SAIS Center for Transatlantic Relations, Johns Hopkins University
Krzysztof Blusz	demosEUROPA
Pierre Buhler	Ambassador, Republic of France to Poland
Henryka Mościcka-Dendys	Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland
Steven Everts	European External Action Service
Heather Grabbe	Open Society European Policy Institute
Charles Grant	Centre for European Reform
Anne Marie Le Gloannec	Sciences Po
Marjut Hannonen	Commissioner for Trade, European Commission
François Heisbourg	International Institute for Strategic Studies
Hans-Peter Hinrichsen	Embassy of Germany, Warsaw
Peter Hill	Foreign and Commonwealth Office
Rem Korteweg	Centre for European Reform
Roman Kuźniar	Office of President Komorowski
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