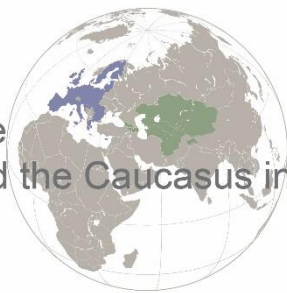


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3 - 4 July 2017

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2.15 pm

Welcome to the Conference by the Organisers

*Prof. Dr. Mathias **Jopp**, Director, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin*

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2.30 pm

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*Dr. Astrid **Bothmann**, Volkswagen Foundation, Hannover*

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2.45 pm

Panel I:

Russia and the US: New Trends in Great Power Relations and their Implications for Central Asia and the Southern Caucasus

Panel Speakers:

*Prof. Dr. Pál **Dunay**, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, Garmisch-Partenkirchen*

*Prof. Dr. Pavel **Baev**, Peace Research Institute Oslo*

Comments:

*Jos **Boonstra**, Centre for European Security Studies, Groningen*

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Chair:

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Discussion

4.15 pm Coffee

4.45 pm

Panel II:

The Importance of China and its “One Belt, One Road” Initiative: Competitor or Partner for Europe?

Panel Speakers:

*Sarah **Lain**, Royal United Services Institute, London*

*Prof. Dr. Mirzokhid **Rakhimov**, Head of the Contemporary History and International Relations Department, Institute of History, Academy of Sciences, Uzbekistan*

*Dr. George **Tzogopoulos**, Democritus University of Thrace, Hellenic Foundation for European & Foreign Policy*

Chair:

*Prof. Dr. Mathias **Jopp**, Director, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin*

Discussion

7.00 pm

Conference Dinner

4 July

9.00 am

Parallel Working Groups for Young Researchers

(additional programme will be published)

Participants: Young researchers from Europe, Central Asia and the Southern Caucasus

Presentations of research projects matching the thematic focus of the conference. The projects are discussed with respondents from local universities who will offer participants suggestions to improve their research and networking opportunities with colleagues working in the same research field. The paper presenters will be selected by a review board following an open call for papers.

10.30 am

Coffee

10.45 pm

Parallel Working Groups for Young Researchers (continued)

12.00 pm

Light Lunch

Public Debate

H.E. Ambassador **Peter Burian**
EU Special Representative for Central Asia

speaks on

Prospects of EU-Central Asia Relations

Tuesday, 4 July 2017, 12.30 pm

2.00 pm

Coffee

2.15 pm

Panel III:

Strategic Priorities for the EU's Southern Caucasus and Central Asia Policy in a Changing Global Environment

Panel Speakers:

*Andreas **Peschke**, Director for Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia Divisions, Federal Foreign Office, Berlin*

*Anna **Gussarova**, Central Asia Institute for Strategic Studies, Almaty*

*Dr. Vahram **Ter-Matevosyan**, Assistant Professor, American University of Armenia, Yerevan*

Chair:

*Prof. Dr. Mathias **Jopp**, Director, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin*

Discussion

3.45 pm

Concluding Remarks

*Prof. Dr. Mathias **Jopp**, Director, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin*