International Conference

Geopolitical Change in Central Asia and the Southern Caucasus: Which Future Role for Europe?

Representation of the European Commission to Germany

Unter den Linden 78, 10117 Berlin

3 - 4 July 2017
2.15 pm  
Welcome to the Conference by the Organisers  
Prof. Dr. Mathias Jopp, Director, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin  
PD Dr. Matthias Waechter, Director General, Centre international de formation européenne, Nice

2.30 pm  
Welcome to the Conference on behalf of the Donor Organisations  
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  
Dr. Stefan Meister, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik, Berlin

Chair:  
PD Dr. Matthias Waechter, Director General, Centre international de formation européenne, Nice

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 Gussarov, 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