

The EU and Eastern Partnership Countries An Inside-Out Analysis and Strategic Assessment

MIDTERM CONFERENCE October 5-6, 2017

VENUE: Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University (VU) Vokieciu str. 10, Vilnius

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Thursday, 05 October 2017

10:00 – 10:15 am Welcome to EU-STRAT's Midterm Conference

Welcome address by Ramūnas Vilpišauskas (VU), Tanja A. Börzel (Freie Universität Berlin (FUB)), Antonaeta Dimitrova (Leiden University (UL))

10:15 – 11:00 am **KEYNOTE by Leszek Balcerowicz** Advisor to Petro Poroshenko, President of Ukraine

11:00 – 11:15 am Coffee break

11:15 – 12:15 am Zooming in: Towards a typology of social orders in Eastern Partnership (EaP) countries

Chair: Antoaneta Dimitrova, (UL) Speakers: Esther Ademmer (FUB), Tanja A. Börzel (FUB), Julia Langbein (FUB) Discussant: Sabine Fischer (German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP)) (tbc)

12:15 – 1:30 pm Lunch

1:30 – 2:30 pm How interdependencies shape social orders in EaP countries

Chair: Elena Belokurova (European University, St. Petersburg)(tbc) Speakers: Rilka Dragneva (University of Birmingham (UoB)), Laure Delcour (Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme (FMSH)), Igor Munteanu (IDIS), Marta Jaroszewicz (Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW)(tbc), and Kamil Całus (OSW)(tbc)

Discussant: Margarita Balmaceda (Harvard University) (tbc)



2:30 – 3:30 pm Competition or complementarity? External actors and their strategies towards EaP countries

Chair: Ramūnas Vilpišauskas (VU) Speakers: Szymon Kardaś (OSW), Margarita Šešelgytė (VU), Rilka Dragneva (UoB), Laure Delcour (FMSH) Discussant: Dimiter Toshkov (UL)

3:00 – 4:00 pm Coffee break

4:00 – 5:00 pm The EU, Russia, and the citizens of the Eastern neighborhood: from messages to evaluations Chair: Maxim Boroda (UIPP)

Speakers: Antoaneta Dimitrova (UL), Igor Munteanu (IDIS), Ina Ramasheuskaya (SYMPA) Dimiter Toshkov (UL), Honorata Mazepus (UL), and Matthew Frear (UL) Discussant: Tatsiana Chulitskaya (SYMPA)

Friday, 06 October 2017

09:30 – 10:30 am **ROUNDTABLE:** The future of the Eastern Partnership: a valuable framework for both sides?

Moderator: Tanja A. Börzel (FUB)

Participants: Igor Munteanu (IDIS), Dzianis Melyantsou (Belarusian Institute for Strategic Studies), Taras Kuzio (Non-Resident Fellow Center for Transatlantic Relations School of Advanced International Relations John's Hopkins University), Natalia Mykolska (Deputy Minister of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine)(tbc), Khatuna Salukvadze (Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Georgia to Lithuania), Michael Dóczy (tbc)

10:30 – 10:45 am Coffee break

10:45 – 11:45 am Economic integration projects in the post-Soviet space: commitments and implementation

Chair: Katharina Hoffmann (University of St. Gallen (UNISG)) Speakers: Kataryna Wolczuk (UoB), Rilka Dragneva (UoB), Laure Delcour (FMSH) Discussant: Ramūnas Vilpišauskas (VU)

11:45 – 12:30 pm The impact of scientific cooperation with the EU on Belarus, Moldova and Ukraine Chair: Esther Ademmer (FUB)

Speakers: Dimiter Toshkov (UL), Honorata Mazepus (UL), Tatsiana Chulitskaya and Ina Ramasheuskaya (SYMPA) Discussant: Andrei Stsiapanau, EHU (tbc), George Bonas (tbc)

12:30 – 2:00 pm Farewell Lunch

Please register <u>here</u> to attend the conference.

