

**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 (Vilnius University (VU)), Tanja A. Börzel (Freie Universität Berlin (FUB)), and Antonaeta Dimitrova (Leiden University (UL))

**10:15 – 10:45 AM KEYNOTE by Leszek Balcerowicz** (Warsaw School of Economics)

**10:45 - 11:15 AM KEYNOTE by Vassilis Maragos** (European Commission, DG Neighborhood and Enlargement Negotiations (NEAR))

**11:15 – 11:30 AM COFFEE BREAK**

**11:30 – 12:30 PM ZOOMING IN: TOWARDS A TYPOLOGY OF SOCIAL ORDERS IN EASTERN PARTNERSHIP (EAP) COUNTRIES**

Chair: Antonaeta Dimitrova (UL)

Speakers: Esther Ademmer, Tanja A. Börzel, Julia Langbein (FUB)

Discussant: Sabine Fischer (German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP))

**12:30 – 1:30 PM LUNCH**

**1:30 – 2:30 PM HOW INTERDEPENDENCIES SHAPE SOCIAL ORDERS IN EAP COUNTRIES**

Chair: Ildar Gazizullin (Ukrainian Institute for Public Policy (UIPP))

Speakers: Rilka Dragneva (University of Birmingham (UoB)), Laure Delcour (Fondation Maison des Sciences de l'Homme (FMSH)), Igor Munteanu (Institute for Development and Social Initiatives (IDIS)), Marta Jaroszewicz (Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW))

Discussant: Katarzyna Wolczuk (UoB)



**2:30 – 3:30 PM COMPETITION OR COMPLEMENTARITY? EXTERNAL ACTORS AND THEIR STRATEGIES TOWARDS EAP COUNTRIES**

Chair: Ramūnas Vilpišauskas (VU);

Speakers: Szymon Kardas (OSW), Margarita Šešelgytė (VU), Rilka Dragneva (UoB), Laure Delcour (FMSH)

Discussant: Dimiter Toshkov (UL)

**3:30 – 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: Rilka Dragneva (UoB);

Speakers: Antoaneta Dimitrova (UL), Igor Munteanu (IDIS), Ina Ramasheuskaya (The School of Young Managers in Public Administration (SYMPA)); Dimiter Toshkov, Honorata Mazepus, Matthew Frear (UL)

Discussant: Tatsiana Chulitskaya (SYMPA)

**6:00 PM DINNER**

**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: Taras Kuzio (Johns Hopkins University)

Vassilis Maragos (European Commission, DG NEAR)

Dzianis Melyantsou (Belarusian Institute for Strategic Studies)

Igor Munteanu (Former Ambassador of Moldova to the USA, IDIS)

Khatuna Salukvadze (Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Georgia to Lithuania)

**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, 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, Honorata Mazepus (UL), Tatsiana Chulitskaya, Ina Ramasheuskaya (SYMPA)

Discussant: Andrei Stsiapanau (European Humanitarian University (EHU))

**12:30 – 13:30 PM FAREWELL COFFEE**



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