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

FINAL CONFERENCE

11 & 12 APRIL 2019

Leiden University, Wijnhaven Building, Turfmarkt 99, 2511 DV The Hague

Room 348

Programme 11 April 2019

10:00 – 10:30  Registration and coffee

10:30 – 11:15  Welcome
EU-STRAT co-coordinator Antoaneta Dimitrova, Leiden University

Keynote Speech
Peter Wagner, Head of the Support Group for Ukraine, European Commission

11:15 – 12:30  Limited Access Orders, Statehood and State Capacity

Varieties of Limited Access Orders: The nexus between politics and economics in hybrid regimes
Esther Ademmer, Kiel University and Kiel Institute for the World Economy

State capacity and Limited Access Orders: Belarus and Ukraine
Honorata Mazeus, Leiden University & Tatsiana Chulitskaya, The School of Young Managers in Public Administration and European Humanities University

Moderator: Antoaneta Dimitrova, Leiden University
Discussant: Iryna Solonenko, European University Viadrina and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik

12:30 – 13:30  Lunchbreak
13:30 – 15:00 Understanding the (in)stability of domestic regimes: How domestic actor constellations are strengthened or weakened by patterns of interdependencies

- How international regimes shape interdependencies
  Rilka Dragneva-Lewers, University of Birmingham & Laure Delcour, Fondation Maison des Sciences de l’homme

- The role of bilateral relations between the EaPs
  Laure Delcour, Fondation Maison des Sciences de l’homme & Marta Jaroszewicz, Centre for Eastern Studies

- How linkages relate to regime (in)stability
  Katharina Hoffman, University of St Gallen & Esther Ademmer, Kiel University and Kiel Institute for the World Economy

Moderator: Ildar Gazizulin, Ukrainian Institute for Public Policy
Discussant: Tetiana Kostiuchenko, National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee

15:30 – 17:30 Comparing the approaches and strategies of the EU to other external actors’ engagement in the EaP and analyzing the susceptibility of domestic actors towards external actors’ approaches

- Dual agent of transition: how Turkey perpetuates and undermines neopatrimonial patterns in Post-Soviet neighbourhood
  Katharina Hoffmann & Ole Frahm, University of St Gallen

- China’s strategies towards Eastern partnership countries
  Jakub Jakóbowski, Centre for Eastern Studies

- Strategies of security actors towards Eastern partnership countries
  Marta Jaroszewicz, Centre for Eastern Studies & Elyssa Shea, Freie Universität Berlin

- Susceptibility of domestic actors in Belarus and Ukraine towards external actors’ approaches: puzzling patterns of transition facilitation
  Laurynas Jonavičius & Dovile Jakniūnaite, University of Vilnius

Moderator: Ramūnas Vilpišauskas, University of Vilnius
Discussant: Steven Blockmans, Centre for European Policy Studies

17:30-17:45 Break

17:45-18:15 Steering Committee Meeting

19:00 Dinner
Programme 12 April 2019

09:00 – 09:15   Registration

09:15 – 10:30   Effects of Limited Access Orders on Science Policy and Scientific Cooperation

   Policy brief and discussion
   Dimiter Toshkov, Leiden University & Ina Ramasheuskaya and Natalia Rabava,
   The School of Young Managers in Public Administration

   Discussant:   Elena Belokurova, German-Russian Exchange St. Petersburg, EU-
   Russia Civil Society Forum

10:30 – 11:00   Coffee

11:00 – 13:00   Implementing the Association Agreements

   The Political economy of Legal Harmonization in the EaP countries
   Klaudijus Maniokas, European Social, Legal and Economic Projects

   State capacity, state capture and their effects on the Implementation of the
   Association Agreements
   Laure Delcour, Fondation Maison des Sciences de l’homme

   Trade liberalisation under the Association Agreements and the opening of Post-
   Soviet Limited Access Orders
   Ildar Gazizulin, Ukrainian Institute for Public Policy

   Interdependence with Russia and its impact on the implementation of the
   Association Agreements
   Rilka Dragneva-Lewers, University of Birmingham

   Moderator:      Kataryna Wolczuk, University of Birmingham
   Discussant:     Wojciech Konończuk, Centre for Eastern Studies

13:00 – 14:00   Lunchbreak

14:00 – 15:00   Developing EU engagement strategies in the EaP region

   Evaluating EU Assistance for the implementation of the Association Agreements
   Kataryna Wolczuk, University of Birmingham

   Lessons from Enlargement: Comparing EU capacity building and monitoring
   under enlargement with the framework of the Association Agreements
   Antoaneta Dimitrova, Leiden University
Beyond the Association Agreements: EU’s Alternative and Complementary Strategies
Matthew Frear, Leiden University
Moderator: Rilka Dragneva-Lewers, University of Birmingham
Discussant: Margarita Balmaceda, Seton Hall & Harvard Ukrainian Research Institute

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee

15:30 – 17:00 Roundtable: The future possibilities of EU – EaP cooperation and challenges for policy makers and researchers

Participants:
Elyssa Shea, Freie Universität Berlin
Kamil Całkus, Centre for Eastern Studies
Klaudijus Maniokas, European Social, Legal and Economic Projects
Natallia Rabava, The School of Young Managers in Public Administration
Iryna Solonenko, European University Viadrina and Deutsche Gesellschaft für Auswärtige Politik
Wojciech Konończuk, Head of Department for Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova, Centre for Eastern Studies
Johanneke de Hoogh, Head of Division Europe Department and Special Representative for the Eastern Partnership, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands

Moderator: Antoaneta Dimitrova, Leiden University

17:00 – 17:15 Break

17:15 – 17:45 EU-STRAT Advisory Board Meeting [internal]

19:00 Dinner