



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 “Ten years Eastern Partnership: Overcoming challenges with innovation”**  
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 Mazepus, 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 Kostiuhenko, 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 neo-patrimonial 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 NataIia 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:

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Kamil Całus, Centre for Eastern Studies

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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