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Assessment of EU's Geopolitical Ambition for the Twenties

29th September 2020

Vienna, Austria

Format

The workshops are for invited participants only.

The panel discussion in the evening is a public event.

Working language

Workshops: English

Organisers

FES Regional Office for Cooperation and Peace in Europe (ROCPE)

International Institute for Peace (IIP)

Karl-Renner-Institut

Research Centre for Eurasian Studies, University of Vienna

Content

The European Security Architecture is in a deep crisis as well as the understanding of the role of the EU in world affairs. The EU faces tough times, major challenges and countless hybrid threats: pandemic and climate change, global migration and refugee crisis, systemic terrorism, pervasive cyber threats and the return of the forgotten conflict with Russia. The number of challenges and conflicts is legion: the termination of the INF treaty, the ongoing military conflict in Donbas, the violent suppression of the protests in Belarus, the collapse of Libya, the civil war in Syria, the war in Yemen, the permanent danger of escalation between Israel and Hamas and the danger of war in the Persian Gulf as well as between Greece and Turkey. All these processes are taking place against the background of profound changes in the international order, the rise of Asia in terms of power and economic policy and a redefinition of the global role of the USA.

The looming rupture of the transatlantic community, the emerging bipolar rivalry between the USA and China as well as the rapidly intensifying hybrid conflict between the EU and Russia are further evidence that the global order established after the collapse of the Soviet Union is disintegrating and that the world is heading towards confrontational multipolarity and global disorder. All these developments clearly illustrate that the EU sorely needs a real common foreign and security policy. Until now, however, the EU is often not able to speak with one voice in many foreign policy matters, due to the conflicting interests of the member states and due to a lack of strategic conceptions.

This conference is intended to provide an insight into the interests, motives and approaches of the European Union in the field of foreign and security policy, as well as an outlook on future developments.

Programme

Monday, 28th September

19:00 **Dinner**

Restaurant Schubert, Schreyvogelgasse 4/6, 1010 Vienna

Tuesday, 29th September

Workshops

*International Institute for Peace (IIP), Moellwaldplatz 5/2,
1040 Vienna*

09:15 **Welcome** Hannes SWOBODA

09:30 **Panel I**
**Covid-19, Climate Crisis and Migration - New Challenges
for Geopolitics?**

- *Analytical capability*
- *State of the art geopolitical thinking*
- *Critical geopolitics*
- *From academic concept to influencing decision making*
- *How to combine both ambitious goals: climate-sensitive turn and powerful geopolitical role on the global level*
- *Crisis reaction capability under stress*
- *New dimensions of security politics (pandemic, critical infrastructure)*

Moderator Hannes SWOBODA

Panelists
Niklas BREMBERG (zoom)
Susi DENNISON (zoom)
Susanne DRÖGE (zoom)
Richard YOUNGS (zoom)

11:00 **Coffee Break**

11:30

Panel II
Geopolitical EU – Seriously?

- *EU in a G2-world*
- *The view from outside powers*
- *Who is acting and how?*
- *Which role for strategic autonomy?*
- *Is there a need for new geopolitical principles after FM5*

Moderator

Stephanie FENKART

Panelists

Pascal ABB (zoom)

Irina BOLGOVA (zoom)

Bruno MAÇÃES (zoom)

Clara PORTELA

Monika SUS (zoom)

13:00

Lunch

14:30

Panel III
Eastern and South-Eastern Europe – Lost in Geopolitical Transition?

- *Who is doing “geo-politics” in this space?*
- *EU’s ENP/ EaP and enlargement policies vs. policies of PRC, RF and Turkey*
- *How the EU has to deal with strategic disunity when it comes to crafting regionally stable security orders?*

Moderator

Alexander DUBOWY

Panelists

Dimitar BECHEV (zoom)

Knut DETHLEFSEN (zoom)

Maria Elena KOPPA (zoom)

Stefan LEHNE (zoom)

Simon WEISS

16:00

End of workshop

List of participants

ABB Pascal, Senior Researcher, Leibniz-Institut Hessische Stiftung Friedens- und Konfliktforschung (HSFK), Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF)

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BREMBERG Niklas, Senior Research Fellow at the Europe Programme, Swedish Institute of International Affairs (UI)

DASKIN Leyla, Institute for Peace Support and Conflict Management, Austrian National Defence Academy

DENNISON Susi, Senior policy fellow at the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR) and the director of ECFR's European Power Program

DETHLEFSEN Knut, FES Representative to the USA and Canada

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