

**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

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 05 October 2017

10:00 – 10:10 AM WELCOME TO EU-STRAT'S MIDTERM CONFERENCE!

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

10:10 – 10:15 AM WELCOMING WORD by Asta Skaisgirytė (Political Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania)

10:15 – 10:45 AM KEYNOTE by Leszek Balcerowicz (Warsaw School of Economics) *“On the economics and the political economy of reforms: the role of external factors”*

10:45 - 11:15 AM KEYNOTE by Vassilis Maragos (European Commission, DG Neighborhood and Enlargement Negotiations (NEAR)) *“Common challenges and reforms in the Eastern Partnership countries and the European Union and results-oriented cooperation”*

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: Antoaneta 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: Kataryna 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, Kataryna Wolczuk (UoB), Laure Delcour (FMSH)

Discussant: Matthew Frear (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), Ina Ramasheuskaya (The School of Young Managers in Public Administration (SYMPA)); Dimiter Toshkov, Honorata Mazepus, Matthew Frear (UL)

Discussant: Tatsiana Chulitskaya (SYMPA/ European Humanitarian University (EHU))

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 (John's 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 (SYMPA/EHU), Ina Ramasheuskaya (SYMPA)

Discussant: Andrei Stsiapanau (EHU)

12:30 – 13:30 PM FAREWELL COFFEE

