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Franco-German doctoral conference on European foreign policy in Munich, 9 and 10 June 2011

## **The European Union and Its Neighbourhoods: Concepts, Constructions and Strategies of European Foreign Policy**

### **Thursday, 9 June**

**13:00 – 13:45**      **Reception and Registration** (lunch will be served)

**13:45 – 14:00**      **Introduction**

**14:00 – 15:45**      **Opening Panel “Europe’s Foreign and Neighbourhood Policy in Times of Crisis”**

➤ Prof. Dr. Dr. h.c. Werner Weidenfeld (LMU München)

The role of Germany and France in the policy making of the European Union

➤ Prof. Dr. Zaki Laïdi (Sciences Po Paris)

Can the EU have more than a Neighbourhood Policy?

➤ Prof. Dr. Mongi Bousnina (Faculté des Lettres et Sciences Humaines de Tunis, ret. Ambassador and minister)

La perception de la politique de voisinage de l'Union européenne dans le voisinage méditerranéen

**15:45 – 16:00**      **Coffee break**

**16:00 – 18:30**      **Panel I “Europe’s Foreign Policy in the Southern Neighbourhood”**

➤ Introduction and Chair: Dr. Patrick Müller (Institute for European Integration Research, Vienna)

• Morgane Gertz (Sciences Po Paris)

Is France a driving force for Europeanization in the construction of EU-Mediterranean relations?

• Edmund Ratka (LMU München)

From Barcelona to Berlin – Germany’s Mediterranean Policy between Europeanization and national interests

- Michael Bauer (CAP/LMU München)      The need for an EU Gulf Strategy in the wake of the Arab spring
- Jan Busse (SWP Berlin/UniBW München)      Continuity and change: Deconstructing German foreign policy towards the Middle East conflict

**20:00 Dinner** (optional) at “Leib & Seele”, Oettingenstraße 36 (Tel. 089/2102 8899)

**Friday, 10 June**

**09:00 – 09:15      Reception**

**09:15 – 13:00      Panel II “Europe’s Foreign Policy in the Eastern Neighbourhood”**

➤ Introduction and chair: Dr. Florent Parmentier (Sciences Po Paris)

**09:15 – 11:00 Part I “Approaching the Eastern Neighbours – Many Partnerships?”**

- David Rinnert (SWP Berlin/Sciences Po Paris)      Georgia and the Eastern Partnership: legal and political approximation in light of EU neighbourhood policies
- Ludwig Roger (Université Cergy-Pontoise)      The Black Sea. A border for the European Union ?
- Alina Homorozean (TU Dresden)      The efficiency of the EU-led black sea regional cooperation initiatives: Could the black sea region turn into a new Achilles heel of EU foreign policy?

**11:00 – 11:30      Coffee break**

**11:30 – 13:00 Part II “Central Asia and Russia – a Second Ring of Neighbours?”**

- Olga Spaiser (Sciences Po Paris)      The political construction of the ‘Great Neighbourhood’: the EU Policy in Central Asia
- Marco Siddi (Universität zu Köln)      Security or economy? The impact of national identity construction on the formulation of EU external action towards Russia.
- Sebastian Schäffer (Universität Greifswald/LMU München)      The EU-Russia relations and the Eastern Partnership

**13:00 – 13:45 Lunch break** (lunch will be served at the conference location)

### **13:45 – 17:30 Panel III “Key Issues in the European Union’s Neighbourhood Policy”**

- Introduction and chair: Dr. Katrin Böttger (Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin)

### **13:45 – 16:00 Part I “Democracy and Civil Society in the EU’s Neighbourhood Policy“**

- Irene Hahn (Viadrina Frankfurt) Democratizing power? EU democracy promotion policies in Post-socialist Europe
- Natasha Wunsch (Sciences Po Paris/FU Berlin) Sub-state actors in the Europeanization process – Analysing the EU’s support for civil society in candidate and neighbouring states
- Filipa Bismarck Coelho (Université Robert Schuman, Strasbourg)  
Promoting the *acquis communautaire* – Is the ENP an alternative to the accession policy?
- Daniel Grotzky (LMU München) Democracy, Identity and European Space – Is a coherent approach feasible?

### **16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break**

### **16:15 – 17:30 Part II “Security Issues in the EU’s Neighbourhood Policy“**

- Nicolas Fescharek (Sciences Po Paris) Does the EU possess a common “European” concept of Security Sector Reform (SSR) in post-conflict States?
- Bernd Weber (LMU München/Sciences Po Paris) The effectiveness of the ENP in the policy field of energy security. A comparison of Azerbaijan and Algeria

### **17:45- 18:30 Closing Session “Methodological Challenges in European Foreign Policy Research”**

### **Saturday, 11 June**

**10:30 Guided City Tour** (optional): Meeting point at Marienplatz (Marian column)

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The conference takes place at the Centre for Applied Policy Research of the University of Munich (CAP), Maria-Theresia-Strasse 21, 81675 Munich (Tel. +49/89 2180 1300). Please register for attendance. For registration or further inquiries please contact Edmund Ratka ([edmund.ratka@gsi.uni-muenchen.de](mailto:edmund.ratka@gsi.uni-muenchen.de)) or Olga Spaiser ([olga.spaiser@sciences-po.org](mailto:olga.spaiser@sciences-po.org)).