

One-day workshop in a round-table setting **Saturday 24 October 2009**

Nihon Room, 10.00 am - 16.30 pm

The European Union Facing External Challenges

Aims, objectives and details about the importance of the workshop

The aim of this workshop is to encourage dialogue on the European Union and to identify and stimulate an original debate on the crucial future challenges of the EU. Voice will be given to different views of academics, university researchers and researchers from think tanks, policy-makers from the EU and specialists from the defence industry, involved at various levels in European affairs. The workshop seeks to reflect both developments within the EU, including the up-dating of the European Security Strategy (ESS) of 2003 with the 'Report on the Implementation of the European Security Strategy - Providing Security in a Changing World' of December 2008, a Report which itself pointed up some of the growing challenges from outside the Union, not least in and from the EU's Neighbourhood. The ESS outlined goals for the EU's future activity in terms of general principles and policy rather than more specific actions, adopting a holistic approach that covers a wide range of civilian responses as well as military dimensions of security. The workshop therefore aims to reflect these different aspects and pressures, to explore the interaction between resources and capacities, policies and processes and influences emanating from within and without the EU. The speakers are invited to shed light on these different aspects. The result of the debate will be peer reviewed and prepared for publication to deliver a tangible and lasting result to the larger scientific community.

The different fields of expertise of the contributors provide the interdisciplinary frame of the debate. Interdisciplinary resources are in particular relevant for the policies of the EU that the workshop seeks to explore, namely the EU's external action *vis-à-vis* China, Russia and Iran; the EU's energy security policy and the policy on climate change; European law in the conduct of common security; recent developments within the private defence services of the military industry; influences exercised at the Political Security Committee's level in Brussels; influences in general, and by EU states in particular, on co-ordinating the EU's military naval operations; and influences affecting peacekeeping operations on the ground as wielded by local elites. The workshop will be transnational to the extent that the contributors operate in different nations and diverse cultural realities.

This workshop is both useful and important because it offers the opportunity of exchanging results of up-to-date multi-disciplinary research within a transnational academic community, as well as between this community and EU policymakers. This rationale is in line with the way in which the European Union is encouraging dialogue about its policies. The importance of the workshop lies also in its potential for contributing to an original understanding of the EU's behaviour in external affairs, and to an assessment of its action in particular with regard to the way the EU is dealing with future challenges.

Programme

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10.00 Registration and coffee

10.20 Welcome

10.25-13.00 Round-table (1) - Effective multilateralism and policies in the EU facing external challenges

Chair: Geoffrey Edwards, Centre of International Studies, University of Cambridge

Discussant: Jolyon Howorth, Department of Political Science, Yale University

- The EU and China: Mismatched Partners

Jing Men, InBev-Baillet Latour Chair of European Union - China Relations, EU International Relations and Diplomacy Studies, College of Europe, Brugge

- EU and Russia: partnership for effective multilateralism after the Georgian crisis?

Laure Delcour, Research Fellow, Institut de relations internationales et stratégiques (IRIS), Paris

- Iran and the EU: Re-assessing the European role as the US extends its hand and Iran unclenches its fist.

Roxane Farmanfarmaian, Centre for the International Relations of the Middle East and North Africa (CIRMENA), University of Cambridge

- EU's energy security - Beyond dependence: how to deal with Russian gas?

Pierre Noël, Research Associate and Director of Energy Policy Forum, Electricity Policy Research Group (EPRG), University of Cambridge, and Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR), London

- The EU and the 'sustainable development of the Earth': is the external action of the Union consistent with the objectives of its Sustainable Development Strategy?

Marc Pallemarts, Professor of European environmental law, University of Amsterdam and Université Libre de Bruxelles; Senior Fellow, Institute for European Environmental Policy, London/Brussels

- Up to its tasks: unable or unwilling? The ESDP's action

Ludovica Marchi, Department of Geography, University of Cambridge

- How far should the EU's commitment to multilateralism go?

Jan Wouters, Professor of International Law and International Organisations Director, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies, University of Leuven, **Sjibren De Jong**, Research Fellow EU Security Policy, Centre for Global Governance Studies, University of Leuven, and **Philip De Man**, Centre for Global Governance Studies, University of Leuven

13.00 - 14.00 Coffee, sandwiches and lunch (speakers)

14.00-16.20 Round-table (2) - The Military: legal aspects, industry and influences on policymaking in the EU facing external challenges

Chair: Jolyon Howorth, Department of Political Science, Yale University

Discussant: Geoffrey Edwards, Centre of International Studies, University of Cambridge

- Legal aspects of ESDP military operations

Frederik Naert, Member of the Legal Service of the Council of the European Union, and affiliated senior researcher, KU Leuven

- Fighting piracy and armed robbery in the XXI century: some legal issues surrounding the EU military operation ATLANTA

Andrea de Guttry, Full Professor of Public International Law and Jean Monnet Professor of EU Law and Institutions, Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna, Pisa

- The need for a comprehensive process for the European security strategy

Carlo Musso, Head, Research Department, Finmeccanica, Rome

- Political and Security Committee: Political control and strategic direction

Elina Dzalbe, General Secretariat of the EU Council, DGE, Coordination of the Political and Security Committee and Assistance to Director General

- Influences from where? Coordinating EU NAVFOR Somalia

Gérard Dejoué, Operation and Exercise Unit, Directorate 8, Defence aspects, General Direction E, External and Political-Military Affairs, Brussels

- Rhetoric from Brussels and reality from the ground: the EU and security in Africa

Alex Vines, Director, Regional and Security Studies, Chatham House, London

16.20 Concluding remarks

16.30 Coffee

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