

PROGRAM

EU and Russia – Competition and Cooperation: Balkans vs. Caucasus

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On February 22-23, 2009, a silent colloquium and a public lecture will be hosted in Vienna on “EU and Russia – Competition and Cooperation: Balkans vs. Caucasus”. The colloquium is organized in co-operation with the Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia, and supported by the Austrian Federal Ministry for Defense, Department for Security Policy, and the German Marshall Fund, Belgrade.

A group of experts from the EU, the Balkans, and the Caucasus will debate on the new situation in the EU and in its periphery after the war in Georgia to figure out what works and what proved not to be working in both regions.

The silent colloquium is intended as a framework to enable an open debate under Chatham House Rule.

Sunday, February 22

- 10.30 **Opening Statement**
Ivan Krastev, Wolfgang Petritsch
- 11.15 **Panel 1**
EU and Russia in the Balkans
Sandra Breka, Milica Delic (tbc), Mark Medish, Jacques Rupnik (tbc), Ivan Vejvoda
Moderator: Wolfgang Petritsch
- 15.00 **Panel 2**
EU and Russia in the Caucasus
Pavol Demes, Boris Dolgin, Ghia Nodia, Pawel Swieboda,
Moderator: Ognyan Minchev

Monday, February 23

- 10.00 **Panel 3**
EU and Russia: Troubled Relationship after the Russia-Georgia War and against the Background of the Global Financial Crisis
Steven Everts, Dov Lynch (tbc), Tomas Pojar (tbc), Levan Ramishvili (tbc), Andrey Ryabov, Lars Wahlund (tbc)
Moderator: Ivan Krastev
- 11.45 **Panel 4**
Can the EU’s Balkan Strategy Serve as a Model for its Policy in the Caucasus?
Gerald Knaus, Alex Rondos, Goran Svilanovic
Moderator: Vessela Tcherneva
- 14.00 **Panel 5**
ENP vs. Russia’s Near Abroad Policy
Sabine Fischer (tbc), Marie Mendras, Niku Popesku, Irina Yasina
Moderator: Soli Ozel
- 19.00 **Public Lecture**
Steven Everts
Respondents: Ivan Vejvoda and Irina Yasina
Moderator: Ivan Krastev