Global Trends to 2030
Society and Governance

Wednesday
16 November 2016
European Commission
Berlaymont, 5th Floor Open Space,
Rue de la Loi 200, Brussels

Thursday
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European Parliament
Altiero Spinelli Building,
Library Reading Room
Rue Wiertz 60, Brussels

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME
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The European Strategy and Policy Analysis System (ESPAS) promotes inter-institutional cooperation between the European Commission, the European Parliament, the Council of the EU, and the European External Action Service to identify global long-term trends facing the European Union and its decision-makers, with the support of the European Committee of the Regions and of the European Economic and Social Committee.

The 2016 Annual Conference is part of a three-year cycle of events which draws on the insights of the ESPAS report Global Trends to 2030: Can the EU meet the challenges ahead?

This year’s edition of the conference is dedicated to ‘Society and Governance’ and brings together leading global experts and practitioners to explore innovations in the world of work and welfare, public services and governance.

The conference lasts two days, with the first day in the European Commission and the second day in the European Parliament.

The first day of the conference will examine what divides and unites societies in the digital age. Sessions will focus on the impact of new technologies on security and trust, as well as on the role of connectivity for sustainable growth and inclusive prosperity. Innovation and the importance of anticipatory governance will be at the heart of the day’s discussions which will be hosted by the European Political Strategy Centre, the European Commission's in-house think tank, at its headquarters, the Berlaymont.

The second day of the conference will focus on the future of governance. Sessions will concentrate on global trends affecting democracy, inequality, strategic foresight and cities. It will take place on the Library of the European Parliament, hosted by the European Parliamentary Research Service.

Looking ahead, ESPAS will continue its series of future-focused debates and will dedicate its work in 2017 to the third ‘global revolution’ identified in the report: geopolitics.
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The future of society

08h00-09h00 Registration and Welcome Coffee

09h00-09h30 Welcoming Remarks
- Ann Mettler, Head, European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC) and Chair, European Strategy and Policy Analysis System (ESPAS)
- Klaus Welle, Secretary-General, European Parliament

09h30-10h00 Setting the Scene
Moderator: Ann Mettler, Head, European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC) and Chair, European Strategy and Policy Analysis System (ESPAS)

09h30-10h00 Game Changers for Inclusive Innovation
A Conversation with:
Carlos Moedas, Commissioner for Research, Science and Innovation

10h00-10h30 What Will Make a Prosperous Society in the 21st Century?
Special Address:
Geoff Mulgan, Chief Executive, NESTA

10h30-11h00 Coffee Break
Societal Trends in Focus

Moderator: Paweł Świeboda, Deputy Head of European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC)

11h00-12h30
What Divides and What Unites in the Digital Age
• Heather Grabbe, Director, Open Society European Policy Institute
• Stefano Scarpetta, Director for Employment, Labour and Social Affairs, OECD
• Bruce Stokes, Director of Global Economic Attitudes, Pew Research Center

12h30-13h00
Trust, Power and the Future of Society
This talk draws on ‘What New Power Looks Like’: One of the most watched TED Talks which was nominated among CNN’s top ten ideas of the year in 2014.
Jeremy Heimans, Co-founder and CEO of Purpose.com

13h00-14h00
Networking Lunch
3rd Floor Open Space

Opportunities and Challenges Ahead

14h00-15h00
Connectivity for Prosperity
Moderator: Angela Wilkinson, former Head of Strategic Foresight, OECD, author of ‘Strategic reframing’
• Alan James, VP Worldwide Business Development, Hyperloop One
• Pascal Lamy, President Emeritus, Jacques Delors Institute
• Simon Schäfer, CEO, Founder, Factory
• Mark Spelman, Co-Head, Future of the Internet Initiative, World Economic Forum

15h00-16h00
Strategic Dialogue on
The Future of European Security
Moderator: Ann Mettler, Head, European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC) and Chair, European Strategy and Policy Analysis System (ESPAS)

Presentations by:
• Anja Kaspersen, Head of Strategic Engagement and New Technologies, International Committee of the Red Cross
• Shiraz Maher, Senior Fellow, International Centre for the Study of Radicalisation and Political Violence, King’s College London
• Peter Neumann, Professor of Security Studies, King’s College London

Special Guest:
Sir Julian King, Commissioner for Security Union
16h00-16h30 Coffee Break

16h30-18h00 Managing by Foresight
Planning and Deciding in Uncertain Times
Moderator: Ann Mettler, Head, European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC) and Chair, European Strategy and Policy Analysis System (ESPAS)
• Nik Gowing, Visiting Professor, King’s College London
• Michael Ignatieff, President and Rector, Central European University, Budapest
• Mehmet Kinaci, Strategic Analyst, Strategic Plans and Policy Directorate, NATO
• Hans Peter Lankes, Managing Director, Corporate Strategy, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD)
Video Intervention:
Aaron Maniam, Director, Industry Division, Ministry of Trade and Industry, Singapore

18h00-18h30 Insights and Take-Aways from the First Day
Enrico Giovannini, Professor of Statistics, University of Rome ‘Tor Vergata’

18h30-19h30 Cocktail Reception
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08h45-09h15 Registration

09h15-09h30 Welcome and opening session
- Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, Vice-President, European Parliament and former President, European Committee of the Regions

09h30-10h30 The Future of Think Tanks
Chair: Christian Leffler, Deputy Secretary-General, European External Action Service
- Cinzia Alcidi, Head of Economic Policy Unit, CEPS
- Matt Dann, Secretary-General, Bruegel
- Paweł Świeboda, Deputy Head, European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC), European Commission

10h30-11h30 Keynote Discussion
Will Universities and Evidence-Based Research Matter?
- Joseph Weiler, former President, European University Institute in conversation with
- Jim Cloos, Deputy Director-General, Council of the European Union

11h30-11h45 Coffee Break

11h45-13h00 Rebooting Democracy
Chair: Mairead McGuinness, MEP, Vice-President, European Parliament
- Pierre Calame, Honorary President of the Charles Léopold Mayer Foundation and author of Sauvons la démocratie!
- Edgar Grande, Professor, Munich University and European University Institute
- Jeanette Hofmann, Professor and Head of the Internet Policy Field, Humboldt Institute for Internet and Society
- Brigid Laffan, Professor, Director of the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, Director of the Global Governance Programme, EUI

13h00-14h00 Sandwich Lunch Get-Together
14h00-15h00  Inequality and Governance
Chair: Luis Planas, Secretary-General, European Economic and Social Committee
- Stijn Hoorens, Associate Director, Head of Office, RAND Brussels
- Mary Kaldor, Professor of Global Governance, London School of Economics
- Ibon Zugasti, Futurist, Chairman of the Millennium Project Node in Spain, Vice-President of the Foresight Europe Network

15h00-16h00  Cities in the 21st Century
Chair: Karl-Heinz Lambertz, First Vice-President, European Committee of the Regions
- Benjamin Barber, Distinguished Senior Fellow, Fordham University Urban Consortium, and Founder of the Global Parliament of Mayors; author of ‘If Mayors ruled the World’
- Jiří Buriánek, Secretary-General, European Committee of the Regions
- Eric Swyngedouw, Professor, University of Manchester; author of ‘The Post-Political city?’ and ‘The Globalized City’

16h00-16h30  Tea Break

16h30-17h30  Foresight and Governance
Chair: Ann Mettler, Head, European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC) and Chair, European Strategy and Policy Analysis System (ESPAS)
- Pierre Bollinger, Head of Outreach, Partnerships and International Affairs, France Stratégie
- Marius Oosthuizen, Faculty in Strategic Foresight, Gordon Institute of Business Science, University of Pretoria
- Angela Wilkinson, former Head of Strategic Foresight, OECD, author of ‘Strategic reframing’

17h30-18h15  Closing Session
Chair: James Elles, Honorary President of ESPAS, MEP 1984-2014
- Jim Cloos, Deputy Director-General, Council of the European Union
- Christian Leffler, Deputy Secretary-General, European External Action Service
- Ann Mettler, Head, European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC) and Chair, European Strategy and Policy Analysis System (ESPAS)
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