

Global Trends to 2030

THE MAKING OF A NEW
GEOPOLITICAL ORDER?

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

Wednesday

22 November 2017

European Commission
Berlaymont, 5th Floor Open Space,
Rue de la Loi 200, Brussels

Thursday

23 November 2017

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

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The European Strategy and Policy Analysis System (ESPAS) is an inter-institutional collaboration among the European Commission, the European Parliament, the Council of the EU, and the European External Action Service, with the support of the Committee of the Regions and of the European Economic and Social Committee. It monitors global trends and offers strategic foresight to the EU's decision-makers.

The ESPAS Annual Conference is part of a three-year cycle which draws on the insights of the ESPAS report '*Global Trends to 2030: Can the EU Meet the Challenges Ahead?*'. The 2015 edition, ***Global Trends to 2030: The Economic and Technological Revolution*** explored the challenges and opportunities that the digital revolution will bring to economies and societies in the next 15 years. In 2016, the ***Global Trends to 2030: Society and Governance*** conference discussed innovations in the world of work and welfare, public services and governance, as well as inequalities, trust and how investment and innovation can lead to sustainable growth and inclusive prosperity.

This year's edition is dedicated to ***Global Trends to 2030: The Making of a New Geopolitical Order?*** and gathers a select community of thought leaders, global foresight practitioners and strategists to explore the latest and most pressing trends shaping geopolitics in the coming decade.

The rolling programme of the conference covers two days:

Day one will be hosted by the [European Political Strategy Centre](#), the European Commission's in-house think tank, at its headquarters, the Berlaymont. It will convene under the theme ***Foresight and Strategic Game Changers***, highlighting the importance of strategic foresight in policy- and decision-making, and focusing on emerging issues relevant to the European Union. With an outlook on key global trends to 2030 as seen from capitals around the world, the sessions will zoom into Europe's security landscape; the geo-strategic relevance of connectivity; Africa's future; and new players in the global geopolitical chess. Anticipatory governance and strategies to navigate a more turbulent world will also be at the heart of the day's discussions.

Day two of the conference will take place in the Library of the European Parliament, hosted by its own internal think tank, the [European Parliamentary Research Service](#). It will convene under the theme ***Hard and Soft Power in a Changing World***. Sessions will explore the future of geopolitics and the ramifications for the EU; the importance of international rules in a 'might is right' world; the geopolitical implications of climate change; the possible contours of strategic rivalry and war in 2030; and the dynamics of conflict and cooperation in an economically interdependent world.

ESPAS will continue to work on strengthening the EU's strategic anticipatory capability in 2018.

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Global Trends to 2030: Foresight and Strategic Game Changers

08h15-09h00

Registration and Welcome Coffee

09h00-09h15

WELCOMING REMARKS

- **Ann Mettler**, Head, European Political Strategy Centre; Chair, European Strategy and Policy Analysis System
- **Klaus Welle**, Secretary-General, European Parliament

09h15-09h45

SETTING THE SCENE

Moderator: **Ann Mettler**, Head, European Political Strategy Centre; Chair, European Strategy and Policy Analysis System

Outlook for Europe's Neighbourhood: Exporting Stability to a Volatile Region

A Conversation with

Johannes Hahn, Commissioner for European Neighbourhood Policy & Enlargement Negotiations

09h45-09h50

An Era of Geopolitical Recession: What Comes Next?

Video Message

Ian Bremmer, President and Founder, Eurasia Group

09h50-10h30

Preparing for the Future: Survival Strategies for a World on Steroids

- **Stefanie Babst**, Head, Strategic Analysis Capability for the NATO Secretary-General and the Chairman of the NATO Military Committee
- **Duncan Cass-Beggs**, Counsellor for Strategic Foresight, General Secretariat, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development
- **Purush Chaudhary**, Founder, Foresight Lab, Pakistan
- **Jeanette Kwek**, Deputy Head, Centre for Strategic Futures; Assistant Director (Strategic Planning & Futures), Strategy Group, Singapore

10h30-11h00

Coffee Break

11h00-12h40

GLOBAL TRENDS IN FOCUS

Through the Eyes of Others: Global Trends to 2030

Moderator: **Sylvia Hartleif**, Leader, Foreign Policy Team, European Political Strategy Centre

Guest Speakers

- **Benoni Belli**, Head, Policy Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Brazil
- **Jon Finer**, Former Chief of Staff and Director of Policy Planning, Department of State (2015-2017), United States
- **Tarek Osman**, Author and Political Counsellor for the Arab World, European Bank for Reconstruction & Development
- **Chu Shulong**, Professor of Political Science and International Relations, School of Public Policy and Management, People's Republic of China
- **Dmitri Trenin**, Director, Moscow Carnegie Centre, Russia

12h40-13h00

Geopolitics 4.0: Emerging Challenges; New Actors

Special Guest

Aaron Maniam, World Economic Forum Young Global Leader, Singapore

Aaron Maniam was founding director of the Centre for Strategic Futures at the Prime Minister's Office in Singapore

13h00-14h00

Networking Lunch

3rd Floor Open Space

14h00-14h30

FORESIGHT IN PRACTICE

Foresight for Policy: Charting Our Way in an Uncertain Future

Lesson by

Angela Wilkinson, Senior Director for Scenarios and Business Insights, World Energy Council; Author of 'Strategic Reframing'

14h30-16h00

WHAT IF(S)?

What if Connectivity Were the New Geo-Strategic Game Changer?

Moderator: **Pawel Świeboda**, Deputy Head, European Political Strategy Centre

Special Guest

Parag Khanna, Senior Fellow, Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy, Singapore; Author of 'Connectography: Mapping the Global Network Revolution'

Panellists

- **Jason Blackstock**, Head of Department, Science, Technology, Engineering and Public Policy, University College London
- **Ulrich Schulte-Strathaus**, Aviation Industry Expert
- **Kristin Shi-Kupfer**, Director, Research Area on Public Policy and Society, Mercator Institute for China Studies

16h00-16h30

Coffee Break

16h30-17h40

**What if 'Winter Were Coming'?
Is Europe Prepared for the Security Challenges to Come?**

Moderator: **Ann Mettler**, Head, European Political Strategy Centre;
Chair, European Strategy and Policy Analysis System

Plenary Addresses

- **Wolfgang Ischinger**, Chairman, Munich Security Conference
- **Rob Leslie**, Founder & CEO, Sedicii Innovations; Co-founder, Kyckr
- **Rob Wainwright**, Executive Director, Europol

17h40-18h00

Geopolitics 4.0: Africa at the Crossroads of a New Future

Special Guest

Hadeel Ibrahim, Founding Executive Director, Mo Ibrahim Foundation

18h00-18h15

INSIGHTS GAINED AND MOVING BEYOND IF ONLY(S)...

Lessons Learned

Angela Wilkinson wraps up the day in conversation with members of the
ESPAS Young Talent Network

18h15-19h15

Cocktail Reception



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Global Trends to 2030: Hard and Soft Power in a Changing World

08h30-09h10

Registration and Morning Coffee

09h10-09h20

WELCOMING REMARKS

- **Klaus Welle**, Secretary-General, European Parliament
- **Ann Mettler**, Head, European Political Strategy Centre; Chair, European Strategy and Policy Analysis System

09h20-09h40

SCENE-SETTING

ESPAS and Global Trends to 2030

Opening Address

Ramón Luis Valcárcel Siso, Vice-President of the European Parliament

09h40-10h20

The EU and the New World Order

Chair: **Shada Islam**, Director Europe & Geopolitics, Friends of Europe

Keynote Speaker

Alexander Stubb, Vice-President, European Investment Bank;
former Prime Minister of Finland

10h20-11h25

THE GEOPOLITICS OF HARD AND SOFT POWER

The Future of Strategic Rivalry and War

Chair: **Jim Cloos**, Deputy Director-General, Council of the European Union

- **Florence Gaub**, Deputy Director, European Union Institute for Security Studies
- **Justin Vaïsse**, Director of Policy Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France
- **Tomáš Valášek**, Director, Carnegie Europe
- **Wolfgang Wosolso**, former Director-General, EU Military Staff

11h25-12h30

The Geopolitics of Environmental Change

- **Jiří Buriánek**, Secretary-General, European Committee of the Regions
- **Lukas Rüttinger**, Senior Project Manager, Adelphi
- **Sabrina Schulz**, Head, Berlin office, E3G - Third Generation Environmentalism
- **Katarzyna Zysk**, Director of Research, Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies

12h30-13h20

Sandwich Lunch

13h20-14h25

International Rules in a 'Might is Right' World

Chair: **Marietje Schaake**, Member of the European Parliament;
Vice-Chair of the Delegation for Relations with the United States

- **Heather Grabbe**, Director, Open Society European Policy Institute
- **Lotte Leicht**, EU Director and Director of Brussels Office, Human Rights Watch
- **Simon Serfaty**, Brzezinski Chair (emer.) in Global Security and Geostrategy, Center for Strategic and International Studies
- **Christian Strohal**, Special Representative, Austrian Chairmanship 2017, Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe

14h30-15h10

The Global Political Scene Today and Tomorrow

Chair: **James Elles**, Honorary President, European Strategy and Policy Analysis System; Member of the European Parliament, 1984-2014

Keynote Speaker

Carl Bildt, Chair, Global Commission on Internet Governance;
former Prime Minister of Sweden

15h10-15h30

Coffee Break

15h30-16h35

The Geopolitics of an Economically Interdependent World

Chair: **Eva Kaili**, Member of the European Parliament; Chair of the Science and Technology Options Assessment Panel and the EP-NATO Delegation

- **Daniel Gros**, Director, Centre for European Policy Studies
- **Luca Jahier**, President of the Various Interests' Group, European Economic and Social Committee
- **Mary Kaldor**, Professor of Global Governance, London School of Economics
- **Guntram Wolff**, Director, Bruegel

16h40-17h10

INSIGHTS GAINED

News from 2035: ESPAS Young Talent Network Wrap-Up

Facilitator: **Catarina Tully**, Founder, School of International Futures and FromOverHere

A Conversation with

Members of the **ESPAS Young Talent Network**

17h15-18h00

THE WAY AHEAD

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- **Christian Leffler**, Deputy Secretary-General, European External Action Service
- **Ann Mettler**, Head, European Political Strategy Centre; Chair, European Strategy and Policy Analysis System
- **Klaus Welle**, Secretary-General, European Parliament

