NEXT EUROPE
In the Context of Internal and External Challenges

Vision for NEXT EUROPE

Ways to next Europe?

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Location
Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue (BKF)
Armbrustergasse 15
1190 Wien

Monday, March 6, 2017

Arrival participants

18:30 Key-note speech

Walter Russel Mead, Distinguished Scholar in American Strategy and Statesmanship at the Hudson Institute, the James Clarke Chace Professor of Foreign Affairs and Humanities at Bard College, and Editor-at-Large of The American Interest

Discussant **Ivan Krastev**, Chairman, Centre for Liberal Strategies

20:30 Reception at Bruno Kreisky Forum

Tuesday, March 7, 2017

08:30 Transfer from hotel to conference venue

09:00 **Welcome and opening address**

Gertraud Auer Borea d'Olmo, Secretary General, Bruno Kreisky Forum for International Dialogue

Ivan Krastev, Chairman, Centre for Liberal Strategies

09:10 **Session 1**

The EU in the world: Crisis & challenges

- Peeking into Trump's foreign policy ambitions and possibilities
- Future US-Russia and US-EU relations – possibilities and dangers
- Which external policies for future relations with the MENA region (particularly Libya)?
- Turmoil in the MENA region: What about stability anchors in the close proximity of violent crisis (especially Libya, but also Jordan or Lebanon)
- Are a European Neighborhood Policy and a credible EU enlargement policy still a convincing option?

Walter Russel Mead, Distinguished Scholar in American Strategy and Statesmanship at the Hudson Institute, the James Clarke Chace Professor of

Foreign Affairs and Humanities at Bard College, and Editor-at-Large of The *American Interest*

Mihaela Osorio, Deputy Chief of Mission at Embassy of Romania to the Republic of Serbia

Mark Leonard, co-founder and director ECFR

Milan Nič, Head of Europe program, GLOBSEC Policy Institute

Wolfgang Mühlberger, Senior Researcher, FIIA Helsinki

Moderator

Antoinette Primatarova, Program Director, Centre for Liberal Strategies

10:30 Coffee-break

10:45 **Session 2**

Synergies of partners, strategies & instruments: Reacting to external crisis & conflicts

- Reinventing the EU's multilateral relations (NATO, OSCE, UN, AU)
- How to actively engage with partners?
- Which support for partner countries?
- More systematic partnership policy: grouping partner countries according to different interests and abilities?
- Synergies of EU instruments in partner countries (e.g. experiences of EU migration policy in Niger and Mali)

Kristof Bender, Deputy Director, European Stability Initiative

Nina Khrushcheva, Professor at New School, Senior Fellow of the World Policy Institute

Soli Özel, Professor of International Relations, Kadir Has University, Istanbul; columnist, *Habertürk Daily* newspaper

Walter Kemp, Senior Fellow, Global Initiative against Transnational Organized Crime, Visiting Fellow IWM

Moderator

Vessela Tcherneva, Senior Director for Programmes and acting Head of the Sofia Office, European Council on Foreign Relations

12:15 Coffee-break

12:30 **Session 3**

Strategic consequences' for CSDP: Improving (/transforming) EU security and defence policies & instruments

- Sustainable security policy for effective stabilization of crisis regions
- Improving early warning and intelligence capabilities at the EU-level
- Institutional transformation requirements within the EU
- Financial possibilities and alternatives in financing (e.g. Capacity Building for Security and Development – CBSD)
- PESCO as a game changer?
- Strategic communications in the area of CSDP

Roderick Parkes, Senior Analyst, EUISS

Bastian Giegerich, Director of Defence and Military Analysis, IISS

Bernardo Venturi, Researcher, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

BG Wolfgang Wosolsobe, Bureau for Security Policy of the Austrian Federal Ministry for Defence and Sports, Former DG EUMS

Moderator

Stefan Lehne, expert on European foreign policy and international security, visiting scholar, Carnegie Europe, Brussels

14:00 Light lunch and departure participants