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The EU in International Fora – Lessons for the Union's External Representation after Lisbon

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The external representation of the European Union occurs in different formats. The fragmentation of its international action is the outcome of the process of European integration itself, which performs differently from policy field to policy field. Reform objectives have until now focused particularly upon traditional areas of foreign policy such as diplomacy, defence and trade. Thus, previous thinking in politics and academia about how the external relations of the Union could become more coherent and efficient focuses primarily on classical spheres of competencies in foreign policy and concentrates largely on the future development of CFSP and ESDP. The foreign dimension of other individual policy fields, such as home affairs, is hardly placed in the general perspective of the EU's external representation.

By adopting this neglected perspective, the conference aims to contribute to the present discussion on the development of the external action of the EU. In analysing structures and procedures of external representation in selected, differently integrated policy fields, specific models, their advantages and drawbacks, can be explored. Moreover, their location in the Union's external representation as a whole can be assessed. The conference thus allows us to define the current elements of the EU's external representation. Furthermore, the shape and possible perspectives of a diplomacy beyond the national context – as for example in the area of trade, where the European Commission represents the EU as a whole – can be evaluated. These issues are of particular salience – especially in light of the institutional reforms in the EU's external representation wrought by the Lisbon Treaty.

- Draft Programme -

- 9.00-9.15 a.m. **Welcome**
- Members of directing staff of SWP and ISPI.
- 9.15-10.00 a.m. **Introduction**
- The EU in international fora – a conceptual approach.
- Julia Lieb (SWP)*
Louise van Schaik (Clingendael Institute)
- 10.00-11.30 a.m. **Energy and Environment**
- Climate diplomacy, coordination at international conferences, external energy relations.
- Chair: Severin Fischer (Institut für Europäische Politik)*
- Sami Andoura (Notre Europe)*
Alexander Schönfelder (Federal Foreign Office) (tbc)
Louise van Schaik (Clingendael Institute)
Antonio Villafranca (ISPI)
- 11.30-12.00 a.m. **Coffee break**
- 12.00-1.00 p.m. **Trade**
- WTO, example of agricultural policy, economic partnership agreements.
- Chair: Bettina Rudloff (SWP)*
- Rodolfo Helg (ISPI/Carlo Cattaneo University)*
Stephen Woolcock (London School of Economics) (tbc)
N.N. (European Commission)
- 1.00-2.00 p.m. **Lunch**

2.00-3.30 p.m.

Economics and Finance

External representation of EMU, IMF, World Bank, multilateral economic fora.

Chair: Daniela Schwarzer (SWP)

Steffen Meyer (Federal Ministry of Finance)

Francesco Passarelli (ISPI/Bocconi University and University of Teramo)

René Smits (University of Amsterdam) (tbc)

N.N. (ECB)

3.30-4.00 p.m.

Coffee break

4.00-5.00 p.m.

Labour and Social Policy

Maintenance/transfer of social and labour-law norms in trade, cooperation and association agreements of the EU, EU at ILO.

Chair: Sarah Krieg (Humboldt University Berlin) (tbc)

Gilbert Brinkmann (Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs) (tbc)

Rudi Delarue (Director of ILO Office for the EU and the Benelux countries in Brussels)

Bregt Saenen (University of Gent) (tbc)

5.00-5.30 p.m.

Concluding remarks and discussion

Nicolai von Ondarza (SWP)