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7-8 JUNE 2018

PROGRAMME

DAY 1 - THURSDAY 7TH JUNE 2018

8:00 - 8:30 Registration // Coffee & Tea

8:30 - 8:45 **INTRODUCTORY SPEECH**

By Mr. Bodo RICHTER - Deputy Head of Unit Marie Skłodowska-Curie Actions,
Directorate-General for Education, Youth, Sport and Culture, European Commission

8:45 - 10:15 **PUBLIC PANEL**

«Crisis of the Liberal World Order?»
With Prof. G. John IKENBERRY (Princeton University)
Prof. Mario TELÒ (ULB-IEE & LUISS Guido Carli di Roma)
Prof. Shaun BRESLIN (University of Warwick)

10:15 - 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 - 12:30 **ROUND TABLE 1**

«Steering the Common Commercial Policy»
Chair: Prof. Mario TELÒ (LUISS Guido Carli & IEE-ULB)

12:30 - 13:30 Lunch

13:30-15:30 **ROUND TABLE 2**

«Leveraging Transnational Networks»
Chair: Dr. Eleni TSINGOU (Copenhagen Business School)

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee Break

16:00 - 18:00 **ROUND TABLE 3**

«Promoting Holistic Security»
Chairs: Prof. Paul BACON (Waseda University) & Dr. Frank MATTHEIS (University of Pretoria)

DAY 2 - FRIDAY 8TH JUNE 2018

08:30 - 09:00 Registration // Coffee & Tea

09:00 - 11:00 **ROUND TABLE 4**

«Reframing European Neighborhood Policy»
Chair: Prof. Raffaele MARCHETTI (LUISS Guido Carli di Roma)

11:00 - 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 - 13 :30 **ROUND TABLE 5**

«Enhancing the Rule of Law»
Chair: Prof. Ramona COMAN (IEE-ULB) & Prof. Anne WEYEMBERGH (IEE-ULB)

13:30 - 14:30 Lunch

14:30 - 16:00 **DEBRIEFING SESSION FOR GEM-STONES PHD FELLOWS**



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AGORA Forum Opening Panel

«CRISIS OF THE LIBERAL WORLD ORDER?»

Thursday 7th June 2018

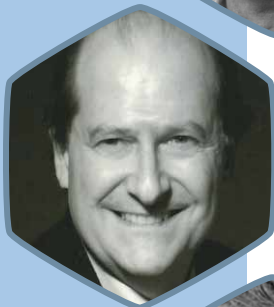
From 8:45am till 10:15am

IEE-ULB – Geremek Room
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THE END OF THE LIBERAL INTERNATIONAL ORDER?

by **Prof. G. John IKENBERRY**
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TOWARDS A PLURALIST THEORY OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS?

by **Prof. Mario TELÒ**
(ULB-IEE & LUISS Guido Carli di Roma)



GLOBAL REORDERING AND CHINA'S RISE: ADOPTION, ADAPTATION AND REFORM?

by **Prof. Shaun BRESLIN**
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AGORA FORMAT

AN INNOVATIVE FORMAT AND METHODOLOGY CALLED AGORA ADVOCACY, GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS AND RESEARCH NETWORKS ASSOCIATED

At first sight you are likely to be intrigued by the format of the AGORA© Fora. Let us start by stating that it is neither a straightforward academic conference, nor a mere dissemination exercise where the results of research would simply be communicated to a wider audience.

At the AGORA© Foras' origin lies the instigators' will to organise effective interactions between the scientific community, decision makers and third parties with an eye on contributing towards efficient policy making. Dissemination is thus to be understood as a mainstreamed strategy: on the one hand, policy makers and third parties are to be involved in the production of scientific deliverables through specifically designed platforms. On the other, the policy implications of the scientific findings are to be distilled before being widely communicated.

Rooted in original scientific research, AGORA© Fora endeavour to improve policy making by fostering suggestions based on academic research and effective dialogue among a limited number of participants hailing from the research, policy making and civil society communities.

To strengthen the integrity of underlying research, it may take 3 different forms:

INSTIGATION AGORA© Fora – such as the present GEM-STONES AGORA Forum “**SURFING ON OR DROWNING IN COMPLEXITY – THE EUROPEAN UNION IN TODAY'S UNSTABLE WORLD**” – are organised early on in the research efforts. They aim to instigate dialogue and foster questions shared by the different participating communities. Their expected outcome is on the one hand, to inform future research agendas, and to broaden the outlook of those engaged in the decision making processes on the other. The products of the present Forum will include informed research briefs which will be fed into the upcoming GEM-STONES' scientific activities.

INTEGRATION AGORA© Fora : organised parallelly to scientific workshops ; they are based on ongoing research efforts and aim to enhance these by confronting draft scientific work to the input of a wider, targetted audience. Their expected outcome to broaden the outlook of both those engaged in said research and of those engaged in the decision making processes.

DISSEMINATION AGORA© Fora : rooted in accomplished original research ; they endeavour to expand on research findings and thus strengthen the integrity of the underlying research while contributing towards its dissemination towards new audiences. They ultimately allow for substantiated and clearer recommendations to emerge.

AGORA© Fora are in other words innovative events, with twofold rationale: first, to provide the research community with rapid and targeted feedback from the policy actors working in their field of academic inquiry, and second to make the policy-implications drawing from recent research more tangible.

→ www.agora-forum.eu

ROUNDTABLE FORMAT

The session chairs and EU-sponsored researchers will prepare reference documents rooted in their research that have been circulated prior to the event; beyond that participants are not expected to prepare a specific presentation but are free to structure their contribution as they see fit.

The planned structure for each round table is:

Introduction by the chair - 15-20 min.

This introduction will set the stage for the subsequent discussions and link the table's relatively broad topical theme to both GEM-STONES wider agenda as well as a set of more specific questions.

To ensure the discussions are permeated with the research fellows' own research/questions, these shared reference documents for each roundtable have been circulated in advance and follow a set format:

- (1) One-page background document drafted by the academic chairs outlining the transversal questions and challenges underpinning a given table
- (2) Short policy briefs prepared by the table's participating GEM-STONES fellows

If opportune, following the opening by the chair each of the participating fellows can add a few words on their respective policy papers.

Rountable debates - 100 min.

The chair is then to shepherd the remaining time for discussions involving all participants with an eye on scheduling four «sections»:

- About 20 min. discussion on the framing questions and the table's overall topic
- About 20 min. for each of the policy briefs

(Leaving 20 min wriggle room or break time)

As such, roundtable members are welcome to intervene at any stage of the discussion, be it by contributing elements of general knowledge during the broader framing conversation, or by reacting to the discussion surrounding specific concerns addressed in one of the policy papers. As ample time is foreseen each roundtable member should be able to share both prepared thoughts as well as on-the-spot considerations at they see fit. No a priori preparations, or PPT are expected.

THE EU IN TODAY'S COMPLEX WORLD: STEERING THE COMMON COMMERCIAL POLICY



CHAIR

PROF. MARIO TELÒ
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RT1 is set to discuss the EU's supranational institutions' ability to successfully shepherd an increasingly complex common commercial policy. Accordingly, it is to consider to what extent, and by what means, the community-wide actors within the EU have continued to provide for "conscious efforts [seeking] to address and improve institutional interactions" aimed at launching, driving and concluding the latest generation of international trade agreements.

Beyond the institutional insights and questions born from either recently concluded negotiations (e.g. EU-Singapore, EU-Canada, EU-Mexico and EU-Japan) or still ongoing ones (e.g. EU-MERCOSUR, ...); RT1 will also focus on some of the specific policy challenges associated with the newest generation of trade agreements. In this respect, RT1 will also discuss the EU's continued efforts within trade negotiations pertaining to: (1) open regulatory dialogues; (2) financial regulation; and (3) the specificities of inter-regional negotiations.

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RT2 is set to discuss the European institutions' ability to leverage transnational networks in favour of their global normative and regulatory agendas. Accordingly, it is to consider whether and how the various forms of engagement the European institutions entertain with transnational networks allow for a "conscious efforts [by the EU] to address and improve institutional interactions" within Global Governance.

Beyond the wider questions raised by the EU's efforts aimed at greater coherence within global governance; RT2 will also explore specific cases where the EU has actively sought to externalise its regulatory agenda. In this respect, it will consider the specific agenda-setting power of the EU with regards to the governance of: (1) rapidly expanding digital markets, (2) newly emerging forms green financing; and (3) the increasingly controversial involvement of civil society organizations in policy-making.

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THE EU IN TODAY'S COMPLEX WORLD: PROMOTING HOLISTIC SECURITY

RT3 is set to discuss the ways in which European institutions' manage the articulation between development and security espoused by the EU's 'comprehensive security' principle. Accordingly, it is to assess the EU's security and external action provisions amount to a "conscious efforts [by the EU] to address and improve institutional interactions" within a variety of security complexes, both in its near and far abroad.

Beyond the wider questions raised by the EU's relative capacity to contribute towards purposeful management of increasingly complex security regimes across the globe; RT3 will also explore specific cases where the EU has actively sought to expand its role beyond its immediate neighbourhood and into non-traditional security fields. In this respect, RT3 will consider the EU's initiatives towards Africa and South East Asia with regards to: (1) the fight against human trafficking, (2) the promotion of R2P; and (3) the heightening of maritime security.



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RT4 is set to discuss the ways in which instruments deployed within the framework of the European (Eastern) Neighbourhood Policy have proven able to provide both the EU and the wider region with purposeful complex regime management. Accordingly, it is to assess whether the ENP amounts to a legitimate and efficient "conscious efforts [by the EU] to address and improve institutional interactions" within its Eastern neighbourhood.

Beyond the wider challenges to the legitimacy and efficiency of the EU's ENP; RT2 will also explore specific instruments characterizing the various dimensions of the EU's action in its neighbourhood. In this respect, within RT4 some time will be specifically dedicated towards discussing the impact in the Eastern neighbourhood of: (1) the common agricultural policy's LEADER program; (2) the EU's democracy promotion efforts; and (3) the good governance principles tied into the accession process itself.

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THE EU IN TODAY'S COMPLEX WORLD: ENHANCING THE RULE OF LAW

RT5 is set to discuss the EU's ability to safeguard the Rule of Law - be it domestically or internationally. It is to explore to what extent institutional / legal provisions within the EU have allowed for a "conscious effort [by the EU institutions] to address and improve [both] institutional interactions" as well as guarantees safeguarding fundamental rights, due process and the separation of powers

Beyond the question whether internal disputes on the Rule of Law have become a challenge for to the EU's global agenda; RT5 will also focus on the specific role of European and national judiciaries in setting the limits and contours of its crisis-driven policy-making efforts with regards to European: (1) macro-economic and (2) migratory governance.



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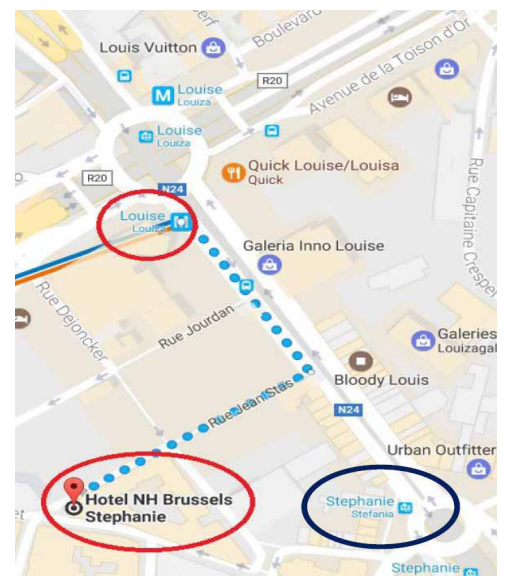
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From Brussels Airport (Zaventem)

TAXI: 20-30 minutes (16 km)

Public transportation by train & subway: 40-50 minutes, including around 10 minutes of walking.

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TAXI: Around 15 minutes (4 km)

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OVERVIEW

Launched in September 2016, the “Globalisation, Europe & Multilateralism - Sophistication of the Transnational Order, Networks and European Strategies” (GEM-STONES) project seeks to shed light on how the EU contributes towards the purposeful management of complex regimes.

The GEM-STONES project brings together a consortium of 8 higher education institutions (HEIs) and 6 non-academic partners. This scope allows for an innovative training programme able to offer general and discipline-specific research knowledge as well as tailor-made transferable skills.

CORE CONCEPT

GEM-STONES’s shared underlying question is, whether the externalisation of European governance and the internalisation of global imperatives are facilitated or hindered by the growing complexity born from the proliferation of international institutions.

15 Early Stage Researchers and their associated supervisors are clustered into 4 complementary Research & Innovation Work Packages, each one reflecting a given research agenda:



EU’s ‘Institutional Capacity’ to Externalise its Policies

How do institutional determinants affect the EU’s capacity to provide purposeful management of complex regimes?



EU’s ‘Networked Capacity’ to Ensure Greater Policy Coherence

How do networks determine the EU’s capacity to rationalise complex regimes?



EU’s ‘Relative Capacity’ Compared to Other Regional Organisations

How do interregional interactions affect the EU’s capacity to provide purposeful regime complex management?



EU’s ‘Framing Capacity’ to Define Appropriate Behavior

How do interactions affect the EU’s capacity to frame reason consensus underlying regime complex management?

INTEGRATED RESEARCH PROGRAMME

Over the course of 36 months, the GEM-STONES project will deliver individual dissertations and a jointly edited volume; policy briefs and executive briefings; a shared dataset and expertise directory as well as further training material such as a methods textbook and a manual for highly-skilled job seekers.

The GEM-STONES project will facilitate the emerging of an integrated community of early stage researchers and their supervisors through a variety of joint activities, that will also bring together academics, officials and civil society representatives. These activities include 3 methods workshops; 1 kick-off AGORA Forum; 3 annual conferences; 2 PhD summer schools; 4 scientific workshops and 1 dissemination AGORA Forum.

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