

Europe's Geopolitical Future: Mapping Perspectives on EU Policy in its Eastern Neighborhood



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Conference organized by the University of Zurich's Center for Eastern European Studies (CEES) in cooperation with the Department of World Politics and International Relation at the Russian-Armenian University in Yerevan

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CONFERENCE VENUE

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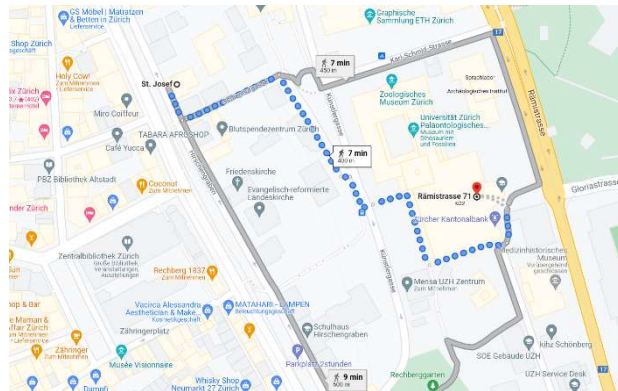
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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2022

Location: University of Zurich Room KOL-G-217



16.15-19.00, conference opening with keynote speech & panel discussion

Introduction & welcome address

- Jeronim Perović, Director, Center for Eastern European Studies, University of Zurich
- Armen Darbinian, Rector, Russian-Armenian University, Yerevan (online)

Keynote address: "The EU and its Eastern Neighborhood"

- Stefan Meister, Head of Program, International Order and Democracy, German Council on Foreign Relations, Berlin (online)

Panel 1: Europe, its Eastern Neighborhood and Great Power Competition

Chair: Nada Boškovska (Zurich)

- Andriy Tyushka (Natolin): External Differentiated Cooperation and Integration in the EU's CFSP and the Eastern Partnership's 'Association Trio'
- Agha Bayramov (Groningen/Zurich): The Eastern Partnership Countries Meet the "Green Transition"
- Vicken Cheterian (Geneva): The EU's Eastern Neighborhood. Russia, Turkey and Geopolitical Hybridity

19.15: Welcome dinner with conference participants and invited guests at Restaurant Zum Kropf, In Gassen 16, 8001 Zürich

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 2022

Location: University of Zurich Room KOL-G-217

9.15-11.00

Panel 2: Russia, the EU and Eastern Europe

Chair: Jeronim Perović (Zurich)

- Cornelia Sahling (Dresden): Central Banking in EU-Russia Relations: Rethinking the Politics of Monetary Sovereignty
- Ruben Elamiryan (Yerevan): Russia in the EaP Region. Interests, Aspirations, and Potential for Cooperative Coexistence
- Nikolett Garai & Máté Szalai (Budapest): Eastern European Small States in the New Competition Between Great Powers – Balancing Between Leverage and Security

11.00-11.15 Break

11.15-13.00

Panel 3: Perspectives from the Region on Europe (I)

Chair: Vicken Cheterian (Geneva)

- Lia Tsuladze (Tbilisi): Euro-Optimism Intertwined with Pragmatism in the Elite and Popular Discourses on Georgia's Europeanization
- Nora Gevorgyan (Yerevan): The Arduous Path of Armenia's European Integration. From Civilizational Choice to U-Turn
- Rustam Anshba (Sukhum): Georgian-Abkhaz Relations in the Context of the New Regional Realities
- Louise Amoris (Brussels): Liminality and Armenia. A Bridge Between the EU and Russia?

13.00-14.30 Lunch at ETH Dozentenfoyer

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14.30-16.00

Panel 4: Perspectives from the Region on Europe (II)

Chair: Ruben Elamiryan (Yerevan)

- Armen Ashotyan (Yerevan): "EU in Changing Geopolitical Landscape of the South Caucasus: View from Armenia" (online)
- Nino Gozalishvili (Vienna): "The West" in Georgian Far Right-Transformations and Continuities of the Discourse
- Najmin Kamilsoy (Prague): Perceptions of the EU in Azerbaijan: "Abandoned" Civil Society and Limited Visibility
- Narek Sukiasyan (Yerevan): The Idea of "Europe" in Armenia (online)

16.00-16.15 Break

16.15-18.00

Panel 5: The Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict, and the Role of Europe

Chair: Nada Boškovska (Zurich)

- Karen Mirzoyan (Yerevan): EU, Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, and Regional Developments in the South Caucasus: Prospects for the Future (online)
- Nargiz Hajiyeva (St. Gallen): The EU and Karabakh. Change in Balance of Power and New Status Quo
- Lamiya Panahova (Prague): Perceptions of the European Union's Role in the Peace Process of Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict in Azerbaijan
- Sossi Tatikyan (Yerevan): The Potential EU Involvement in the Nagorno-Karabakh Peace Process in the Aftermath of the 2020 War

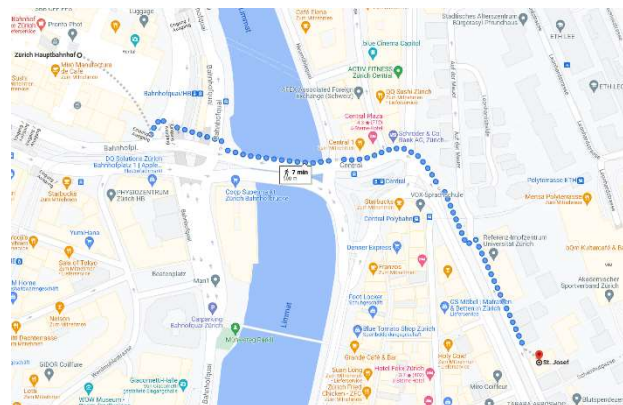
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