The Role of Think Tanks and Technical Experts in Foreign and Security Policy

Friday, 22 April 2016
Sala Colonne, LUISS, Viale Pola 12, Rome

PROGRAMME

09:00 Coffee and Registration

09:20 Welcome speech and opening remarks:
Vincenzo Amendola (Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation)
Sergio Fabbrini (LUISS)
Ferdinando Nelli Feroci (IAI)
Jean-Pierre Darnis (Université Nice Sophia Antipolis)

09:45 First session: Think tanks shaping the international agenda?

Key Note and Chair: Jim McGann, (Upenn)

Gregory Alegi (LUISS): “The Origin of Policy by Other Means– The Moral Hazard of Think Tanks”

David Cadier (Finnish Institute of International Affairs): “From Epistemic Community to Advocacy Coalition? Discourse coalitions, think tanks and the geopoliticisation of the EU’s Eastern Partnership”

Carolina De Stefano and Serena Giusti (SSSA): “Forging Policies Towards Russia: is the Carnegie Moscow Center an Effective Prototype”

Kristina Eichhorst (Konrad Adenauer Stiftung): “The role of the political foundations in Germany and their impact on Germany’s Foreign Policy”


13:00 Buffet Lunch
14:00 Second Session: A Specific Role for Think Tanks in Europe?

Key Note and Chair: Michael Cox (LSE)

Maria Giulia Amadio Viceré (LUISS/King’s College), Erin Montague (King’s College) and Benedict Wilkinson (King’s College): “Bridging the Great Gap: Barriers to Evidence-Based Defence and Security Policy in the EU”


Matthieu Chillaud (Universitè de Montpellier): “The French ‘Method’ by Trial and Error to Promote and Support Think Tanks. Why does France Shilly-shally?”

Olivier Schmitt (University of Southern Denmark): “A tale of two countries: the French and Danish think tanks in comparison”

16:00 Coffee break

16:30 Third Session: “The case of IAI and Italy”

Key Note and Chair: Sergio Fabbrini (LUISS)

Frédéric Attal (Université de Lille): “The Italian Institute of International Affairs First Years: the Spinelli’s Directorship”

Marzia Maccaferri (Goldsmith University of London): “From Intellectual Project to Think-Tank: the Origins of The Istituto Affari Internazionali, its Continuity and Discontinuity”


Mattia Diletti (Università di Roma- La Sapienza): “Think tank mania. An assessment of the Italian think tank environment after the Cold War”

Jean-Pierre Darnis (UNS) and Alessandro Marrone (Università di Roma- La Sapienza): “The Istituto Affari Internazionali as non-state actor for Italy’s foreign policy?”

As discussant: Stefano Silvestri (Former President of IAI and Scientific Advisor on Security and Defence and Asia)

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