

Challenges to European Security: A Transatlantic Perspective

Agenda

Rome, 26 October 2015

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Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs
and International Cooperation

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e della Cooperazione Internazionale*

26 October

8:30 – 9:00 REGISTRATION

9:00-9:30 WELCOME ADDRESS

Welcome address: Representative, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation*
Ettore Greco, Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

9:30-11:15

I SESSION

Fight Against Terrorism: How to Deal with ISIS?

Chair: **Nathalie Tocci**, Deputy Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

Paper-giver: **Omar Ashour**, Senior Lecturer in Middle East Politics and Security Studies, University of Exeter, Exeter

Discussants: **Fatma Ceren Yazgan**, Deputy Director General for Security and Intelligence Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ankara

Aaron Y. Zelin, Founder of Jihadology.net, Richard Borrow Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington DC

Lorenzo Kamel, Postdoc Fellow, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University and Associate Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

OPEN DEBATE

11:15-11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30-13:30

II SESSION

Dealing with the Ukrainian Crisis: A Transatlantic Strategy

Chair: **Nona Mikhelidze**, Senior Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

Paper-giver: **E. Wayne Merry**, Senior Fellow for Europe and Eurasia, the American Foreign Policy Council, Washington DC.

Discussants: **Oleksiy Haran**, Scientific Director of the School for Political Analysis and Professor of the National University of the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kyiv

Sergey Markedonov, Associate Professor at the Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow

Roy Allison, Head of Russian and East European Studies, University of Oxford, Oxford

OPEN DEBATE

13:30-14:30 LUNCH

14:30-16:30

III SESSION

NATO and European Security: Back to the Roots?

- Chair:** **Riccardo Alcaro**, Senior Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome
- Keynote speech:** **Andrew Budd**, Head Defense Capabilities Section, Defense Policy and Planning Division, NATO, Brussels
- Paper-giver:** **Claudia Major**, Senior Associate, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin
- Discussants:** **Olaf Osica**, Executive Director, Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW), Warsaw
Greg Thielmann, Senior Fellow, Arms Control Association, Washington DC.

OPEN DEBATE

16:30-16:45

COFFEE BREAK

16:45-18:30

IV SESSION

Dealing with Uncertainty and Volatility: Challenges and Opportunities for Europe's Energy Security

- Chair:** **Nicolò Sartori**, Senior Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome
- Paper-giver:** **Katja Yafimava**, Senior Fellow, Oxford Institute for Energy Studies (OIES), Oxford
- Discussants:** **David Koranyi**, Director, Eurasian Energy Futures Initiative, Atlantic Council, Washington DC
Valeria Termini, Commissioner of the Italian Regulatory Authority for Electricity and Gas and Vicepresident of the Council of European energy regulators CEER, Rome
Şaban Kardaş, President, Center for Middle Eastern Strategic Studies (ORSAM), Ankara

OPEN DEBATE

18:30

END OF CONFERENCE

* To be confirmed

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