

JEAN MONNET MULTILATERAL RESEARCH NETWORK: THE DIPLOMATIC SYSTEM OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

The Diplomatic System of the European Union: The State of the Art

Initial 'Kickoff' Conference: Burleigh Court, Loughborough University, 4-5 December 2009

PROGRAMME

The aim of this initial conference is to review the field of study on which the project as a whole is based. To be more specific, the aim is to:

- Review existing frameworks for explaining and understanding the diplomatic system of the EU.
- Assess the state of play on the key elements that will feed into later research within the project.
- Identify conceptual and methodological issues that should be considered in the research to be undertaken within the project.

The audience for this initial conference will be invited, and will consist of approximately 25 participants, including: Core project team members; academics from other institutions with expertise in the subject area; officials from national and European institutions; representatives of civil society organisations. Postgraduate students from partner institutions will also be able to attend.

Draft Programme

Day 1: The Context of EU Diplomacy

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| 1400-1530 | Panel Session 1 (3 speakers): The State of the Art in the study of EU diplomacy (to cover both issues in the study of diplomacy more generally and more specific EU-centred questions):

Brian Hocking (Loughborough)
David Spence (European Commission, Geneva)
Rebecca Adler-Nissen (Copenhagen) |
| 1530-1600 | Tea |
| 1600-1730 | Panel Session 2: Institutional Approaches and Developments (led by colleagues from Maastricht, with papers by additional experts):

Sophie Vanhoonacker (Maastricht)
Karolina Pomorska (Maastricht)
Simon Duke (EIPA Maastricht) |
| 1900 | Dinner, followed by after-dinner address by Cesira D'Aniello (Council of the European Union) |

Day 2: Key Elements of EU Diplomacy

0915-1045 The EU's Strategic Diplomacy: Perspectives and Analysis (led by colleagues from Loughborough, with papers by additional experts):

Michael Smith (Loughborough)
David Allen (Loughborough)
Fraser Cameron (EU-Russia Centre)

1045-1115 Coffee

1115-1245 The EU's Structural Diplomacy: Perspectives and Analysis (led by colleagues from KU Leuven, with papers by additional experts):

Stephan Keukeleire (KU Leuven)
Arnout Justaert (KU Leuven)
Patrick Holden (Plymouth)

1300-1400 Lunch

1400-1430 Wrap-up session reviewing the agenda for the activities of the project.

1430 End of Conference/Departure

The report of the conference will be published on the project web site and also form the basis for a policy paper to be produced during February 2009.

Organisers: **Professor Michael Smith and other key staff from Loughborough University: PhD students**