

The Diplomatic System of the European Union: Evolution, Change and Challenges

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PROGRAMME

09.30 - 10.15

Registration/Coffee

10.15 – 10.30

'The Diplomatic System of the European Union: Evolution, Change and Challenges'

Opening Speech

Michael Smith, Professor of European Politics, Jean Monnet Chair, Loughborough University

10.30 - 11.00

Session 1: 'Institutions and Practices in the Diplomatic System of the EU'

This session will present the findings of the research strand on institutional change and development in the EEAS, coordinated by Maastricht University, and will focus on the extent to which 'institutions matter' in the development of EU diplomacy. It will also focus on the changing practices of EU diplomacy in a number of new areas such as public diplomacy.

Chair

Michael Smith, Professor of European Politics, Jean Monnet Chair, Loughborough University

Presenters

Sophie Vanhoonacker, Jean Monnet Professor, Chair in Administrative Governance, Maastricht University

Karolina Pomorska, Assistant Professor, Maastricht University

Simon Duke, Professor at the European Institute of Public Administration, EIPA, Maastricht

11.00 – 12.30

Session 1 - Discussion

Discussants

David Spence, Dinam Research Fellow, London School of Economics

Jan Wouters, Jean Monnet Chair EU and Global Governance, Director, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies

Christian Leffler, Managing Director Americas, European External Action Service

12.30 – 14.00

Standing Lunch

14.00-14.45

Session 2: 'EU Diplomacy in Action: Strategic and Structural Diplomacy'

This session will focus on the findings of the research projects dealing with 'strategic diplomacy' and 'structural diplomacy', coordinated by Loughborough University and University of Leuven. It will present general insights into the nature of these two modes of EU diplomacy, and will focus especially on the case studies of EU relations with the BRIC countries (as 'strategic diplomacy') and EU engagement with Kosovo and the Democratic Republic of Congo (as

'structural diplomacy').

Chair

Sven Biscop, Director, Europe in the World Programme, EGMONT, the Royal Institute for International Relations

Presenters

Michael Smith, Professor of European Politics, Jean Monnet Chair, Loughborough University

David Allen, Professor of European and International Politics, Jean Monnet Chair, Loughborough University

Stephan Keukeleire, Jean-Monnet Chair in European Foreign Policy, University of Leuven; Total Chair of EU Foreign Policy, College of Europe

Arnout Justaert, Researcher, Institute for International and European Policy, University of Leuven

14.45 – 16.15

Session 2 - Discussion

Discussants

Richard Whitman, Professor of Politics and International Relations, University of Kent and Associate Fellow at Chatham House

Steven Everts, Member of Cabinet of Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy / Vice-President of the Commission

Toby Vogel, Reporter, European Voice

16.15-16.30

Tea

16.30 – 17.00

Session 3: 'Challenges of and to EU Diplomacy' (provisional title)

Chair

David Allen, Professor of European and International Politics, Jean Monnet Chair, Loughborough University

Keynote speaker

Robert Cooper, Counsellor in the European External Action Service

17.00-17.30

Session 3 – Q&A

17.30 – 18.30

Reception