Workshop

The role of non-state actors in the EU’s relations with Eastern Europe and Central Asia

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PROGRAMME
VENUE

Maastricht University, Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences
Grote Gracht 80-82, 6211 SZ Maastricht, The Netherlands
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<td>‘The European Union through the eyes of Ukrainian civil society actors: A normative power, a security provider or an alternative pole of attraction?’ (Vera Axyonova, Justus-Liebig Universität, Giessen)</td>
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<td>‘The influence of civil society on the EU’s policy towards Central Asia’ (Fabienne Bossuyt, Ghent University)</td>
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<td>‘How the Ukrainian Diasporic Community in Germany Contributes to the EU’s Policy in its Home Country?’ (Ljudmyla Melnyk; Magdalena Patalong; Julian Plottka and Richard Steinberg; Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin)</td>
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<td>‘Non-governmental organisations as partner of the EU and neighbouring states stakeholders in developing cooperation between EU and Eastern Europe and South Caucasus – How to improve the present situation?’ (Silvo Devetak, University of Maribor)</td>
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<td>‘The role and influence of non-state actors on the shaping of the European Parliament’s policy towards Eastern Partners’ (Myriam Goinard, European Parliament)</td>
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09.00 h – 11.00 h
Panel 2: The role of non-state actors in the EU’s trade, energy and foreign and security policies towards Eastern Europe, the South Caucasus and Central Asia

Chair/Discussants: Giselle Bosse, Maastricht University & Michal Natorski, University of Liège

Papers:
‘German Business Voice in the EU’s Foreign Policy towards Russia and Ukraine’ (Inna Melnykovska, Harvard University)

‘The dark alleys of Euro-Russian energy geopolitics: How commercial interests affect politics, security and solidarity in Europe and the Eastern neighbourhood’ (Anke Schmidt-Felzmann, Swedish Institute of International Affairs)

‘Non-state actors and South Caucasus security: the interaction of the EU and international CSOs’ (Licínia Simão, Coimbra University)

‘Lobbying for visa-free Europe: Influence of non-state actors on EU visa liberalisation with the Eastern neighbours’ (Natalia Shapovalova, University of Warwick)

- - Coffee break - - -

11.20 h – 12.40 h
Panel 3: The role of non-state actors in the EU’s relations with Eastern Europe: The peoples’ dimension

Chair/Discussants: Giselle Bosse, Maastricht University & Michal Natorski, University of Liège

Papers:
‘Civil Society: An instrument for overcoming post-Sovietness in Moldova’ (Dorina Baltag, Loughborough University & Maastricht University)

‘The role of Europarties in the EU’s EaP policy’ (Angelos Chryssogelos, London School of Economics)

‘The European Union and the Young Leaders in the EaP’ (Chiara Loda, Dublin City University)

‘Thinking alone? Experts and Intellectuals in EU-Russia relations’ (Alexander Graef, University of St. Gallen)

12.40 h – 13.10 h
Conclusions by the organisers

- - Light lunch and departure of participants - - -

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