

Young Leaders Study Group on the Future of Europe:
The EU, the West, and the Rest

Fourth Conference

**"The Debate Goes On: Widening vs. Deepening –
Europe between Enlargements"**

Brussels, November 13-18, 2007

Agenda (as of November 19, 2007)

Hotel Manos Premier
Chaussée de Charleroi 100-106, 1060 Brussels
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Tuesday, November 13

Individual arrivals at the Hotel Manos Premier

17.30 Happy hour in the hotel bar

18.30 Bus transfer to dinner

19.00 Opening Dinner

Welcome: **Petra Pissulla**, Dräger Foundation, and **Steven E. Sokol**, American Council on Germany

Bridges and Borders: Enlargement, Neighborhood Policy, and Beyond

Michael Karnitschnig, Speech Writer for Benita Ferrero-Waldner, EU Commissioner for Foreign Affairs and Neighborhood Policy, Brussels

Introduced by **Dr. Oliver Gnad**, Zeit Stiftung

Restaurant "Aux Armes de Bruxelles"
Rue des Bouchers 13, 1000 Brussels (Phone: +32 - 2 - 511 55 50)

23.00 Bus transfer back to the hotel

Wednesday, November 14

Breakfast at the Hotel Manos Premier

08.00 Bus transfer to the EU Commission (TAKE YOUR PASSPORTS WITH YOU!)
Berlaymont Building, 200 Rue de la Loi, Meeting Room 9 (9th floor)

09.00–10.00 ***Globalization: How Europe Projects its Economic Interests in the World***

Peter Mandelson, EU Commissioner for Trade, Brussels

Followed by **Simon Fraser**, Head of Cabinet, EU Commissioner for Trade,
Brussels

Moderated by **Jacob Lund Nielsen**, Partner, cabinet DN sprl

Followed by an internal discussion among members of the Study Group

11.00–12.00 ***The Integration and Disintegration of Europe***

Dr. Heather Grabbe, Member of the Cabinet of Olli Rehn, EU Commissioner for
Enlargement, Brussels

Moderated by **Dr. Elsa Tulmets**, Research Fellow, Institute of International
Relations (IIR)

12.00 Bus transfer back to the hotel

12.30–14.00 Lunch (at the Hotel Manos Premier)

Walk across the street from the Hotel Manos Premier
to the Manos Conference Center

14.00–15.30 ***Poland and the Czech Republic – Putting the Brakes on Europe?***

Janusz Reiter, Former Polish Ambassador to the United States, Washington,
D.C.

Jirí Brodský, Deputy Director, Foreign Affairs Department, Office of the
President of the Czech Republic

Moderated by **Natasha Gitona**, Cabinet - Directorate of General Policy
Questions, Council of Ministers of the European Union, General Secretariat

15.30–16.00 Coffee Break

16.00–17.30 ***Implications of Changes in Leadership in Europe***

Petra Pinzler, DIE ZEIT, Brussels and Berlin

Moderated by **Matthew Kaminski**, Editorial Page Editor, *The Wall Street Journal*

18.30 Bus transfer to dinner

19.00 Dinner

The Return of History

Dr. Robert Kagan, Transatlantic Fellow, The German Marshall Fund of the United States, and Senior Associate, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Brussels

Introduced by **Dr. Jurij Aston**, Personal Advisor to the Federal Commissioner for Human Rights Policy and Humanitarian Aid, Federal Foreign Office

Restaurant "De Ultieme Hallucinatie"
Rue Royale 316, 1210 Brussels (Phone: +32 - 2 - 217 06 14)

22.30 Bus transfer back to the hotel

Thursday, November 15

Breakfast at the Hotel Manos Premier

08.50 Walk across the street from the Hotel Manos Premier to the Manos Conference Center

09.00–10.30 ***European Integration: Two Speeds or the Lowest Common Denominator?***

Dr. Jean Pisani-Ferry, Director, BRUEGEL, Brussels

Moderated by **Dr. Hakan Lucius**, Deputy Head of Division for Turkey, European Investment Bank

10.30–11.00 Coffee Break

11.00–12.30 ***Player or Pawn: The Political Economy of Europe, its Neighbors, and Beyond***

Prof. Dr. Klaus Gretschmann, Director-General, Directorate General C, Council of the European Union, Brussels

Moderated by **Farhad Dilmaghani**, Head of Unit "Corporate Messages", Allianz AG

12.30–14.30 Lunch (at the Hotel Manos Premier)

14.30 Internal Discussion

15.30–16.30 ***Can the EU Digest Further Members? Economic Prospects and Challenges for the EU at 27 and More***

Jörgen Mortensen, Associate Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Policy Studies, Brussels

Moderated by **Turan Sahin**, Managing Director, Procurement and Logistics Center, Siemens s.r.o.

16.30–18.00 ***Europe’s Common Foreign and Security Policy: Scenarios for Military Intervention***

Nicole Gnesotto, former Special Advisor to the General Secretariat of the EU, Brussels

Moderated by **Maj. Scott Pierce**, U.S. Marine Corps; Olmstead Scholar, Koc University and Bogazici University

19.00 Bus transfer to dinner

19.30 Dinner

Restaurant “Les Petits Oignons”
Rue Notre Seigneur 11, 1000 Brussels (Phone: +32 - 2 - 512 47 38)

23.00 Bus transfer back to the hotel

Friday, November 16

Breakfast at the Hotel Manos Premier

08.00 Bus transfer to NATO (TAKE YOUR PASSPORTS WITH YOU!)
NATO Headquarters, Boulevard Léopold III, 1110 Brussels

09.30–10.15 Welcome and briefing by **Dr. Stefanie Babst**, Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Public Diplomacy Communication Coordination

10.15–10.30 Break/refreshments

10.30–11.15 Briefing on Transatlantic Relations by **Michael Ruehle**, Deputy Head, Policy Planning and Speechwriting Section, Private Office of the Secretary General

11.15–11.30 Break

11.30–12.15 Overview of Secretary General's Plans and Priorities by **Hans-Christian von Reibnitz**, Deputy Director, Private Office

12.15–13.00 Wrap-up Session with **Richard Olson**, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Mission to NATO

13.00–14.30 Lunch in the NATO Restaurant with Senior NATO Officials and Diplomats

Informal discussions with members of the International Staff and members of the national delegations

14.30 Trip to Ghent with guided tour

18.30–20.00 Dinner in Ghent

20.00 Bus transfer back to Brussels

21.00 Night owl session with Jacob Lund Nielsen (Rue Luxemburg 18)

Saturday, November 17

Breakfast at the Hotel Manos Premier

09.50 Walk across the street from the Hotel Manos Premier to the Manos Conference Center

10.00–11.30 ***Russia and the West***

Dr. Fraser Cameron, Director, EU-Russia Centre, Brussels

Moderated by **Keit Pentus**, Member of the Estonian Parliament, Tallinn

11.30–13.00 ***Where does the EU want to be in 2020 and how will it get there?***

Robert Cooper, Director-General for External and Politico-Military Affairs, Council of the European Union, Brussels

Moderated by **Dr. Bastian Giegerich**, Research Fellow, International Institute for Strategic Studies

13.00–19.00 Free afternoon

19.00 Walk from the Hotel Manos Premier to dinner

19.15 Closing dinner

Restaurant “Les Salons de l’Atalaide” (Walking distance from the Hotel)
Chaussée de Charleroi 89, 1060 Brussels (Phone: +32 - 2 - 534 64 56)

Sunday, November 18

Breakfast and individual departures