



## **EXECUTIVE TRAINING SEMINAR**

## **GLOBAL GOVERNANCE PROGRAMME**

# ***TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS: PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE***

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## **■ INTRODUCTION**

This Executive Training Seminar will examine the current state of transatlantic relations. The transatlantic alliance between the United States and its European partners has been essential for global peace, security, and stability since the end of World War II. But a number of developments are placing doubts on the centrality of the alliance on both sides of the Atlantic. The U.S. “rebalance” to Asia and the election of Donald Trump have raised questions about America’s commitment to European security. Transatlantic economic relations, including the future of the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP), also reveal differences between the United States and Europe. Bringing together academic specialists, policymakers, and think tank experts, this three-day seminar will offer an in-depth overview of the scale and scope of issues currently facing the transatlantic alliance, and outlines possible measures that the United States and Europe could take to address these challenges. Topics include the future of U.S. grand strategy and its implications for Europe, EU initiatives to build independent security and defense capabilities, transatlantic relations and Russia, transatlantic economic relations, and transatlantic relations in the era of Donald Trump. Through presentations, case studies, and simulations, attendees will gain a greater appreciation and understanding of the complex set of issues currently facing transatlantic relations and the policy responses that will be needed to address these issues.

## ■ DRAFT PROGRAMME

### 7 MAY

- 09.30                      Opening  
**Brigid Laffan** | Director, Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies & Global Governance Programme
- 10.00 - 11.30            U.S. Grand Strategy and Transatlantic Relations: The Case for Restraint (part I)  
**Barry Posen** | Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 11.30 - 12.00            Coffee break
- 12.00 - 13.30            U.S. Grand Strategy and Transatlantic Relations: The Case for Restraint (part II)  
**Barry Posen** | Massachusetts Institute of Technology
- 13.30 - 14.30            Lunch break
- 14.30 - 16.00            U.S. Grand Strategy and Transatlantic Relations: The Case for Engagement (part I)  
**Stephen Brooks** | Dartmouth College
- 16.00 - 16.30            Coffee break
- 16.30 - 18.00            U.S. Grand Strategy and Transatlantic Relations: The Case for Engagement (part II)  
**Stephen Brooks** | Dartmouth College
- 20.00                      Social dinner

### 7 MAY

- 10.00 - 11.30            Transatlantic Relations and EU Security and Defense Policy (part I)  
**Nathalie Tocci** | Special Advisor to the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission Federica Mogherini & Director Istituto Affari Internazionali
- 11.30 - 12.00            Coffee break
- 12.00 - 13.30            Transatlantic Relations and EU Security and Defense Policy (part II)  
**Nathalie Tocci** | Special Advisor to the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice-President of the European Commission Federica Mogherini & Director Istituto Affari Internazionali
- 13.30 - 14.30            Lunch break
- 14.30 - 16.00            Transatlantic Relations in the Era of Donald Trump (part I)  
**Jeremy Shapiro** | European Council on Foreign Relations
- 16.00 - 16.30            Coffee break

16.30 - 18.00 Transatlantic Relations in the Era of Donald Trump (part II)  
**Jeremy Shapiro** | European Council on Foreign Relations

## 9 MAY

10.00 - 11.30 Transatlantic Relations and Russia (part I)  
**Ivan Krastev** | Chairman of the Centre for Liberal Strategies (Sofia) & Permanent Fellow at the Institute for Human Sciences (Vienna)

11.30 - 12.00 Coffee break

12.00 - 13.30 Transatlantic Relations and Russia (part II)  
**Ivan Krastev** | Chairman of the Centre for Liberal Strategies (Sofia) & Permanent Fellow at the Institute for Human Sciences (Vienna)

13.30 - 14.30 Lunch break

14.30 - 16.00 Transatlantic Relations and European Integration (part I)  
**Ulrike Guérot** | Danube University Krems

16.00 - 16.30 Coffee break

16.30 - 18.00 Transatlantic Relations and European Integration (part II)  
**Ulrike Guérot** | Danube University Krems

18.00 Distribution of attendance diploma and farewell cocktail

## ■ SPEAKERS

**Stephen Brooks**

Dartmouth College, United States

**Ulrike Guérot**

Danube University Krems, Austria

**Ivan Krastev**

Centre for Liberal Strategies, Bulgaria & Institute for Human Sciences, Austria

**Barry Posen**

Massachusetts Institute of Technology, United States

**Jeremy Shapiro**

European Council on Foreign Relations, United Kingdom

**Nathalie Tocci**

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