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International Conference
**The EU Enlargement Process and “Post-Accession Syndrome”:
Extremism, Populism and Political Culture in the
EU’s New Member States**
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Conference Venue: European Academy (Europäische Akademie)
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Conference Language: German / English with simultaneous translation

Conference Committee: Dr Heike Dörrenbächer, Director, German Association for East European Studies
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Since EU accession, domestic policy crises have taken shape in several of the new member states, crises which in part dovetail with right-wing populist and Europhobic tendencies. We wish to address the sources of these developments and, above all, to discuss the consequences they could entail not only for future rounds of enlargement but also for co-operation within the EU and European institutions.

Program

WEDNESDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2007

(ON THE RECORD)

18:00 hrs WELCOME ADDRESSES

- **Gernot Erler**, Minister of State at the German Federal Foreign Office / President Southeast Europe Association, Berlin
- **Prof. Dr. Rita Süßmuth**, President German Association for East European Studies, Berlin
- **Dr. Markus Baumanns**, Member of the Board of Directors, The Ebelin and Gerd Bucerius ZEIT Foundation, Hamburg

PANEL DISCUSSION

EXTREME RIGHT WING AND POPULISTIC TENDENCIES IN THE ENTIRE EUROPEAN UNION

Moderation: *Michael Martens*, Correspondent, Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung, Belgrade

- **Prof. Dr. Rita Süßmuth**, President German Association for East European Studies, Berlin
- **Gernot Erler**, Minister of State at the German Federal Foreign Office / President Southeast Europe Association, Berlin
- **Prof. Dr. Frank Decker**, University Bonn

19:30 hrs: RECEPTION

THURSDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2007

(OFF THE RECORD – CHATHAM HOUSE RULES)

PANEL I: ANALYSING THE PHENOMENA OF POLITICAL POST-EU ACCESSION CRISIS IN EASTERN AND SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE
External and Internal Views

09:00 hrs POLAND / CZECH REPUBLIC

Moderation: *Dr. Heike Dörrenbächer*, German Association for East European Studies

09:00 hrs POLAND

- **Prof. Dr. Radosław Markowski**, Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences; Warsaw School of Social Psychology, Warsaw
- **Prof. Dr. Dieter Bingen**, Director, German Poland Institute, Darmstadt

09:45 hrs CZECH REPUBLIC

- *Dr. Volker Weichsel*, Editor, Journal Osteuropa Berlin
- *Mgr. Lukáš Novotný, M.A.*, Institute of Sociology, The Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague

10:30 hrs Coffee Break**11:00 hrs SLOVAKIA / HUNGARY**

Moderation: *Prof. Dr. Heinz-Jürgen Axt*, University Duisburg-Essen / Vice-President Southeast Europe Association, Duisburg

11:00 hrs SLOVAKIA

- *Prof. Dr. Miroslav Kusý*, Founder of the Slovak Helsinki Committee for Human Rights and the Milan Šimečka Foundation / UNESCO Chair for Human Rights in Slovakia, Bratislava
- *Michael Frank*, Correspondent, Süddeutsche Zeitung, Vienna

11:45 hrs HUNGARY

- *Prof. Dr. Attila Ágh*, Corvinus University of Budapest / President of the IDEA Public Administration Reform Project / Director of the Hungarian Centre for Democracy Studies (HCDS) / Head “Together for Europe” Research Centre for EU Studies at Hungarian Academy of Sciences
- *Magdalena Marsovszky, M.A.*, Publicist, Munich

12:30 hrs Lunch**14:00 hrs BULGARIA / ROMANIA**

Moderation: *Dr. Wim van Meurs*, Assoc. Prof., Radboud University Nijmegen

BULGARIA

- *Dr Daniel Smilov* (DPhil, Oxon) Program Director at the Center for Liberal Strategies, Sofia.
- *Alexander Andreev*, Bulgarian Program, Deutsche Welle, Bonn

14:45 hrs ROMANIA

- *Dr Florin Abraham*, National Institute for the Study of Totalitarianism, Bucharest
- *Dr Anneli Ute Gabanyi*, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin

15:30 hrs Coffee Break

16:00 hrs

PANEL II: EU-INTEGRATION AND POLITICAL CULTURE: ASSESSING THE INTERNALISATION OF EXTERNALLY DRIVEN TRANSFORMATION PROCESSES

Moderation: *Dr. Florian Hartleb*, Technical University Chemnitz

- *Dr Kai-Olaf Lang*, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin
- *Prof. Dr. Heinz-Jürgen Axt*, University Duisburg-Essen / Vice-President Southeast Europe Association, Duisburg

17:30 hrs

ADDRESSING THE POST-EU-ACCESSION-SYNDROME: BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL OPTIONS

Dr. Karl-Theodor Freiherr zu Guttenberg, MP, Vice-President Southeast Europe Association, Berlin

18:00 hrs End of the Conference

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