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Ukraine and Beyond:

Is the EU’s Eastern Partnership an effective policy for its neighbours?

The current crisis in Ukraine and Russia’s move to annex Crimea have raised new questions about the adequacy of the EU’s eastern policy and how it can interface with increasingly tense relations with Russia. The current Ukrainian crisis emerged following the decision by former Ukrainian president Victor Yanukovich to step back from signing an Association Agreement with the EU late last year, which elicited protests against the decision in Ukraine, leading to the removal of Yanukovich, installation of a new pro-Western interim government in Ukraine, and the subsequent Russian takeover of Crimea. These events have raised new questions not only about the role of the EU’s eastern policy in the current crisis, but also about the very architecture of the EU’s relations with its eastern neighbours, including Russia.

Initiated in May 2009, the Eastern Partnership (EaP) has been the EU’s key initiative to develop closer relations with its eastern neighbours (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova, and Ukraine). At the same time that the Ukrainian crisis broke out, two of the EU’s other eastern neighbours (Moldova and Georgia) initialed Association Agreements with the EU in November 2013, presenting them with new opportunities and challenges. Against the backdrop of the current situation in Ukraine, this workshop will explore the future of the EU’s policy in its eastern neighbourhood, its impact on relations with Russia, reactions to the Crimean crisis, and adjustments the EU might make to promote the long-term objective of stability and peace in Europe.

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Time: March 31, 2014, 8:45 a.m.-5 p.m.

Location: Senate Room, 6th floor Robertson Hall, Carleton University

8:45 **Opening remarks**

Joan DeBardeleben, Jean Monnet Chair, Carleton University

Andre Plourde, Dean, Faculty of Public Affairs, Carleton University

H.E. Marie-Ann Coninx, Ambassador of the European Union to Canada

9:00 **The EU's Eastern Policy in the Shadow of the Ukrainian/Crimean Crisis**

Chair: Joan DeBardeleben

Richard Tibbels, Head of the Division for the Eastern Partnership, European External Action Service, Brussels

The Eastern Partnership Policy: Successes and Challenges

Olaf Osica, Director, Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW), Warsaw
Geopolitical Factors Affecting the EU's Eastern Partnership Policy

Vaidotas Verba, Ambassador-at-Large; Special Envoy for the Eastern Partnership; Chief Coordinator for the Preparations of the Vilnius Summit
Eastern Partnership beyond the Vilnius Summit – Opportunities and Challenges

10:30 Break

10: 45 **Ukraine and Moldova: Between Crisis and Opportunity**

Chair: Milana Nikolko, Institute of European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, Carleton University

Dominique Arel, Professor and Chair of Ukrainian Studies, University of Ottawa
Ukraine and the EaP

Stanislav Secrieru, Affiliated Expert, Romanian Centre for European Policies, Bucharest
Moldova and the EaP

12:00 **Irina Bolgova**, Senior lecturer, Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO)
Russian Perspectives on the EaP (by videolink)

12:45 Lunch

1:30 **Economic Issues in the EU's Eastern Policy**

Chair: Stephan Schott, School of Public Policy and Administration, Carleton University

Crina Viju, Assistant Professor, Institute of European, Russian, and Eurasian Affairs, Carleton University

EU or Russia? Ukraine's Economic Dilemma

Anatole Boute, Lecturer in Law, University of Aberdeen

Energy Cooperation: Challenges and Opportunities

2:30 Break

2:45 **The EU's Eastern Policy, the Ukrainian/Crimean Crisis, and Relations with Russia**

Chair: Joan DeBardeleben

Susan Stewart, Deputy Head, Eastern Europe and Eurasia Research Division, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Berlin

EaP and the EU-Russian Relationship

Fen Osler Hampson, Chancellor's Professor, Carleton University; Distinguished Fellow and Director, Global Security and Politics – Centre for International Governance Innovation

East-West Relations and the Evolving Situation in Eastern Europe

4:00 **Panel Discussion: Where now?**

Moderator: H.E. Marcin Bosacki, Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to Canada

H.E. Vadym Prystaiko, Ambassador of Ukraine to Canada

H.E. Ala Belevschi, Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova to Canada

H. E. Aleksandre Latsabidze, Ambassador of Georgia to Canada

Richard Tibbels, European External Action Service

5:00 **Close of the Workshop**