

# *Challenges to European Security: A Transatlantic Perspective*

## Agenda

Rome, 26 October 2015

International Conference Hall  
Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs  
and International Cooperation

P.le della Farnesina, 1

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8:30 – 9:00 REGISTRATION

9:00-9:30 WELCOME ADDRESS

**Welcome address:** Representative, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation\*  
**Ettore Greco**, Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

9:30-11:15

### I SESSION

#### *Fight Against Terrorism: How to Deal with ISIS?*

**Chair:** **Nathalie Tocci**, Deputy Director, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

**Paper-giver:** **Omar Ashour**, Senior Lecturer in Middle East Politics and Security Studies, University of Exeter, Exeter

**Discussants:** **Fatma Ceren Yazgan**, Deputy Director General for Security and Intelligence Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ankara

**Aaron Y. Zelin**, Founder of Jihadology.net, Richard Borrow Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington DC

**Lorenzo Kamel**, Postdoc Fellow, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, Harvard University and Associate Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

### OPEN DEBATE

11:15-11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30-13:30

### II SESSION

#### *Dealing with the Ukrainian Crisis: A Transatlantic Strategy*

**Chair:** **Nona Mikhelidze**, Senior Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

**Paper-giver:** **E. Wayne Merry**, Senior Fellow for Europe and Eurasia, the American Foreign Policy Council, Washington DC.

**Discussants:** **Oleksiy Haran**, Scientific Director of the School for Political Analysis and Professor of the National University of the Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Kyiv

**Sergey Markedonov**, Associate Professor at the Russian State University for the Humanities, Moscow

**Roy Allison**, Head of Russian and East European Studies, University of Oxford, Oxford

### OPEN DEBATE

13:30-14:30 LUNCH

14:30-16:30

**III SESSION**

***NATO and European Security: Back to the Roots?***

**Chair:** **Riccardo Alcaro**, Senior Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

**Keynote speech:** **Andrew Budd**, Head Defense Capabilities Section, Defense Policy and Planning Division, NATO, Brussels

**Paper-giver:** **Claudia Major**, Senior Associate, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP), Berlin

**Discussants:** **Olaf Osica**, Executive Director, Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW), Warsaw  
**Greg Thielmann**, Senior Fellow, Arms Control Association, Washington DC.

**OPEN DEBATE**

16:30-16:45

**COFFEE BREAK**

16:45-18:30

**IV SESSION**

***Dealing with Uncertainty and Volatility: Challenges and Opportunities for Europe's Energy Security***

**Chair:** **Nicolò Sartori**, Senior Fellow, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI), Rome

**Paper-giver:** **Katja Yafimava**, Senior Fellow, Oxford Institute for Energy Studies (OIES), Oxford

**Discussants:** **David Koranyi**, Director, Eurasian Energy Futures Initiative, Atlantic Council, Washington DC

**Valeria Termini**, Commissioner of the Italian Regulatory Authority for Electricity and Gas and Vicepresident of the Council of European energy regulators CEER, Rome

**Şaban Kardaş**, President, Center for Middle Eastern Strategic Studies (ORSAM), Ankara

**OPEN DEBATE**

18:30

**END OF CONFERENCE**

\* To be confirmed

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