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TEPSA AT 50 THE PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE OF PAN-EUROPEAN KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGES

JIM CLOOS

TEPSA Secretary-General



Jim Cloos is TEPSA Secretary-General and a high-ranking European official of longstanding esteem. He took a key role in drafting the Maastricht Treaty during the Luxembourgish Presidency in 1991, served at the European Commission, including as Head of Cabinet to President Jacques Santer, and was a close collaborator of High Representative Javier Solana in shaping the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy. Before his election as TEPSA Secretary-General, he served as Deputy Director General for General and Institutional Policy at the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union. Mr. Cloos will give welcoming remarks in the conference's first session "TEPSA at 50: the Past, Present, and Future of Pan-European Knowledge Exchanges".

WOLFGANG WESSELS

fmr. Chairman of the TEPSA Board



Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Wessels is Honorary Board Member of TEPSA, having been its Chairperson between 1995 and 2016. He is a visiting professor at the College of Europe, the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna and the Turkish-German University. He is the Chairperson of the Executive Board of the Institut für Europäische Politik (IEP, Berlin). Dr. Wessels specialises on the European Council's roles and EU-Turkey relations. Prof. Dr. Wessels will reflect on TEPSA's role in pan-European exchanges during the conference's first session "TEPSA at 50: the Past, Present, and Future of Pan-European Knowledge Exchanges".

GODELIEVE WESTLAKE-VANDAMME

Representative of the Vandamme family



Godelieve Westlake-Vandamme is an artist, daughter of Jacques Vandamme, former TEPSA Chairperson and one of its first members. Jacques Vandamme's contribution to the European project has been enormous, as Head of Division in the Commission of the European Communities (1960-73), Adviser of the Belgian Prime Minister Leo Tindemans (1974-77), and as a scholar. In particular, he contributed to the preparation of the "Tindemans report" on the European Union (1975), which set the basis for the European Union as it was developed in the following decades. Mrs. Westlake-Vandamme will speak about Jacques Vandamme and the founding of TEPSA during the conference's first session "TEPSA at 50: the Past, Present, and Future of Pan-European Knowledge Exchanges".

50 YEARS OF THE EUROPEAN COUNCIL

Moderated by: Jim Cloos



HERMAN VAN ROMPUY

*fmr. Prime Minister of Belgium,
fmr. President of the European Council*

Herman Van Rompuy has been Prime Minister of Belgium (2008-2009) and the first permanent President of the European Council (2009-2014). He played a key role in the EU's response to the sovereign debt crisis, threats to the survival of the single currency, international crises, and the major debates on the way forward for European integration. Pres. Van Rompuy will speak on his extensive experience in the European Council during the panel "50 Years of the European Council".



ENRICO LETTA

fmr. Prime Minister of Italy

Enrico Letta was Prime Minister of Italy between April 2013 and February 2014. Since April 2014, he has been a Professor at Sciences-Po (Institut d'Etudes politiques de Paris) in Paris. A year later, he founded the School of Politics named after Beniamino Andreatta and became President of the "Jacques Delors Institut - NOTRE EUROPE", a think tank founded by former European Commission President Jacques Delors. As of 14 March 2021, he is the Secretary of the Democratic Party. Mr. Letta will speak on his experience in the European Council during the panel "50 Years of the European Council".



ILKE TOYGÜR (Discussant)

*Director, Global Policy Center,
School of Politics, Economics and
Global Affairs, IE University*

Dr. Ilke Toygür is Director of the Global Policy Center (GPC) and Professor of Geopolitics of Europe. She is also a Senior Associate with the CSIS Europe Program and a professor at the University Carlos III of Madrid teaching courses on European (geo)politics. She also serves as a TEPSA Board Member. Dr. Toygür will give her expert perspective on the role of the European Council during the panel "50 Years of the European Council".



SOPHIE PORNSCHLEGEL (Discussant)

*Director of Studies and Development,
Europe Jacques Delors*

Sophie Pornschlegel is Director of Studies and Development at Europe Jacques Delors. Previously, she worked as a Senior Policy Analyst at the European Policy Centre and was project lead for "Connecting Europe", a network of civil society organisations working closely with Stiftung Mercator. Sophie Pornschlegel will give her expert perspective on the role of the European Council during the panel "50 Years of the European Council".

THE FUTURE OF EU ENLARGEMENT

Moderated by: Mariam Khotenashvili

MARYEM VAN DEN HEUVEL

*Director-General for External Relations,
General Secretariat of the Council*

Maryem van den Heuvel is Director-General for External Relations in the General Secretariat of the Council. DG RELEX provides policy support to the European Council and its president in the areas of the EU's external relations and international summits. It assists and advises the Council, the Council presidency and the High Representative in his capacity as President of the Foreign Affairs Council.

ANNA JAROSZ-FRIIS

*Director of Ukraine Service & Acting Head of Unit of
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Anna Jarosz-Friis is Director of the Ukraine Service and Acting Head of Unit of the Secretariat of the Donor Coordination Platform at the Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement (DG NEAR). By implementing assistance actions in Europe's eastern and southern neighbourhood, DG NEAR supports reform and democratic consolidation, and strengthens the prosperity, stability and security around Europe.

JEAN-LOUIS DE BROUWER

*Director of European Affairs Programme,
Egmont Institute*

Jean-Louis De Brouwer joined Egmont Institute in October 2019, after retiring from the European Commission where, as a director, he was successively in charge of immigration, asylum, visas and border policies (DG JUST), the implementation of the EU2020 agenda and employment policies (DG EMPL) and humanitarian aid operations and policies (DG ECHO). Mr. de Brouwer is also the author of the Belgian chapter of TEPSA's latest book "Enlargement and the Future of Europe: Views from the Capitals".

GISELLE BOSSE

Associate Professor, Maastricht University

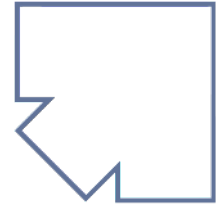
Dr. Giselle Bosse is Associate Professor and Jean Monnet Chair in EU International Relations at the Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences, Maastricht University. She is also a Fellow at the European Democracy Hub in Brussels. Dr. Bosse's research focuses on EU relations with countries in the post-Soviet area, EU democracy promotion through the European Neighbourhood Policy (ENP) and the Eastern Partnership (EaP), with an emphasis on EU policies towards Belarus and other autocratic regimes in the region.

MARIAM KHOTENASHVILI

*TEPSA Executive Director
Moderator*

Mariam Khotenashvili is TEPSA Executive Director. Among other responsibilities, she is responsible for the daily management of the association. She contributes to the coordination of the biannual TEPSA Pre-Presidency Conferences and hosts the EuropeChats series. Her background combines research coordination, policy advocacy, project management and academic work. Her fields of expertise include EU foreign and development policies and in particular the European Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement policy.

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The Trans European Policy Studies Association (TEPSA) was established in 1974 as the first transnational research network in the field of EU affairs. It comprises leading research institutes throughout Europe, with an office in Brussels. Its aim is to provide high-quality research on European integration to stimulate discussion on policies and political options for Europe. This is achieved by the interaction between the European and national institutions as well as the academic and research community. TEPESA is active on a wide range of research topics, focusing on differentiated integration, the EU's external relations, democratic participation and citizens' engagement.

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