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## **International Symposium The Future of Australia-EU Relations: Synergies and Shared Concerns**

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**Auditorium, Avenue des Arts/Kunstlaan 56, Brussels 1000  
Brussels**

### **Program**

<b>Time</b>	
<b>8:45 – 9:00</b>	<b>Registration</b>
<b>9:00 – 9:05</b>	<b>Welcome and Opening Address</b>  Professor Philomena Murray, Jean Monnet Chair <i>ad personam</i> and Dr Margherita Matera, The University Melbourne
<b>9:05 – 10:05</b>	<b>Session 1: Enhancing EU-Australia Engagement</b>  Chair and Discussant: Professor Philomena Murray, The University of Melbourne  H.E. Justin Brown, Australian Ambassador to Belgium, Luxembourg and the European Union and NATO: <i>Prospects for Australia's relations with the EU</i>  Ms Paola Pampaloni, European External Action Service: <i>Implementing the new framework of EU-Australia relations: ways for increasing bilateral cooperation</i>
<b>10:05 – 11:15</b>	<b>Session 2: Strengthening the International Trading System</b>  Chair and Discussant: Mr Tobias Gehrke, Egmont  Prof Richard Pomfret, The University of Adelaide: <i>Convergence of EU and Australia views on the international trading system in the 21st century</i>  Dr. Evita Schmieg, Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik: <i>Challenges in the multilateral trading system</i>

	<p>Dr Lachlan McKenzie, Australia New Zealand School of Government and Dr Evgeny Postnikov, The University of Melbourne: <i>The EU and Australian Approaches Towards Trade Bilateralism: Discrepancies and Potential Synergies</i></p>
<b>11:15 – 11:30</b>	<b>Morning Tea</b>
<b>11:30 – 12:50</b>	<p><b>Session 3: The Australia-EU Free Trade Agreement</b></p> <p>Chair and Discussant: Mr. Jason Collins, European Australia Business Council</p> <p>Dr Maria Garcia, University of Bath: <i>Divergent approaches to regulation as a challenge to EU-Australia FTA negotiations</i></p> <p>Mr Hosuk Lee-Makiyama, European Centre for International Political Economy: <i>Australia in the EU's roadmap for Asia</i></p> <p>Ms Helen Stylianou, Australian Embassy to Belgium and Luxembourg and Australian Mission to the European Union and NATO, Brussels: <i>The Australia-EU FTA: the Australian perspective</i></p> <p>Dr. Christian Burgsmüller, Directorate General Trade, the European Commission: <i>The EU-Australia FTA as part of the larger EU trade agenda</i></p> <p>Ms. Iana Dreyer, Borderlex: <i>The changing politics and policy of EU trade - implications for Australia</i></p>
<b>12:50 – 13:20</b>	<b>Lunch</b>
<b>13:20 – 14:30</b>	<p><b>Session 4: Tackling Regional and Global Security Challenges</b></p> <p>Chair and Discussant: Dr Alica Kizekova, Institute of International Relations</p> <p>Ms. Cindy Rose, Australian Embassy to Belgium and Luxembourg and Australian Mission to the European Union and NATO, Brussels: <i>Australia and the EU: working together in a challenging global environment</i></p> <p>Mr Jaap Ora, European External Action Service: <i>The benefits of EU-Australia security partnership</i></p> <p>Dr Bruno Hellendorf, Egmont: <i>Delivering on maritime security and nuclear non-proliferation cooperation between the EU and Australia</i></p> <p>Dr Margherita Matera, The University of Melbourne: <i>Enhancing EU-Australia security cooperation</i></p>
<b>14:30 – 15:45</b>	<p><b>Session 5: Opportunities for Regional and Multilateral Engagement: the EU, Australia and Asia</b></p> <p>Chair and Discussant: Dr Lachlan McKenzie, Australia New Zealand School of Government</p> <p>Professor Sven Biscop, Egmont: <i>Strategy options for the EU-and Australia in the light of US-China Rivalry</i></p> <p>Dr Isaac Kfir, Australian Strategic Policy Institute: <i>Australia and the EU: Shared interests in humanitarianism, the case of the Pacific</i></p> <p>Dr. Elena Atanassova-Cornellis, University of Antwerp: <i>Geopolitical trends in the Asia-Pacific</i></p> <p>Dr. Nicola Casarini, Istituto Affari Internazionali: <i>Opportunities for EU-Australia regional engagement in light of China's assertiveness and evolving dynamics in the Indo-Pacific</i></p>

<b>15:45 – 16:00</b>	<b>Afternoon Tea</b>
<b>16:00 – 16:30</b>	<p>Session 6: Climate Change and Environmental Issues</p> <p>Chair and Discussant: Daniel Waterschoot, DG Clima, European Commission</p> <p>Professor Sebastian Oberthür, Vrije Universiteit Brussel: <i>EU-Australia Relations on Climate Change and Energy: Status and Future Prospects</i></p> <p>Dr. Ursula Fuentes Hutfilter, Murdoch University and Climate Analytics: <i>Climate change policy – Challenges and opportunities for Australia and the EU</i></p>
<b>16:30 – 17:00</b>	<p><b>Session 7: Research and Educational Collaboration</b></p> <p>Chair and Discussant: Professor Louis Brennan, Trinity College Dublin</p> <p>Dr. Alex Cooke, Australian Embassy to Belgium and Luxembourg and Australian Mission to the European Union and NATO, Brussels: <i>How Australian researchers collaborate with Europe on science, research and innovation</i></p> <p>Dr. Theodore Papazoglou, Head of Unit, European Research Council Executive Agency</p>
<b>17:00pm – 17:45</b>	<p><b>Session 8: Round Table: Synergies and Shared Concerns: Where to from here?</b></p> <p>Chair: Dr Margherita Matera, The University of Melbourne</p> <p>Dr Fabian Zuleeg, European Policy Centre: <i>Trade and investment: the EU-Australia economic relationship beyond Brexit</i></p> <p>Ms Shada Islam, Friends of Europe: <i>How the EU and Australia can work together for improved global governance</i></p> <p>Professor Philomena Murray, The University Melbourne; <i>Towards closer engagement: regional cooperation and linkages</i></p>
<b>17:45 – 18:30</b>	<b>Reception</b>