



Tuesday, 5 December 2023 | 13.30 – 20.00

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Parc du Cinquanteaire 11
1000 Brussels

PROGRAMME

13.30 Registration and Welcome Coffee

14.00 Welcome Speech

Brigid Laffan, President, European Policy Centre

14.10 First Keynote

Kiril Petkov, Former Prime Minister of Bulgaria and Co-leader, We Continue the Change Party

14.30 Second Keynote

Oliver Röpke, President, European Economic and Social Committee

14.45 EPC Conversation

Nathalie Tocci, Director, International Affairs Institute

Ambassador João Vale de Almeida, Senior Adviser for Global Affairs and Transatlantic Relations, European Policy Centre & Visiting Fellow at Trinity College, University of Cambridge

Méabh McMahon, European Affairs Correspondent, Euronews (Moderator)

15.15 Panel I: 'EU and geopolitics: What are the challenges?'

Ricardo Borges de Castro, Associate Director and Head of the Europe in the World Programme, European Policy Centre

Sophia Gaston, Head of Foreign Policy and UK Resilience, Policy Exchange Think Tank

Heather Grabbe, Senior Fellow at Bruegel & Visiting Professor at University College London

Aleksandra Wiśniewska, Member of the Polish Parliament, Civic Coalition Alliance

Méabh McMahon, European Affairs Correspondent, Euronews (Moderator)



16.00 Coffee Break

16.20 EPC Conversation

Simon Nixon, Independent Journalist, Former Chief European Commentator, The Wall Street Journal & Chief Leader Writer and Columnist, The Times

Katrin Pribyl, EU Correspondent, Correspondent's Network Reportois

Garvan Walshe, Head of Communications, European Policy Centre (Moderator)

16.50 Panel II: 'EU and geopolitics: What are the opportunities?'

Georg Riekeles, Associate Director and Head of the Europe's Political Economy Programme, European Policy Centre

Paul Timmers, Research Associate, University of Oxford

Elizabeth Kuiper, Associate Director and Head of the Social Europe and Well-being Programme, European Policy Centre

Lídia Pereira, Member of the European Parliament, Group of the European People's Party

Méabh McMahon, European Affairs Correspondent, Euronews (Moderator)

17.35 Closing Remarks

Brigid Laffan, President, European Policy Centre

Fabian Zuleeg, Chief Executive and Chief Economist, European Policy Centre

18.00 Reception and Posters Presentation

20.00 The End