



Programme

Civil society's roles in global governance

A joint seminar of the EUISS, the European Commission / DG Research
and UNU-CRIS

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Venue :

European Commission / Center Borchette (CCAB), Brussels

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

The Conference intends to provide a forum for dialogue between researchers, civil society organisations and policymakers on the changing role of civil society and its mobilisation in relation to global governance issues and processes.

While mobilisations during events such as the Copenhagen Conference on climate change, G8 and G20 meetings, trade negotiations are quite visible, their causes and impacts are not yet well understood. In addition, the less visible but nevertheless important role of civil society organisations in the preparation and implementation of international agreements on areas ranging from human rights protection, to peace making, fair trade, environment and health protection should be further highlighted. Last but not least, the role of civil society organisations from both industrialised and emerging countries and powers is one of the salient aspects of the working of multilateral agreements in a 'multipolar' world.

08:30-9:00 *Registration*

09:00-09:15 **Opening:**

Jean-Michel Baer, European Commission, Directorate General for Research,
Director Science, Economy and Society

09:15-10:30 **Session 1: Introductory session**

**"Recent trends in global governance: the global impact of civil society, from
local and national to transnational."**

Chair: **Luk Van Langenhove**, UNU-CRIS, Bruges

- **Jan A. Scholte**, Warwick University, Warwick

- **Martin Westlake**, Secretary General, European Economic and Social Committee,
Brussels

- **Deng Zhenglai**, Fudan University, China

10:30 -10:45 *Coffee*

10:45-12:30

Session 2:

"Case Study: climate change negotiations after Copenhagen. States, civil society and multilateral institutions: the need for a new 'equation'?"

Chair: **Sebastian Oberthür**, Institute for European Studies, VUB, Brussels

- **Tom Burke**, Chief Executive, E3G (Third Generation Environmentalism), London
- **Matthias Duwe**, Director Climate Action Network, Brussels
- **Joan Martínez Alier**, Autònoma University of Barcelona

12:30-14:00

Lunch and luncheon speech:

"Civil Society and Security Politics: From Landmines to Global Zero Campaigns"

Speaker: **Keith Krause**, Director, Centre on Conflict, Development and Peace building, Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies, Geneva

Moderator: **Jean Pascal Zanders**, Senior Research Fellow, EUISS, Paris

14:00 -15:30

Session 3:

"Case Study: civil society and human rights protection in relation to global issues"

Chair: **Véronique Arnault**, European Commission, DG External Relations

- **Wolfgang Benedek**, University of Graz
- **Tapan Kumar Bose**, South Asia Forum for Human Rights, Kathmandu
- **Jutta Gützkow**, Council of Europe, Strasbourg

15:30-15:45

Coffee

15:45-17:00 **Session 4:**
"Civil society's legitimacy & accountability revisited: new frontiers of NGOs, QUANGOs and non-state actors' networks."

Chair: **Jean-Michel Baer**, European Commission, DG Research, Brussels

- **Mario Pianta**, Urbino University and CNR, Rome

- **William W. Burke-White**, Office of Foreign Policy Planning, US State Department, Washington

- **Balveer Arora**, Fmr Professor of Political Science & Rector, Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi , India

17:00-18:00 **Concluding Round Table:**
"Transnational civil society: lessons learned and prospects in a multipolar world."

Chair: **Álvaro de Vasconcelos**, Director, EU Institute for Security Studies (EUISS), Paris

- **Francis Ikome**, Institute for Global Dialogue, Mitrand, South Africa

- **Andrew F. Cooper**, Distinguished Fellow, Centre for International Governance Innovation (CIGI), Waterloo (Ontario), Canada

- **Nicola Harrington**, Director, UN and UNDP Office in Brussels, Belgium

Discussant: **Raffaele Marchetti**, *rapporteur*

Workshop Rapporteur:

Raffaele Marchetti, Scientific Coordinator, FP6 European Project SHUR, Human Rights in Conflicts: The Role of Civil Society, LUISS, Rome

Conference organisers:

Angela Liberatore (European Commission/DG RTD),

Alvaro de Vasconcelos and **David Fajoles** (EU-Institute for Security Studies),

Luk Van Langehove (UNU-CRIS)

<p>The workshop will be preceded by a Welcome Dinner on 30 September 2010 starting at 18.30 at the Restaurant l'Atelier, Brussels, with a Welcome speech by Alvaro de Vasconcelos.</p>
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