

THESEUS Summer School 2008
“EU’s role in the world – what priorities? Revisiting the European Security Strategy”
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Report

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I. Aims

The THESEUS Summer Schools try to bring together young excellent European professionals and researchers to exchange views and analysis on future European challenges. The aim of the summer schools is to enhance interdisciplinary understanding and co-operation among different society actors throughout Europe. Within this framework - and according to the vocation of THESEUS - the summer schools present furthermore a special Franco-German focus on each year’s topic to discuss and explore the role and future of the Franco-German relationship.

II. Target Groups (see ANNEX I)

The summer school aimed at participants dealing in their professional or academic life with European Union affairs and/or European foreign and security policy. The professions targeted particularly were public administrations, diplomatic services, NGOs, national ministries, interest groups and media. The organisers favoured a balanced mix of national, cultural and professional backgrounds.

III. Programme Content (see ANNEX II)

The summer school tried to analyse the EU’s role as a “global actor”, to assess the European Security Strategy and the uncertain future for the new institutional parameters foreseen by the Lisbon Treaty and to elaborate advice for the future of the Security Strategy and EU external action.

The summer school applied an analytical and theory led, as well as a normative approach, inviting main political decision-makers, civil servants and experts.

The “Programme Highlights” during the week were amongst others:

- The keynote speech on “The future of EU enlargement” of Commissioner **Olli Rehn**, responsible for Enlargement. The event was chaired by Wolfgang Wessels.

The Commissioner stressed, that enlargement policy was a very successful part of the EU foreign policy and of domestic policies in the last 10-15 years. The no-vote of Ireland on the Lisbon Treaty (similar to the case in 2005) presented a challenging situation concerning enlargement – especially in the case of the candidate countries Croatia or Turkey. After his speech the Commissioner answered questions from the audience, most of them regarding the future of the candidates and especially the Western Balkans.

- The Lunch debate with **Jamie Shea**, Director of Policy Planning in the Private Office of the Secretary General, NATO on “EU foreign and security policy seen from NATO”.

In an open and informal atmosphere the participants got the opportunity to debate with Jamie Shea, sometimes cited as “the voice of NATO”. Shea described the current relationship between the EU and NATO as a ‘frozen conflict’ and highlighted the need for a better cooperation and more coordination due to a lack of strategic coherence. With his long experience in NATO-EU relations and in foreign and security issues he could offer the participants a very interesting inside view.

- The presence of **Jolyon Howorth** (Jean Monnet Professor of European Politics at the University of Bath; Visiting Professor of Political Science and International Affairs, Yale University) during the school as *THESEUS Resident Researcher*.

Howorth took part in the opening panel on “EU’s role in the world: Key challenges and priorities?” and lectured on “Revisiting the European Security Strategy – challenges and objectives” where he summarized the changes in EU foreign and security policy since 2003 and outlined the forthcoming objectives. In his lecture on “Transatlantic security and defence cooperation – the agenda for the incoming US presidency” he underlined the need of a new strategic partnership with the United States.

Together with Wolfgang Wessels he analysed and commented the THESEUS declaration, which he found an excellent document.

Beyond his own teaching he advised the students during the working groups as well as on an individual basis.

Sessions accompanying the main programme:

- **Working groups**

These sessions were designed to give the students the possibility to bring in their own expertise and opinion on the subject and to get to know the difficulties of a compromise situation.

Before the start of the summer school the participants had been given literature to prepare and they were asked themselves to send in material potentially interesting to all participants.

The objective of each working group was to draft a declaration or policy paper revisiting the European Security Strategy of 2003 and to come up with a common document at the end of the summer school.

- **Lunch and dinner speeches**

They added a different perspective or insight from an expert or professional to each day's overall topic, providing the forum for a relaxed and personal discussion with the speaker.

The summer school closed with the presentation and discussion of the THESEUS declaration and a closing panel summing up the questions raised during the week.

IV. Staff

The project manager and another researcher from the THESEUS team (from the University of Cologne) prepared and led the working groups and were present to accompany the students.

A member of staff of TEPSA as well as a student assistant assured part time the organisational back-up.

V. Evaluation (See ANNEX III)

The students filled in an anonymous evaluation form. They had furthermore the possibility to give their opinion during an open discussion in presence of the two working group leaders, starting with a 'tour de table'.

Altogether the evaluation was very positive. All students greeted the high quality of the speakers. They appreciated their diversity and the balance between academics, practitioners and high-level political decision makers.

The participants found the debates and discussions amongst each other and with the lecturers enriching and constructive for their own work back home. The contribution of Prof. Howorth as *THESEUS Resident Researcher* was also highlighted as very helpful and enriching.

They stressed that the working groups' structure had been very good and that they appreciated to work themselves on a document during the week. They found it very interesting to do an exercise close to political reality.

While some thought the programme had been too “packed”, others underlined that they had appreciated the intensity of the programme, especially regarding the fact that they needed to halt their own work for one week in order to come.

The participants underlined that the literature portal created in advance had been very helpful, one suggested indicating special literature for each of the lectures.

All of them would recommend attending a THESEUS summer school to others.

**ANNEX I
PARTICIPANTS**

	Name	Function
1.	Cadier, David	PHD Student, Sciences Po, Paris
2.	Dalla Costa, Joao Marcelo	PHD Student, University of Tübingen
3.	De Rougé, Guillaume	PHD Student, University of Paris III – Sorbonne Nouvelle
4.	Filcheva, Marina	Student, Master in Advanced European and International Studies, IEHEI, Nice
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9.	Koepf, Tobias	Research Assistant & PHD Student, SWP, Berlin
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12.	Papanikolaou, Irene	Consultant, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Rome
13.	Pohl, Anna-Lena	PHD Student, Humboldt University, Berlin
14.	Pohl, Benjamin	PHD Researcher, University of Leiden
15.	Schiltz, Kaspar	Scientific Assistant & PHD Student, University of St. Gallen
16.	Senator, Piotr	Student, College of Europe, Bruges
17.	Sitar, Oliver	Official, European Commission, Brussels
18.	Voss, Matthieu	PHD Student, University of Potsdam
19.	Zhang, Hongyu	Student, Research Master in European politics and society, Sciences Po, Paris
20.	Zwolski, Kamil	PHD Student and Lecturer/Tutor, University of Salford

ANNEX II OVERVIEW PROGRAMME

Sunday, 29 June 2008

Introductory session Working Groups (Ingrid Bozin, Wiebke Dreger, Anja Thomas)

Guided tour “Royal Brussels”

Opening Session: The EU as a global actor: still a civilian or just yet a full instrumental power? (Christian Franck, Institut d'études européennes and Jean Monnet Chair for Political Science, Université catholique de Louvain)

Monday, 30 June 2008

Opening Panel: EU's role in the world: Key challenges and priorities?

(Chair and introduction: Wolfgang Wessels, Jean Monnet Chair for Political Science, University of Cologne; Gianni Bonvicini, Executive Vice President, Istituto Affari Internazionali, Rome; Geoffrey Edwards, Jean Monnet Chair of European Studies, Director of Jean Monnet European Centre of Excellence, Cambridge University; Gunilla Herolf, Senior Guest Researcher, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute; Jolyon Howorth, Jean Monnet Professor of European Politics at the University of Bath, Visiting Professor of Political Science and International Affairs, Yale University - *THESEUS Resident Researcher*)

Lunch debate: The French presidency and CFSP (Philippe de Schoutheete, Director, European Affairs Programme, Egmont Institute, formerly Permanent Representative of Belgium to the European Union, Brussels)

Revisiting the European Security Strategy – challenges and objectives (Jolyon Howorth, Jean Monnet Professor of European Politics at the University of Bath, Visiting Professor of Political Science and International Affairs, Yale University - *THESEUS Resident Researcher*)

Keynote Speech: The future of EU enlargement (Olli Rehn, Member of the European Commission, responsible for Enlargement; Chair: Prof. Dr. Wolfgang Wessels, Jean Monnet Chair for Political Science, University of Cologne)
(Event in cooperation with the Trans European Policy Studies Association)

Tuesday, 1 July 2008

Keynote speech: Democracy and EU Foreign Policy (Jacek Saryusz-Wolski, Member of the European Parliament, Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs; Chair: Graham Avery, Secretary General of TEPSA, Honorary Director General, European Commission, Brussels)

The institutional future of CFSP and ESDP: what next? (Elfriede Regelsberger, Vice-Director, Institut für Europäische Politik, Berlin)

Working groups

Economic consequences of globalisation (Jacques Le Cacheux, Director of the studies department, Observatoire français des conjonctures économiques (OFCE), Sciences Po Paris; University of Pau and Pays de l'Adour)

Wednesday, 2 July 2008

Transatlantic security and defence cooperation – the agenda for the incoming US presidency (Jolyon Howorth, Jean Monnet Professor of European Politics at the University of Bath, Visiting Professor of Political Science and International Affairs, Yale University - *THESEUS Resident Researcher*)

Working groups

Lunch debate: Europe's future foreign service: what next? (Sir Brian Crowe, Deputy Chairman of Chatham House, London, Formerly Director General for External and Politico-Military Affairs at the Council of Ministers, Brussels (1994-2002); Chair: Dr. Antonio Missiroli, Director of Studies, European Policy Centre)
(Event in cooperation with the Trans European Policy Studies Association)

Effective Multilateralism and strategic partnerships (Antonio Missiroli, Director of Studies, European Policy Centre)

Panel: The EU's relationship with other regional regimes and groups of states (Karl Buck, Head of Division, Division for Latin America, Caribbean, General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union; Patrick Müller, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, SWP, Berlin)

Thursday, 3 July 2008

Peace and Stability in Europe: the case of Kosovo (Stefan Lehne, Director, Directorate for Western Balkans region, Eastern Europe and Central Asia, General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union)

Enlargement Strategy and Neighbourhood Policy (Anne-Marie Le Gloannec, Centre d'études et de recherches internationales (CERI), Sciences Po Paris - *THESEUS Visiting Professor at the University of Cologne, Spring Semester 2008*)

Lunch debate: EU foreign and security policy seen from NATO (Jamie Shea, Director of Policy Planning in the Private Office of the Secretary General, North Atlantic Treaty Organisation)

External action and justice and home affairs (Jörg Monar, Marie Curie Chair of Excellence, Robert Schuman University, Strasburg, Director of the EU-funded SECURINT project on EU internal security governance)

Working Groups

Dinner debate: Implementing the European Security Strategy – a re-examination with 4 years of experience (Michael Dóczy, Coordination team of the Director, Policy Unit, General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union)

Friday, 4 July 2008

Unity in diversity: France and Germany in the European Union? Visions of European Foreign Policy in France and Germany (Ronja Kempin, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, SWP, Berlin)

Working Groups

Lunch Debate: The French Presidency (Gautier Mignot, Counsellor (Antici, COREPER II), Permanent Representation of France to the European Union)

Presentation of the “THESEUS policy paper” by students

Closing Panel: The EU in the world – actor or extra? Revisiting the European Security Strategy (Jolyon Howorth, Jean Monnet Professor of European Politics at the University of Bath, Visiting Professor of Political Science and International Affairs, Yale University - *THESEUS Resident Researcher*; Chair: Wolfgang Wessels, Jean Monnet Chair for Political Science, University of Cologne)

Saturday, 7 July 2007

Breakfast and evaluation

ANNEX III EVALUATION

