Thursday, 1 December 2022
EPC JUBILEE CONFERENCE
The EU’s Reckoning with Power

PROGRAMME

08.15 Welcome Coffee

09.00 Welcome & scene-setting
Fabian Zuleeg, Chief Executive, European Policy Centre

09.10 The Reins of Power
Herman Van Rompuy, President of the EPC

09.20 Russia’s War on Ukraine: A Watershed Moment for Europe
Scene-Setting
Ukrainian Official (tbc)
HE Matti Maasikas, Head of the EU Delegation to Ukraine

Panel Debate:
Rosa Balfour, Director, Carnegie Europe
Kristi Raik, Director, Estonian Foreign Policy Institute
Janis A. Emmanouilidis, EPC Deputy CEO and Director of Studies
Amanda Paul, EPC Senior Policy Analyst, Europe in the World Programme
Jacki Davis, EPC (Moderator)

10.15 The Power of Freedom
EPC Conversation
Lea Ypi, Professor of Political Theory, London School of Economics
Elizabeth Kuiper, EPC Associate Director (Moderator)

10.35 Coffee Break

11.00 Global Trends Shaping Power in the 21st Century
Panel Debate:
Suhasini Haidar, National and Diplomatic Editor, The Hindu, India
Tarek Osman, Author of Islamism: A History of Political Islam; Storyteller
Jana Puglierin, Head of European Council on Foreign Relations, Berlin
Ricardo Borges de Castro, EPC Associate Director
Jacki Davis, EPC (Moderator)

11.45 The EU’s Reckoning with Borders
EPC Conversation + Q&A
Tineke Strik, Member of the European Parliament for the Greens
Vladimir Šimoňák, Head of the Crisis Management Unit, Slovak Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Marie De Somer, Senior Policy Analyst and Head of European Migration and Diversity programme (Moderator)

12.30 Lunch break
13.30 **The Power of the Green Transition**  
*Panel Debate:*  
- Teresa Ribera Rodríguez, Deputy Prime Minister of Spain, Minister for the Ecological Transition and the Demographic Challenge  
- Hans Bruyninckx, Executive Director of the European Environment Agency  
- Connie Hedegaard, Chair of the Board for the KR Foundation; Chair of the Board for CONCITO; Chair of OECD’s Round Table for Sustainable Development  
- Annika Hedberg, Head of Sustainable Prosperity for Europe Programme  
- Jacki Davis, EPC (Moderator)

14.15 **The Power of Democracy in Europe and Beyond**  
*Coffee conversation + Q&A:*  
- Ivan Krastev, Chair, Centre for Liberal Strategies in Sofia joining from USA  
- Jacki Davis, EPC (Moderator)

14.35 **The Power of Pandemics to Change the World**  
*EPC Conversation + Q&A:*  
- Pierre Delsaux, Director General DG HERA (Health Emergency Preparedness and Response Authority)  
- Elizabeth Kuiper, EPC Associate Director (Moderator)

15.20 **Economic Security in an Age of Confrontation**  
*Panel debate:*  
- Francesca Bria, President, Italian National Innovation Fund  
- Martin Sandbu, European economics commentator, Financial Times  
- Marijte Schaeke, International policy director at Stanford University Cyber Policy Center  
- Georg Riekeles, EPC Associate Director  
- Jacki Davis, EPC (Moderator)

16.10 **Coffee break**

16.45 **The Role of Civil Society in the ’Permacrisis’: What Influence on Policy-making?”**  
*EPC Conversation+ Q&A:*  
- Emily O’Reilly, European Ombudsman  
- Cathryn Clüver Ashbrook, Executive Vice President, Bertelsmann Foundation  
- Daniel Eriksson, CEO, Transparency International  
- Sophie Pornschlegel, EPC Senior Policy Analyst and Connecting Europe Project Leader (Moderator)

17.30 **Closing Keynote**  
*Keynote:* Frans Timmermans, Executive Vice-President for the European Green Deal, European Commission

17.50 **EPC 25th Anniversary Event**  
EPC History Exhibition + Cocktail + Ukrainian instrumental trio ‘TriLeo’  
*Welcome:*  
- **Fabian Zuleeg**, EPC Chief Executive Officer