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European Elections 2014

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National Press Club

This analytic exchange will explore the European Parliament elections and implications for Europe and the United States.

Conference Chair: David Armitage, U.S. Department of State

Agenda

8:30-9:00 Registration

9:00-9:15 Welcome and Opening Remarks
Bill Meara, U.S. Department of State
NIO for Europe, National Intelligence Council

9:15-10:00 Session One: What Is Special About 2014?
This session will provide context to the European elections. How important is the European Parliament (EP)? How does this year's poll compare to previous EP elections? Should we expect a greater or lesser turnout than in the past? How are national political parties preparing, including getting their respective publics interested? What are the key electoral issues?

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Amie Kreppel, University of Florida (confirmed)

Moderator: David Armitage, U.S. Department of State

10:00-11:15 Session Two: Power Balance in the EU

What are relations likely to be between the EU institutions? How will European elections affect selection of leaders in the European Commission and Council? What are the possible coalition scenarios? Should we expect shifts in political forces in the EP? Will the relationship between EP and national parliaments change?

Yves Bertoncini, Notre Europe (confirmed)

Adriaan Schout, Clingendael (confirmed)

Moderator: Nicholas Harris, U.S. Department of State

11:15-11:30 Break

11:30-12:45 Session Three: Democracy and Euro-Skepticism

What are the challenges of populism? How significant are far-right parties? Will the elections increase or decrease the EU's so-called "democratic deficit"?

Cas Mudde, University of Georgia (confirmed)

Matthew Goodwin, Chatham House (confirmed)

Moderator: Michael Allison, National Intelligence Council

12:45-2:00 Luncheon Discussion: Social Media and the European Parliament

To what extent will social media influence the elections?

Elizabeth Linder, Facebook (TBC)

2:00-3:30 Session Four: Implications for the United States and Europe

What are the implications for transatlantic relations, including trade agreements (e.g., TTIP)? What are the implications for data privacy, counter-terrorism cooperation, and other sensitive issues?

John Occhipinti, Canisius College (confirmed)

Daniela Kietz, German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP) (Confirmed)

Michelle Egan, American University (TBC)

Moderator: Liam Wasley, U.S. Department of State

3:30-3:45 Concluding Remarks and Adjournment

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