

## EU External Relations Lecture Series *'Europe and its Neighbours'*

**9 February – 30 March 2011,  
Wednesdays, 13.00-14.30**

Wilson Room  
University of Kent, Brussels  
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### **Week 1: Wednesday; February 9**

#### ***Europe-China-Russia: Challenges Vs Cooperation***

Speaker: *Ambassador Vladimir Rakhmanin*

Deputy-Secretary General, Energy Charter Secretariat

Former-Head of Protocol to the former Russian President, Vladimir Putin

Discussant: *Mr Gary Cartwright, Senior Policy Advisor on Russia, European Parliament*

### **Week 2: Wednesday; February 16**

#### ***Europe and Russia: past contemplations and future considerations***

Speaker: *Ambassador Vladimir Chizhov,*

Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the European Union

Discussant: *Mr Emmanuel Dupuy*

Research Fellow, Institute for Strategic Research, Paris

**Week 3: Wednesday; February 23**  
***Europe and Ukraine: prospect for cooperation***

*Ambassador Kostiantyn Yelisieiev,*  
Permanent Representative of Ukraine to the European Union

**Week 4: Wednesday; March 2**  
***Europe and the Arctic***

*Mr Steffen Weber,*  
Secretary General; EU-Arctic Forum, European Parliament

**Week 5: Wednesday; March 9**  
***NATO and European collective defence***

*Ambassador Dmitry Rogozin,*  
Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to Nato  
*Dr. Jamie Shea,*  
Director of Policy Planning, Private Office of the Secretary-General, Nato

**Week 6: Wednesday; March 16**  
***European energy policy: aspirations, assessments and impacts***

*Mr Bulat Subaev,*  
Managing Director, Lukoil Belgium N.V  
*Mr Howard Chase,*  
Director of European Government Affairs, BP  
*Mr Mehmet Ogutcu,*  
Director of International Communications, BG Group

**Week 7: Wednesday; March 23**  
**The evolution of European Neighbourhood Policy**

*Mr Gunnar Wiegand,*  
Director for Russia, Eastern Europe and Western Balkans, European External Action Service

**Week 8: Wednesday; March 30 (tbc)**  
**Europe and the Mediterranean**

*Mr Samuel Furfari*  
DG Energy and Transport, European Commission