



Public Symposium

“The European Union’s Eastern Partnership: Results, Prospects and Visions “

A symposium entitled, “**The European Union’s Eastern Partnership: Results, Prospects and Visions**”, will be held in Sapporo on November 30, 2011. The symposium is being organised by the Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Tokyo as an accompanying event to the Polish Presidency in the Council of the European Union in the second half of 2011. The event is a follow-up to the Eastern Partnership Summit that was held 29-30 September 2011 in Warsaw, Poland.

During the symposium we would like to present the Eastern Partnership concept to Japanese public and academic opinion leaders, officials, experts and media representatives. We would like to discuss the most important and current issues related to the Eastern Partnership initiative, such as the assessment of the implementation of the Eastern Partnership, challenges and prospects over the next years.

We would like to invite you to take part in this event, which will be an excellent opportunity to discuss the most relevant issues regarding the Eastern Partnership initiative.

The Eastern Partnership (EaP)

EaP is the first comprehensive initiative introduced into the system of the European Union’s external relations, addressed to Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. The bases for the initiated cooperation are shared European values such as freedom, democracy, rule of law and respect for human rights. Thanks to the participation in the Partnership, the countries of Eastern Europe and South Caucasus have chance to integrate closely with the European Union both politically and economically, at the same time taking advantage of the common market and political support of the community. The EaP is part of European Neighbourhood Policy which was the first coherent initiative through which the European Union could pursue an active policy towards its neighbours, supporting their economic modernization and political reform. The initiative was officially launched at the first Eastern Partnership summit in Prague on May 7 2009, which adopted a Joint Declaration. It marked the successful establishment of the Partnership as an integral component of European Union foreign policy. The EaP is the culmination of Polish efforts to build the best possible relations with its eastern neighbours and contribute to their inclusion in the coordinated policy of the European Union.

Symposium agenda

- ❖ **Date: November 30, 2011 (Wednesday)**
- ❖ **Time: 14.00 – 16.00 (registration opens at 13.30)**
- ❖ **Venue: Slavic Research Center, Sapporo, 4th Floor, Room 403**
- ❖ **Languages: English and Japanese (simultaneous interpretation)**
- ❖ **Program:**

14:00 Opening remarks:

- ◆ **Prof.Tetsuo Mochizuki**, Director of Slavic Research Center
- ◆ **Mr.Radostaw Tyszkiewicz**, Political and Press Affairs, Embassy of the Republic of Poland

14:20 Session:

- ◆ **Ms.Beata Wojna**, The Polish Institute of Foreign Affairs (PISM), Poland
“The Eastern Partnership: A long-term strategy at work”
- ◆ **Ms.Katarzyna Pełczyńska-Nałęcz**, Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW), Poland
“Turning Partnership into business: The Eastern Partnership as an economic Project”
- ◆ **Mr.Rafał Sadowski**, Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW), Poland
“Developments in the Eastern European countries. Challenges and prospects for the EU and the Eastern Partnership.”
- ◆ **Mr.Adam Balcer**, Centre for European Strategy, DemosEuropa, Poland
“A Power Audit: The third states (Russia, China, the US, Turkey and others) as stake holders in the Eastern Partnership”

15:45 – 16.00 Questions and answers session



Early registration is highly recommended due to a limited number of seats. Registration will be decided on a first come first served basis.

We look forward to your participation in our symposium.

Partners:



Beata WOJNA - Head of the Research Office (since 2010) and researcher (since 2004) at the Polish Institute

of International Affairs in Warsaw. Her main areas of interest are EU foreign relations, especially the European Neighbourhood Policy in its Eastern and Southern dimension, and Polish and Spanish European policy. She holds a Ph.D. in Geography and History (2004) from the Complutense University in Madrid, Spain. Her doctoral studies were conducted at the Department of Contemporary History in Madrid (1999–2004), holding research grant from Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional (2002–2003), having research stay at the Université Libre de Bruxelles (2001), and participating in research projects financed by the Spanish Ministry of Science and Education. She is the author of several publications focusing on EU relations with its neighbours. Among her recent activity are two Reports: “Asserting the EU’s Mission in the Neighbourhood: Ten Recommendations for an Effective Eastern Partnership”, prepared with Kerry Longhurst, and „EU and Its Southern Neighbours: New Challenges for the European Neighbourhood Policy”.



Katarzyna PEŁCZYŃSKA-NAŁĘCZ - 2006–2010 Deputy Director of the Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW). Since

2011 head of the OSW Brussels Office. In 2009–2010 member of the Eastern Partnership Civic Society Forum Steering Committee. Member of the Polish-Russian Group for Difficult Issues. Her main research interests embrace: transformation processes in the post-soviet region, EU relations with Russia, European Neighborhood Policy, Eastern Partnership.

Selected publications: *Integration or imitation: EU policy towards its eastern neighbors (OSW 2011)*; How far do the borders of the West extend? Russian-Polish strategic conflicts in the period 1990–2010 (OSW 2010); Para-States in the Post-Soviet Area from 1991 to 2007 (*International Studies Review, University of Arizona 2008*); Who Rules Russia and How? (*in: Towards an Understanding of Russia, Council on Foreign Relations, New York 2002*).

Rafał SADOWSKI - Joined OSW in 2001, where he has been working as an analyst for the Department for Ukraine, Belarus and the Baltic States and then as a head of the Central-European Department. Since January 2010, he is the head of the Eastern Partnership Department. Editor-in-chief of the EaPCommunity website (www.easternpartnership.org), which is dedicated to the relations between the European Union and countries of the Eastern Partnership initiative. He received his M.A. in the Centre for East European Studies of Warsaw University. He was also studied a cultural anthropology in the Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology of Warsaw University. His current research area includes EU-Eastern European states relations, Eastern Partnership and European Neighbourhood Policy, as well as internal situation and foreign policies of Eastern European states. In a past, he was also dealing with current political situation in Central and South-East Europe, internal situation and foreign policy of Belarus, cross-border cooperation in Eastern Europe, Turkish foreign policy.



Adam BALCER - Programme Director "EU Enlargement and Neighbourhood" at demosEUROPA Centre for European Strategy. He graduated from the Centre for East European Studies (M.A) and in the Institute of Ethnology and Cultural Anthropology, the University of Warsaw. He was an expert at the Department of Central Europe (Balkan section) at the Centre for Eastern Studies, Warsaw and Project Leader "Turkey after the launch of EU accession negotiations - foreign policy and internal affairs". Currently, he is a Ph.D. candidate and lecturer at the Centre for East European Studies, the University of Warsaw. He published numerous articles and reports on Balkans, Turkey, the CIS and the Black Sea.

