

# **Authors' Workshop, 5 October 2018, Ghent University**

## ***Draft Programme***

**Location:** John Vincke room (Faculty Meeting Room)  
Faculty of Political and Social Sciences, Korte Meer 5, Ghent

### **8.45-9.00 Introduction**

#### **9.00-11.00 Session 1: The Minsk agreements and the sanctions regime in EU-Russia relations**

The Minsk Agreements: Background, Status and Implementation (Tom Ruys and Sebastiaan Van Severen)

Failure of the Minsk agreements, escalation in Donbas and economic/financial sanctions (Tony van der Togt)

EU and Russian strategic narratives in relation to the Minsk agreements and the sanctions regime (Irina Petrova)

The EU-Russia sanctions regime before the Court of Justice (Kirill Entin)

### **11.00-11.30 Coffee break**

#### **11.30-12.30 Session 2: EU-Russia relations and the shared neighbourhood**

Balancing between European and Eurasian integration: the case of Armenia (Laure Delcour and Narine Ghazaryan)

Visa diplomacy in a contested neighbourhood: EU and Russian approaches (Igor Merheim-Eyre)

### **12.30-13.30 Lunch**

#### **13.30-15.30 Session 3: EU resilience to Russian threats**

The EU's concept of resilience in the context of EU-Russia relations (Tatiana Romanova and Elena Pavlova)

Beyond American leadership: what implications for the EU's approach towards Russia? (Yuval Weber)

Energy security and the EU's dependence on Russia: recent developments (Andrius Simkus)

Addressing cybersecurity threats coming from Russia (Andreas Marazis)

#### **15.30-17.00 Session 4: Selective engagement with Russia**

Countering transnational security threats: prospects for EU-Russia cooperation in an era of sanctions (Olga Potemkina)

EU-Russia cooperation in relation to renewable energy strategies (Niels Smeets)

The Arctic as a micro-cosmos for selective engagement between the EU and Russia ?  
(Thomas Kruessman)

#### **17.00-18.00 Session 5: Supporting Russian civil society and people-to-people contacts**

Civil society cooperation in the framework of EU-Russia relations: challenges and opportunities (Elena Belokurova and Andrey Demidov)

The integration of Russia in the Higher education area: challenges and opportunities (Natalia Leskina)

#### **19.00 Conference dinner**