

**Seminar at CEPS, Thursday 5 October**

**Politics and Economics of the DCFTA and Eurasian Spaces**

*With special references to the EU's Association Agreements/DCFTAs with Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine*

**09.00-09.30 Registration**

09.30 - 09.45 **Introduction** Michael Emerson, CEPS

09.45 – 11.45 **Political fundamentals** – moderator Michael Emerson

The state of democracy	Ghia Nodia, Ilia State University, Tbilisi
The role of the oligarchs	Wociech Kononczuk, OSW, Warsaw
The judiciary and rule of law	Steven Blockmans, CEPS
Anti-corruption policies	Michael Emerson, CEPS
Moldovan overview	Denis Cenusă, Expert-Grup, Chisinau

Discussant Gergana Noutcheva, Maastricht University

11.45 – 12.00 coffee break

12.00 – 13.30 **Trade: the DCFTAs and beyond** – moderator Guillaume Van der Loo

Overview, trade policy	Petros Sourmelis, DG Trade
Changes in trade structure	Veronika Movchan, IER, Kyiv
Pan-EuroMed (PEM) Convention	Givi Chanukvadze, Reformatics, Tbilisi
Georgia-China FTA	Givi Chanukvadze, Reformatics, Tbilisi
Customs union issues	Michael Emerson, CEPS
EU-Armenia	Hrant Kostanyan, CEPS

Discussant Petros Sourmelis, DG Trade

13.30 – 14.30 lunch break

14.30 – 16.15 **Wider East European affairs** – moderator Steven Blockmans

Identity shaping in borderlands	Andrey Makarychev, Tartu University
Strategic perspectives	Mykhailo Minakov, Kyiv-Mohyla Academy
Russian perspectives	Tatiana Romanova, St Petersburg University

Discussants Nicu Popescu, EUISS, Paris

16.15 – 16.30 **Conclusions** Steven Blockmans, CEPS