



## EU-India: Priorities for the new leaderships

October 9, 13:00 – 14:30

CEPS Conference Room

This year sees both the EU and India renew their leadership: on 30 May, Modi was sworn in for the second time, while a new team is preparing to head the European institutions. In light of the imminence of Brexit and of the upcoming Strategic Partnership review, what are the priorities for these newly established leaderships in moving EU-India relations forward? Given the progress on Foreign and Security policy within the EU, is the partnership ready for advancing its security cooperation? Could cooperation between EU and India on privacy, data protection and digitalisation set a new global standard? The current global context calls for renewed multilateralism: will negotiations on an FTA be resumed?

How can the EU become the partner India can count on?

12:15 – 13.00 Registration and light lunch

13.0 – 13.10 Welcome and Introduction:

**Steven Blockmans**, Senior Research Fellow and Head of Foreign Policy and of Institutions Unit

Conversation between

**H.E. Ms Gaitri Issar Kumar**, Ambassador of India to Belgium, Luxembourg and the European Union

**Neena Gill**, Member of the European Parliament

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Discussion moderated by

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