

PROGRAM

Round Table Conference

'Trans-Atlantic relations under the spell of the Ukraine and Middle East crises'

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10.30 hrs.	Registration, coffee and tea
11.00 hrs.	Welcome and introduction
11.15 hrs.	SESSION I
	In what direction are American and European politics maneuvering themselves? (redefining US role, insecurity and weakening France/UK, insecurity and power Germany and the incapacity of the EU)
	SPEAKERS
	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Hans Binnendijk (School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington DC)• Wilfried von Bredow (Universität Marburg)• Luuk van Middelaar (columnist <i>NRC Handelsblad</i> and <i>De Tijd</i>)
	MODERATOR
	Paul Brill (foreign affairs columnist, <i>De Volkskrant</i>)
12.15 hrs.	Q&A and discussion
13.00 hrs.	Sandwich lunch

14.00 hrs.

SESSION II

Russia and the Ukraine Crisis

SPEAKERS

- **Nadia Arbatova** (IMEMO, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow)
- **Tony van der Togt** (Clingendael Institute, The Hague)
- **Igor Kosij** (Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation, Ukraine)

MODERATOR

Alexander Krijger (Board member, Netherlands Atlantic Association)

15.00 hrs.

Q&A and discussion

15.45 hrs.

Coffee and tea break

16.00 hrs.

SESSION III

The Middle East – Syria, Iraq and IS

SPEAKERS

- **James Jeffrey** (Washington Institute for Near East Policy, Washington DC)
- **Joost Hiltermann** (International Crisis Group, Brussels)
- **Kristina Eichhorst** (Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Berlin)
- **Asiem El Difraoui** (Sciences Po, Paris)

MODERATOR

Bart Schuurman (Centre for Terrorism and Counterterrorism, Leiden University)

17.00 hrs.

Q&A and discussion

18.00 hrs.

Reception

18.30 hrs.

End of program