The 4th Annual Thorvald Stoltenberg Symposium 2009
Kirkenes, Norway
1-2 October 2009

Launches the European Border Dialogues Initiative

EUROPEAN BORDER DIALOGUES: “Good Governance and Best Practices in the European Borderlands”

Jointly organized by the Norwegian Barents Secretariat and the Barents Institute.

DAY 1

12:00-12:55 Lunch at the Rica Arctic for all registered participants

Praxis
13:00 Introductions: Sør Varanger Kommune Mayor
13:10-13:30 Mr Thorvald Stoltenberg
13:30-13:40 Transcarpathia Rep: Sergei Ustich
13:50-14:00 Baltic Sea States Rep: TBA

Academic Theory/Policy Analysis: The Economics of Transnationalism
14:00-14:20 Olga Shumylo (International Centre for Policy Studies, Ukraine): Ukraine and EU Free Trade Regime
14:20-14:35 Dr Tatiana Polyakova (MGIMO, Russia): Key problems of energy transportation between EU and Russia
14:35-14:55 Dr Shaun Narine (UStThomas, Canada): ASEAN and the world economic crisis
14:55-15:15 Question Period

15:35-15:50 Coffee Break

Academic Theory/Policy Analysis: Border Crossings and Visa Regimes
15:50-16:10 Drs Arvid Viken and Aileen Espiritu (Finnmark U. College & Barents Institute): The political perceptions of border and border policies
16:10-16:30 Ewa Matejko (UWarsaw): Gateways to Europe. . .a friendly border?
16:30-16:50 Olga Wasilewska On border crossings and visa policies – two ways to a third country
16:50-17:05 Question Period

Best Practices
17:05-18:30 Round Table Discussion with participants from cross-border practitioners and cultural leaders in the transnational regions. Chaired by Bjarge Fors

19:30 Dinner at Gapahuken for all registered participants

DAY 2

Academic Theory/Policy Analysis: Transnational Relations
08:30-09:00 A keynote address: Dr David Marples (UAlberta, Canada): *A Four-Sided Triangle? Ukrainian and Belarusian Relations with Russia in the 21st Century*

09:00-09:20 Dr Irina Busygina (MGIMO, Russia): *EU – Russia Relations and the Limits of the Northern Dimension*

09:20-09:40 Dr Burcu Gultekin Punsmann (Economic Policy Research Foundation of Turkey): *Can the Caucasus Stability and Cooperation Platform be a tool for conflict resolution and regional cooperation in South Caucasus?*

09:40-09:50 Question Period

09:50-10:10 Coffee Break and Book Signing by Mr Thorvald Stoltenberg

Best Practices
Politics. Economics. International Relations: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, IBS, Kommune, Kimek, etc.
10:10-11:30 Round Table Discussion Chaired by TBA

11:30-11:45 Summing up: Barents Region Rep.: Rune Rafaelsen

Lunch at Rica Arctic for remaining participants

Registration is free, and a block of rooms at lower cost have been designated for Symposium attendees at the Rica Arctic Hotel, Kirkenes Tel.: +47 78 99 59 00.

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