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**SNES – Swedish Network for European Studies in Political Studies – Annual Spring
Conference, Stockholm University, March 19-20, 2015**

CHANGE AND CONTINUITY IN TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS

Security, prosperity and diplomacy

Conveners: Tyra Hertz, Ulrika Mörth and Jonas Tallberg

In a world that is becoming more multipolar and less dominated by the traditional Western powers, the Transatlantic Relationship as a foundation of global governance is far from self-evident. The West's political, financial and economic credibility has also been considerably damaged by the financial crisis. In the light of this development, the future of the Transatlantic Relationship is under debate. The focus of the conference is primarily on two challenges that will put the relationship to the test:

Security after Ukraine: The Russian recent militarism has again accentuated the question of the Transatlantic relationship's place in a new era of global security. Could the Ukraine crisis trigger a reconceptualizing of the partnership? The crisis could contribute to transformation of the transatlantic relations in different ways. On one extreme the renewed threats posed by Russia in Ukraine and beyond could lead to profound changes in the traditional transatlantic system? Russia's assertiveness could also remind the Euro-Atlantic alliance of the ties that bind and strengthen the transatlantic dimension. The question is what role the EU would play under either scenario?

The Investment dispute settlement in the EU-US trade agreement: The Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership (TTIP) is expected to be a major political, strategic and economic driver of the transnational relations over the course of the coming decades. But the negotiations are also proving to be a big test for the Transatlantic Relationship and its success is far from certain. Arguably the most concerning aspect of TTIP for many critics is the so-called Investor-State Dispute Settlement (ISDS) mechanism, which would allow corporations to sue governments. Does the TTIP pose a threat to European democratic and political institutions and values? Or are the risks overstated and the set-up of ISDS comparable the logic of other transnational trade agreements?

The conference welcomes papers that relate to the theme *Change and Continuity in Transatlantic Relations*, broadly defined. We also welcome papers that cover other topics in European politics.

Call for Papers and Registration for all Participants before December 1, 2014 at www.snes.se



Programme as of 2014-09-29

Programme

Change and Continuity in Transatlantic Relations

Stockholm, 19-20 March 2015

Thursday, March 19, 2015 – Theme Security –

9.00-9.30 **Registration and Coffee** (Nordenskiöldsalen, Geovetenskapens hus)

9.30-9.45 **Welcome addresses by the conveners**

9.45-10.45 **Keynotes**

Mark F. Brzezinski, Ambassador of the United States to Sweden

- The American Perspective

Dr. Katarina Engberg, Former Minister for Defence Affairs at the Swedish Permanent Representation to the EU and Swedish NATO Delegation

- The European Perspective

10.45-11.00 **Coffee Break**

11.00-12.30 **Panel 1** (Nordenskiöldsalen, Geovetenskapens hus)

Lisbeth Aggestam, Göteborg University

Jan Joel Andersson, The Swedish Institute of International affairs/EU Institute of Security Studies

Jan Hallenberg, The Swedish National Defence College

Maria Strömviik, Lund University

12.30-13.45	Lunch - the Faculty Club Manne Siegbahnvillan
13.45-15.00	Paper session 1 (seminar rooms in Geovetenskapens hus)
15.00-15.15	Coffee Break
15.15-18.00	Paper session 2 (seminar rooms in Geovetenskapens hus)
18.15	Conference Dinner -the Faculty Club Manne Siegbahnvillan

Friday, March 20 –Theme Trade –

9.00-10.00	Paper session 3 (seminar rooms in Geovetenskapens hus)
10.00-10.15	Coffee Break
10.15-11.15	Paper session 4 (seminar rooms in Geovetenskapens hus)
11.30-12.30	Lunch at the Faculty Club Manne Siegbahnvillan
12.45- 13.45	<p>Keynotes (Nordenskiöldsalen, Geovetenskapenshus)</p> <p><i>Pernilla Baralt</i>, Acting Head of the European Commission office in Sweden</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The European Perspective <p><i>Michael A. Sullivan</i>, Counselor for Political and Economic Affairs, Embassy of the United States</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The American Perspective
13.45-14.00	Coffee Break
14.00- 15.30	<p>Panel 2 (Nordenskiöldsalen, Geovetenskapens hus)</p> <p><i>Per Cramér</i>, Göteborg University</p> <p><i>Maria Persson</i>, Lund University</p> <p><i>Mark Rhinard</i>, The Swedish Institute of International affairs/Stockholm University</p> <p><i>Karolina Zurek</i>, Swedish Institute of European Policy Studies</p>

Conference Closes