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Kursaal, Berne

SNIS Annual Conference

European Integration
International Migration
and Swiss Foreign Policies



in collaboration with
the Swiss Academy
of Humanities and Social Sciences



The **Swiss Network for International Studies (SNIS)** is pleased to present its first annual conference, in collaboration with the Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences (SAGW).

The first of a three-year cycle on **European Integration and Switzerland**, this year's conference places an emphasis on the subject of **migration**, bringing together Swiss, European and international perspectives.

Migration in its different forms is one of the central issues at the heart of Switzerland's relationship with the European Union (EU). Swiss policies are inevitably affected by European policies and global pressures with regard to migration. From the perspective of International Studies in Switzerland and under the main theme of European Integration, the conference will uncover current trends regarding migration patterns and strategies, as well as existing policies and academic research currently underway. An emphasis will be placed on the role of academic institutions in policy formation, and the importance of multi- and inter-disciplinary approaches.

On the first day, opening speakers will provide a glimpse into some of the main themes of the conference, including conflict dimensions in the EU, global trends in migration, and Swiss policies that seek to balance economic interests with humanitarian norms. Parallel expert panels will follow, including **European Integration and Swiss Foreign Policies**, with a focus on topical issues ranging from free movement within Europe, to the impact of the financial crisis, and potential challenges to democracy. A second panel, **Migration, EU and Switzerland**, will highlight current migration patterns, proposed multilateral solutions in Europe, as well as policies that address migration strategies for economic security, including investments and remittances.

On the second day, reports generated from these panels will serve as the basis for a discussion on how International Studies can best position themselves over the next decade to address the main questions raised, with an emphasis on multi- and interdisciplinary research approaches. Morning panels will then focus on understanding how two important research fields – **Area Studies** (African, Asian, Latin-American etc.) and **Development / Global Studies** (global health, international cooperation, environment, etc.) – can bring innovative perspectives to addressing migration issues. The conference will close with a podium debate focusing on the relevance of International Studies to past and future policymaking.

In line with the SNIS' aim to promote networking opportunities, this event will be linked to "**Africa on the Move**", a conference organised by the Swiss Society for African Studies and the Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies (SFM) held at the same time in Neuchâtel, Switzerland. Given the common focus on migration, participants will be jointly invited to attend special events, and summaries will be shared during the parallel conferences.

The SNIS looks forward to welcoming high-ranking speakers at this conference, including outstanding scholars of Swiss and European Universities, national and international experts on European integration, migration, and Swiss foreign policies, as well as representatives of international organisations. Through this conference, the SNIS will assert its main goal: to foster synergies between academic disciplines, and between Swiss organisations of higher education and international organisations.

Thursday 15 October 2009

9h00

Welcome Address

Mauro Dell'Ambrogio

State Secretary for Education and Research,
Federal Department of Home Affairs, Berne

Ivana Vrbica

Deputy Secretary-General, Head of the Division of Higher Education,
Department of State Education, Canton of Geneva

9h20

Keynote Debate

**How is the EU Evolving in Relation to Swiss Foreign Policies
and Migration ?**

Roger De Weck

President of the Foundation Council, Graduate Institute for International and
Development Studies (The Graduate Institute), Geneva

10h00

-Coffee break-

10h30

Keynote Speeches

Fighting over Money or Ideology ? Conflict Dimensions in the EU

Gerald Schneider

University of Constance (Germany)

Global Migration: Changing the Face of the World in the 21st Century ?

Oliver Bakewell

International Migration Institute, University of Oxford (United Kingdom)

**Swiss Foreign Policy between Humanitarian Tradition
and Economic Interest**

Ambassador François Nordmann

(Switzerland)

12h30

-Lunch-

Parallel Panels A and B

		A EU Integration and Swiss Foreign Policies	B Migration, EU and Switzerland
14h00 - 15h30		European Integration and Challenges to Democracy (Bilateralism)	Migratory Patterns, Integration, and Multilateral Solutions in Europe
Chair		Thomas Cottier Director, World Trade Institute (WTI), University of Berne	Thomas Bernauer Director, Center for Comparative and International Studies (CIS), ETH Zurich / University of Zurich
Speakers		Georg Kreis University of Basel Hans-Peter Kriesi CIS, ETH Zurich / University of Zurich Pierre Tschannen University of Berne	Jean-Yves Carlier University of Louvain (Belgium) Sandro Cattacin University of Geneva Rosita Fibbi Universities of Neuchâtel / Lausanne Sandra Lavenex University of Lucerne

-Coffee break-

16h00 - 17h30		Impact of the Financial Crisis on the Swiss-EU Relations	Migration, Investment and Remittance Policies
Chair		Yves Flückiger Vice-Rector, University of Geneva	Michel Carton Vice-Director, The Graduate Institute, Geneva
Speakers		Ernst Baltensberger University of Berne Urs Zulauf Swiss Financial Market Supervisory Authority (FINMA), Berne	Jean-Baptiste Meyer University of Montpellier (France) Alessandro Monsutti The Graduate Institute, Geneva Marion Panizzon WTI, Berne

20h00 «Africa on the Move» - **Documentary Film Event in Neuchâtel**

organised by the Swiss Society for African Studies

and the Swiss Forum for Migration and Population Studies

- **Une balle pour rêver** (Suisse-Cameroun, 2008) by R. Poli and J.-D. Borel
- **Tukki bi «Le voyage»** (Suisse-Sénégal, 2008) by J. Maggi and D. Sarr

Friday 16 October 2009

9h00 Reports on Panels A and B

9h30 Plenary Session

**What are the Key Questions, Approaches and Methods for International Studies for the Next 10 Years?
How to Conduct Multi- and Interdisciplinary Research?**

Chairs

Yves Flückiger

Vice-Rector, University of Geneva

Markus Zürcher

Secretary-General, SAGW

10h30

-Coffee break-

11h00 «Africa on the Move» - **Video Report**

Summary of discussions held on 15 October in Neuchâtel, by Alice Sala

11h15 Parallel Panels C and D

C European Integration and the Future of Area Studies	D From Development to Global Studies in Relation to European Integration
Jean-Luc Maurer The Graduate Institute, Geneva	Marcel Tanner Director, Swiss Tropical Institute (STI), Basel
Patrick Harries University of Basel	Fiona Gore World Health Organization (WHO), Geneva
Polymnia Zagefka University of Sorbonne-Paris (France)	Corinne Momal-Vanian United Nations Office at Geneva (UNOG)
Nicolas Zufferey University of Geneva	Gonzalo Oviedo International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), Gland
	Urs Wiesmann NCCR North-South, University of Berne

12h30

-Lunch-

14h00 Reports on Panels C and D

14h30 Podium

**How Policy-Relevant are International Studies ?
Potentials, Perspectives and Strategies between Academic Excellence
and Policy Formulation**

Chair

Philippe Burrin

Director, The Graduate Institute, Geneva

Speakers

Anne-Claude Berthoud

Professor, University of Lausanne

President of the Swiss Academy of Humanities and Social Sciences

Jeff Crisp

Head of Evaluation and Policy Analysis Unit, Office of the United Nations

High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), Geneva

Member of the SNIS Academic Council

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Professor, Department of Social Anthropology, University of Basel

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Director, Swiss Tropical Institute, Basel

Co-president, Commission for Research Partnerships with Developing Countries

(KFPE)

16h00

-End-



Arriving by train

From central railway station, Tram N°9 direction Guisanplatz (3rd stop «Kursaal»)

Arriving by car

- highway exit «Bern-Wankdorf»
- follow the sign «Zentrum» - Papiermühlestrasse
- in front of the 2nd crossway with traffic lights, turn right
- follow the sign «Hotel Allegro / Kursaal»
- turn left into the Kornhausstrasse
- follow the sign «Hotel Allegro / Kursaal»

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