



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

13:40-13:50 Caucasus Rep: George Zarubin

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*

14:35-14:55 Dr Tatiana Polyakova (MGIMO, Russia): *Key problems of energy transportation between EU and Russia*

14:55-15:15 Dr Shaun Narine (UStThomas, Canada): *ASEAN and the world economic crisis*

15:15-15:35 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: Arts. Culture. Society. Education.

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 Punsman (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.

10:10-11:30 Round Table Discussion Chaired by TBA with representation from Ministry of Foreign Affairs, IBS, Kommune, Kimek, etc.

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

Lunch at Rica Arctic for remaining participants

**N.B.! 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.**

For more information, please contact:

Aileen A. Espiritu, Ph.D. Senior Researcher Barents Institute Kirkenes, Norway E.post: aileen.espiritu@barinst.no or aaespiritu@gmail.com Tel.: +47 78 97 70 78	Svein Helge Orheim Executive Manager Barents Institute E.post: svein.helge.orheim@barinst.no Tel.: +47 78 97 70 76
---	---

To register, please contact:

Marit Wøhni Secretary Barents Institute Kirkenes, Norway E.post: marit@barinst.no Tel.: +47 78 97 70 94
--