Introduction

In its communication on Wider Europe in 2003 the Commission launched a new program to structure its relations with its neighbors, the European Neighborhood Policy (ENP). With the 2004 EU enlargement in mind the EU wanted to start forging closer bonds with its new neighbors in the East. The objectives of the ENP would be to provide political stability and economic prosperity to its neighbors. The ENP would thus prevent that the new EU borders would become stark political and economic dividing lines. In exchange for reforms the EU would offer its neighbors further economic integration. The integration would fall short of EU membership, however. Prospects for membership would not be provided in the medium term, even though the approach is reminiscent of the path taken in the enlargement process. In the two years that have transpired since its launch, the EU has set out strategies and action plans for different countries as part of the ENP.

The workshop intends to study a variety of aspects of the ENP: legal, institutional, economic and political issues. It will analyze the specific characteristics of the policy and its expected political and economic impact on the neighbors, the EU’s border regions and the rest of the EU. In studying these various issues a wide range of points of view will be considered: views from within the EU and from within the EU institutions, as well as perspectives from Eastern-Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and North-America.
Schedule

Friday, May 13

8:30 a.m.  Breakfast
9:00 a.m.  Introduction  
  Christophe Crombez, Stanford University and University of Leuven
9:30 a.m.  Triumph and Trepidation in Brussels: EU Governance Export and the ENP  
  Amichai Magen, Stanford University
11:00 a.m.  Conditionality and the ENP  
  Alfred Tovias, Hebrew University of Jerusalem and the CEPII Paris
12:30 p.m.  Lunch
1:30 p.m.  An Action Plan or a Plan for Action  
  Lior Herman, Hebrew University of Jerusalem
3:00 p.m.  Out of the ‘Neighborhood’, into the EU? The Evolving EU-Ukrainian Relationship  
  Paul Kubicek, Oakland University
4:30 p.m.  Agricultural Trade and Policy Issues in the ENP  
  Tim Josling, Stanford University
6:00 p.m.  Break
7:30 p.m.  Dinner at Tamarine Restaurant, 546 University Avenue  
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Saturday, May 14

8:30 a.m.  Breakfast
9:00 a.m.  Is there an Alternative to the Barcelona Process?  
  Hassan Abouyoub, former Moroccan Minister of Trade and Agriculture
10:30 a.m.  The ENP and Prospects for Growth in the Middle East and North Africa Region  
  Julia Devlin, Regional Partnership Coordinator, World Bank
12:00 p.m.  Conclusions  
  Christophe Crombez
12:30 p.m.  Lunch
2:00 p.m.  End