



Permanent Representation of Sweden
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THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE CAUCASUS: NEW PERSPECTIVES ON AN EVOLVING RELATIONSHIP

On behalf of the EU Framework Seven supported research projects *CASCADE** and *ISSICEU#*, we would like to invite you to a conference starting on **Tuesday 18th October 2016** (14.00-17.40) to explore the shifting social, political and security relations in the Caucasus, and the challenges that these changes present for the European Union.

The event is organized in cooperation with Sweden's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and will take place at the *Permanent Representation of Sweden to the EU* (Square de Meeûs 30, Brussels).

The meeting is designed to bring together leading policy makers and experts to discuss two key issues at the heart of contemporary relations between the EU and the Caucasus: managing conflict and building peace in the region, and the question of migration.

The attached conference programme provides further details of the meeting.

The conference will also be an opportunity to share some of the principal findings from the ISSICEU/CASCADE research projects as they reach their conclusions. Further details of each project are available at: http://www.cascade-caucasus.eu/en_GB/ and <http://www.issiceu.eu/>.

We hope that you will be able to join the conference and would be grateful if you could confirm your attendance to Ms. Ekaterina Klimenko (klimenko@sipri.org) by no later than **Tuesday 11 October 2016**.

Yours sincerely,

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* Exploring the Security-Democracy Nexus in the Caucasus

Intra- and Intersocietal Challenges to Stability and EU Opportunities to Respond