

## SPRING SEMINAR 2007

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### **EU-27 and Its Neighbourhood: Growth Prospects and Integration Challenges**

Friday, 23 March 2007, 9:00 a.m.

hosted by

**Bank Austria  
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to take place at  
1010 Vienna, Renngasse 2,  
1<sup>st</sup> floor, 'Festsaal'

**9:00 Opening Remarks by Ferdinand Lacina,**  
President wiiw

**9:15 Keynote Speech: Next Rounds of Enlargement  
and EU Neighbourhood Policy: Challenges and  
Prospects**

**Loukas Tsoukalis,**  
**ELIAMEP**  
(*guest speaker*)\*

**10:00 Economic Situation and Medium-Term Outlook  
for the New EU Member States**  
Consumption-led growth \* Credit expansion \* Solid trade performance \*  
Structural change and sustainability \* Current account and GDP \* Skill  
upgrading and employment

**Leon Podkaminer,**  
**Michael Landesmann &**  
**Edward Christie, wiiw**

**11:00 Coffee break**

**11:30 Economic Situation in Southeast Europe  
and EU Accession Prospects**  
Growth and trade \* External balances \* Credit and monetary policy \* Tax  
reforms \* Regional trade liberalization \* Kosovo issue \* EU integration

**Vladimir Gligorov &**  
**Mario Holzner, wiiw**

**12:30 Buffet luncheon followed by coffee  
by invitation of Bank Austria Creditanstalt AG**

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*Guest speakers:*

\* Loukas Tsoukalis, Special Advisor to the President of the  
European Commission and President of the Hellenic Foundation  
for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP)

\*\* Andrei Illarionov, Former Economic Advisor to President V. Putin

**13:30 Keynote Speech: The New Russian Model**  
Political and economic implications \* Prospects for medium- to  
long-term economic growth \* Integration of Russia with Europe \*  
Energy issues

**Andrei Illarionov,**  
**Institute for Economic  
Analysis, Moscow  
and Cato Institute,  
Washington DC**  
(*guest speaker*)\*\*

**14:30 Belarus, Kazakhstan, Moldova, Russia and  
Ukraine: Can They Learn from Transition  
and Integration Experiences of NMS?**  
INDEUNIS research topics \* Growth, employment and  
productivity \* WTO accession of Belarus, Kazakhstan,  
Russia and Ukraine \* Russian view of EU enlargement \*  
EU–NIS trade integration

**Peter Havlik, wiiw**

**15:30 Coffee break**

**16:00 Energy Supplies and Security of Europe**  
EU energy dependence \* Russia's energy export potential \*  
Strategic interaction and regional diversification \* The role  
of transit countries

**Vasily Astrov &**  
**Edward Christie, wiiw**

**17:00 End of Seminar**

**18:00 Informal gathering at a Viennese 'Heurigen'  
by invitation of wiiw**  
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