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Annual Conference

The European Union as a Global Actor in the Post-Lisbon Treaty Period

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Foreign policy is an essential part of a state's conduct of international affairs, and it is similarly important for the EU's relations with the rest of the world. In the past, the European Union's capabilities as a global actor have been compromised by a variety of factors, ranging from a lack of cohesive identity based on diverging national interests to an expectations-capabilities gap, to the predominant presence of other powerful actors such as NATO.

The ratification of the Lisbon Treaty in 2009 has opened the door for a more coherent foreign policy formulation for the EU, including the institutionalization of a semi-permanent president, a de-facto Foreign Minister, the development of an External Action Service of the Union, and the increase in enhanced cooperation procedures designed to make the EU act more efficiently across economic, diplomatic and security sectors.

This two-day conference explores whether the EU has become a more effective foreign policy actor as a result of the treaty; how these innovations influence supranational-intergovernmental balance; and how the EU will develop as a military or civilian power.

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