



'EU Climate Diplomacy' book launch

12:00-14:00, February 6th 2019, FEPS, Rue Montoyer 40, Brussels

The global response to the challenge of climate change, aided by rapid developments in clean technology but complicated by volatile global politics, has never been more urgent. The role of the European Union and its Member States in meeting this challenge is the subject of the recently published book "EU Climate Diplomacy: Politics, Law and Negotiations" (Routledge 2018).

The book includes contributions from the European Commission, Member State negotiators and scholars on the development and characteristics of EU climate diplomacy. It highlights the ongoing importance of EU engagement with multilateral climate change processes and international law, in particular following the United States' announced policy of withdrawing from the Paris Agreement. The book is the result of a collaboration between the Foundation for European Progressive Studies, the Transnational Law Institute and the Fondation Jean-Jaurès, and is co-edited by Stephen Minas (Senior Research Fellow at the TLI and Assistant Professor at the School of Transnational Law, Peking University) and Vassilis Ntousas (Senior International Relations Policy Advisor at the Foundation for European Progressive Studies).

This book launch will feature discussion of the multifaceted, multi-directional nature of EU climate diplomacy and how the EU can promote ambitious climate action in a challenging international environment. This event will in particular consider the prospects for EU climate leadership in the context of the 2019 European Parliament elections and the new Commission.

Draft Agenda

12:00-12:30 Light Lunch

12:30 - 12:40 Introductory Remarks

Vassilis Ntousas, Senior Policy Advisor - International Relations, FEPS, Co-editor of the book

12:40 - 14:00 Panel Discussion

Climate diplomacy and EU politics

Arne Lietz, Member of the European Parliament (S&D, Germany)

FEPS and climate change

Charlotte Billingham, Executive Advisor, FEPS

Multilevel diplomacy and the Paris Agreement - from negotiation to action

Stephen Minas, Assistant Professor at the School of Transnational Law, Peking University, Co-editor of the book