European View Launch:
Europe’s Defining Challenges: Confronting jihadist terrorism and defending our values

2 March 2015, 19:00 – 20:30
Renaissance Hotel, Rue du Parnasse 19, 1050 Ixelles

The Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies cordially invites you to the launch of our new European View issue ‘Europe’s Defining Challenges’.

Europe is being challenged on several fronts and in many ways. The new European View issue tackles the most important of these challenges which range from rising populism and extremism throughout Europe, to demographic pressure on welfare societies to geopolitical power struggles. The answers to these challenges will define the European Union for years to come.

One of these challenges are jihadist terrorist attacks, brought back to our attention through the recent tragedy in Paris. Two of the European View authors will join us for a discussion on how to deal with jihadist foreign fighters who have returned from religious wars in the Middle East, or who are about to do so in the near future. Moreover, the debate will feature an assessment of how terrorist groups organise their networks, what steps Europe should take in this regard and how we can defend our values inside and outside of our Union.

Programme:

18:30-19:00  Registration & Finger Food
19:00-19:05  Welcome by Mikuláš Dzurinda, President of the Martens Centre, former Prime Minister of Slovakia
19:05-19:15  Keynote address by Joseph Daul, President of the European People’s Party
19:15-19:45  Panel debate
  • Lorenzo Vidino, Senior Policy Advisor, European Foundation for Democracy
  • Rem Korteweg, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Reform
  • Michael Benhamou, Visiting Fellow, Martens Centre
    Moderated by Roland Freudenstein, Head of Research and Deputy Director, Martens Centre
19:45-20:30  Q&A session
20:30-21:00  Cocktail reception

To participate in the debate, please register here.

About the European View:

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