**European Global Strategy Project**

**The European Union: What Kind of Global Actor?**

**Elcano Royal Institute, Madrid**

**25-26 February 2013**

**Monday 25 February**

**15.30 Registration and coffee**

**16:00 Introductory Session**

Chair: **Emilio Lamo de Espinosa**, President, Elcano Royal Institute

Keynote

speaker**: Javier Solana**, former High Representative CFSP (tbc)

**16.45 –**

**18.00 Session 1: “Thinking big: why we need a European Global Strategy”**

*What major trends will determine the evolution of (EU)rope and the world at large between now and 2030? What role should the EU and its member states aspire to play in a rapidly changing world? How can they manage global challenges in a multipolar/interpolar world more effectively? Will the EU really be in a position to shape global governance?*

Chair: **Roderick Parkes**, Head EU Program, Polish Institute for International Affairs

Speakers: **Charles Powell**,Director, Real Instituto Elcano

“**Europe and the world in 2030”**

**Giovanni Grevi**, Acting Director, FRIDE

**“Co-shaping an interpolar world”**

Discussants:

**Elvire Fabry,** Senior Research Fellow, Notre Europe – Jacques Delors Institute

**Martin Ortega**, Senior Research Fellow for the EGS Project, Elcano Royal Institute

**Tuesday, 26 February**

**9:30 Session 2: “Enhancing the transatlantic and security dimensions: the US and NATO”**

*Is the relationship with the United States the EU’s only truly strategic partnership? What impact could an EU-US Free Trade Agreement have on transatlantic relations? How can the EU upgrade its political relations with Washington? How can the EU best contribute to peace and security in the European continent and beyond? Is an effective EU-NATO partnership attainable, or should we go back to the drawing-board?*

Chair: **Stefano Silvestri,** President, Istituto Affari Internazionali

Speakers: **Jan Techau**, Director, Carnegie Europe

**Xenia Dormandy**, Senior Fellow, Chatham House

Discussants: **Luis Simon**, Senior Researcher, Institute for European Studies, Vrije Universiteit

**Jose M. de Areilza**, Secretary General, Aspen Institute, Spain

**11:00 Coffee break**

**11:15 – 13:00 Session 3: “Energy and climate change”**

*How will the European energy mix evolve over the next two decades? How should the EU deal with the twin challenges of energy dependency and energy security? Can the EU develop a credible external action on climate change? What does the current impasse on climate change tell us about the limits of “effective multilateralism”?*

Chair: **Niklas Bremberg**, Swedish Institute of International Affairs

Speakers: **Arturo Gonzalo**, Corporate Director of Institutional Relations and Corporate Responsibility, REPSOL

**Rebecca Collyer**, Deputy Director, Power Programme, European Climate Foundation

Discussants: **Paul Isbell,** Calouste Gulbenkian Fellow, Center for Transatlantic Relations, Johns Hopkins SAIS

**Lara Lazaro,** Research Fellow, Elcano Royal Institute