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Public lecture:

Trapped between threats from East and South, what should NATO do to secure the Euro-Atlantic area and its citizens ?

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18h – 19h

Auditorium B, Universiteitstraat 6

The lecture is followed by a reception at
the Council Room (= Voldersstraat 3).

Registration is free. For non-LLM
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The present security environment of the Euro-Atlantic area is a serious source of concern. Between Russia that behaves in a very assertive and violent way towards its neighbours and the Middle East crisscrossed by several lines of high tension, what is the role of NATO? Should it establish priorities among threats? Should it look 360°? Should it cooperate with Russia?

The presentation will aim at giving an explanation about the present policy line of NATO.



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He started his diplomatic career in 1989 and held consecutive posts in Kuwait City, Tokyo (Head of Commercial section at the Belgian Embassy), Osaka (Consul General) and Berlin (Minister-Counsellor at the Embassy of Belgium). In Belgium, he was responsible for the Afghanistan and Pakistan dossiers, before becoming Director of the Royal Institute for International Relations (the Egmont Institute today). He then became Deputy Director for Security Policy at the MFA of Belgium, after which he took over the management of the department. He has afterwards served as Belgian Ambassador in the European Union's Political and Security Committee (PSC). From December 2011 until October 2014 Mr. de Kerchove worked as the Director of the Cabinet of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Foreign Trade and European Affairs.