

Call for Papers - Belgium's Foreign Policy
Special Issue of Studia Diplomatica

Dear colleagues,

We are now welcoming articles for a special issue of our journal, Studia Diplomatica. Our project is to publish a special issue on Belgium's foreign policy (including security and external policies as well, in a broad sense), together with UCL and UGent. This project builds on both the long established tradition of biennial conferences on this topic organized by these two universities, which always resulted in a special issue of Studia Diplomatica, as well as on the Egmont Institute's historical focus on this topic and on its close relations with the Foreign Ministry.

The core objective of this special issue is to cover the main developments of Belgium's foreign policy over the past few years, and to offer some thoughts on its future developments. We are open to any topic related to this theme. Possible topics could include, among many others:

- Belgium's counter-terrorism policy
- Belgium's cyber-security policy
- Belgium's energy diplomacy
- Belgium's international climate policy
- Etc.

Anyone is invited to submit articles: scholars, young researchers, students, journalists or practitioners. Articles will be selected under a competitive process, based on the editors' decision and on blind peer-review. The Special Issue should be published towards the end of this year. It will then be launched during a special event in a prestigious venue of Brussels (to which the Minister of Foreign Affairs will be invited).

How to proceed?

- Please send us a short email to express your interest in contributing, along with your topic and a short abstract. You will receive a first feedback from us quickly. Email to: t.renard@egmontinstitute.be and s.biscop@egmontinstitute.be
- Send us your first draft article by 1 September 2015. Articles will then be reviewed and returned rapidly to the authors.
- Final drafts will be expected in October/November.

Style and content?

- Every article should be in English.
- 4,500 words long.
- Structure of the article is entirely free, but it is strongly suggested to cover both the main developments that have shaped Belgium's debates and policies over the past 5 years (since 2010) in the chosen policy area, as well as prospectively the key factors that are likely to shape its future debates and policies. If relevant and possible, your article could also address a) comparisons with other (small) European countries and/or b) the role of Belgium's subnational actors (regions, cities) in this area.
- With regard to style, please follow the guidelines here: <http://www.egmontinstitute.be/wp-content/uploads/2013/07/SD-Submission-Stylesheet.pdf>

Sincerely yours,

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