

## 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

Under the auspices of **H.E. Karel Schwarzenberg**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

# *An EU Model for Peace in the Middle East*

Saturday, 14 March 2009

### Programme

**09:30-10:00** Registration (Morning coffee)

**10:00-10:10** Conference Introduction (Prof. Michal Klíma; Rector of Metropolitan University Prague, Lamis Khalilova; Head of Centre for Middle Eastern Studies)

### **Panel I: Identifying Common Interests** (10:10 -11:30)

**Moderator:** *Prof. Jaroslav Jakš* (Metropolitan University Prague)

#### **Keynote Speech:**

*Prof. Marc Ellenbogen*; Prague Society for International Cooperation

#### **The EU's Interests and Policy Tools in the Middle East**

*Dr. Jiří Schneider*; Prague Security Studies Institute

#### **East of Eden: Geopolitical Imperatives for a Middle Eastern Alliance**

*Mitchell A. Belfer, Ph.D.*; Metropolitan University Prague

#### **Turkey As the EU's Agent in the Middle East**

*Abbas Djavadi, Ph.D.*; Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty

*11:30 -12:00 Coffee Break*

#### **Keynote Speech: An EU Model for Peace in the Middle East** (12:00-12:20)

*Álvaro de Soto*; former UN Special Coordinator for the Middle East Peace Process

### **Panel II: EU Common Foreign & Security Policy and the Potential for Middle East Peacebuilding** (12:20 - 13:20)

**Moderator:** *JUDr. PhDr. Veronika Bílková, Ph.D., E.MA*

#### **Transformative Experiences for the EU CFSP: The Case of Gaza 2008/2009**

*Jan Šnidauf Ph.D.*; Ministry for Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

#### **The EU as a Third Party: The European Approach to the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict**

*Prof. Pavel Barša*; Institute of International Relations in Prague

*13:20 - 14:20 Lunch Buffet*

Location: Prokopova 16/100, Prague 3, Žižkov