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Programme:

18.00 – 18.15	Welcome by Professor Joachim Koops, Jean Monnet Chair, EURISGA, Leiden University
18.15 – 19.00	Lecture by Dr. Joanna Kaminska
19.00 – 19.30	Q&A
19.30 – 21.30	Reception and informal facilitated conversation

All welcome – but please register by 9 March 2026 via this link

About the Jean Monnet Lecturer 2026:

Joanna KAMINSKA has facilitated confidential, high-stake dialogue between political party leaders, mostly in Central and Eastern Europe and advised on security and democracy building Europe's top decision-makers for over 15 years. She has served as foreign and security policy advisor to the President of the European Parliament David Maria Sassoli, and worked on coalition making and consensus building between European political forces for over a decade. Political negotiations, democracy building and fostering dialogue between difficult political personalities are her passion. Currently she works as an advisor on mediation at the European Parliament's mediation team, where she forges the culture of compromise between political parties in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine during the war. Joanna holds a PhD from the University of London, Royal Holloway College. She has extensively published on the foreign policy and Eastern neighborhood issues. Her last book published with Palgrave Macmillan is entitled *Poland and the EU Enlargement: Foreign Policy in Transformation*. Between 2018-2024 she was also a Brussels municipal council member. Since 2021 she is a National Council member of the Polish Green Party Zieloni. She had run as a party lead candidate in the European elections of 2024, gaining 30 000 votes in Warsaw, the highest in the party history for a single candidate. In December 2024 she got elected to the European Green Party (EGP) committee, political body managing green parties in Europe, where she is responsible for building nee security and defense narratives.