



THE RUSSIA – UKRAINE WAR Prisms of Conflict in a Fragmenting World

HOW DOES THIS END?

A Conversation with Dr. Vladimir Zherebov and Ambassador Dr. Len Ishmael

Venue: The Press Club, Froissartstraat 95, 1000 Brussels

Date: Tuesday April 30th 16:00-18:30

PROGRAMME:

16:00 Welcome & Introduction of Speaker: Dr. Len Ishmael

16:05 Conversation with Dr. Vladimir Zherebov

17:00 Open Discussion

17:45 Networking & Refreshments

Dr. Vladimir Zherebov holds a doctorate in Slavic and Eastern-European studies of the University of Leuven, has years of experience in academic research and education on the subject of the Russian-speaking world and its culture. Born in the end of the Soviet era, he witnessed the last years and the fall of the Soviet Union, the infamous period of Perestroika, followed by the turbulent 90's, and the consequent reconstruction of Russia to its current state. He moved to Belgium in the end of the first decade of the 2000's to pursue an academic career. Upon obtaining a doctoral degree, he worked at the department of Russian and Eastern-European studies of the University of Leuven. In 2018, Vladimir joined the international team of experts of Brussels Diplomatic Academy, heading the CIS region expert group. Besides his duties at Brussels Diplomatic Academy, Vladimir is a visiting professor at College of Europe and a research fellow at the department of cultural studies at the University of Leuven.

Ambassador Dr. Len Ishmael is the Global Affairs Advisor of the Brussels Diplomatic Academy and Head of the Expert Groups. She is a visiting Professor of the Vrije Universiteit Brussel (VUB) and the Mohammed 6 University (Morocco) affiliated with the MSc Program and the Joint HEC Paris/ Public Policy School Executive Program. She is a Senior Fellow and Distinguished Visiting Scholar of the German Marshall Fund of the United States of America and a Senior Fellow of the Policy Center for the New South (PCNS). She is the

former Ambassador of the Eastern Caribbean States to the Kingdom of Belgium and European Union, and past President of the 79-member African, Caribbean & Pacific (ACP) Committee of Ambassadors in Brussels and Commissioner on the UN/Lancet Covid-19 Commission for Latin America and the Caribbean. She is a former Director & Head of the Regional Headquarters of the United Nations Economic Commission for Latin America & the Caribbean; Director General for the Organization of Eastern Caribbean States, Alternate Governor of the World Bank and Director for the Foundation Leadership for Environment & Development (New York) of the Rockefeller Foundation. She is The Fletcher School Tufts University GMAP Endowment Fellow and member of The Fletcher School GMAP Advisory Council. Ambassador Ishmael is an international speaker on relations between the West and the Global South and the author of several publications on the Global South, Geopolitics, Africa-EU relations, China, and the Trans-Atlantic relationship. Her most recent book as editor and co-author entitled: *Aftermath of War in Ukraine, the West vs the Global South?* was published by the PCNS in 2023.