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Europakolloquium
**with Ambassador
Michael Matthiessen**

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The European Union as a Global Actor

Evening lecture with Ambassador Michael Matthiessen

Michael Matthiessen is the Ambassador of the European Union to Switzerland and to the Principality of Liechtenstein. Before taking up his duties in Bern, he was Principal Advisor in the Asia and Pacific Department of the European External Action Service (EEAS) in Brussels, responsible for the Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM). Michael Matthiessen looks back to a diplomatic career of over 30 years, the last 19 years in senior positions in the European institutions.

In his lecture, Ambassador Matthiessen will talk about how, in a time of geopolitical shifts and return of power politics, the European Union has become one of the main defenders of free trade and effective multilateralism. In addition to its original aim to secure peace on the European continent, the EU is increasingly getting the task to shape globalisation in accordance with European values. The EU will succeed in this endeavour only if it acts united and in close cooperation with like-minded partners.

Place: Institute for European Global Studies Basel, Seminar Room

Time: 26. September 2018, 6.15 p.m.

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