Panel Discussion

An Inside View: The Effectiveness of Dutch Foreign Policy (Session 1)

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Speaker Bios

Herman Schaper

Ambassador Herman Schaper was the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to the United Nations in New York from 1 September 2009 until July 2013.

From 2005 until 2009, he was the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands on the North Atlantic Council.
From 2001 until the summer of 2005, he was Deputy Director General for Political Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in The Hague.
His previous positions at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and abroad include Director of the European Department, Director of the Security Policy Department, Deputy Permanent Representative to the UN and Deputy Permanent Representative to NATO.

From 1981-1982 he represented the Democrats ’66 party in the Dutch Parliament. He has previously worked as a researcher at the Netherlands Society for International Affairs. He has published a dozen articles on Dutch foreign policy, European security and transatlantic relations.
Herman Schaper has a degree in modern history from the University of Leiden and a master’s in international relations from the University of Virginia (USA).

Herman Schaper was born on 24 March 1949. He is married to Vivian Voss and they have three children.

Hugo Siblesz

H.E. Hugo Siblesz is the current Secretary-General of the Permanent Court of Arbitration in The Hague. Prior to assuming this position Mr. Siblesz served as Ambassador of the Kingdom of the Netherlands to France, Monaco and Andorra (2006-2012).

Secretary-General Siblesz joined the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1973, acting as Director-General for Political Affairs and Director of the Consular Department, among other roles, over the course of his career. He also worked abroad as Political Counsellor at the Embassy of The Netherlands in France, and the Permanent Mission of The Netherlands to NATO.

The Secretary-General received his law degree from the Free University of Amsterdam.
Peter van Walsum


After his retirement from the foreign service he held the Cleveringa Chair at Leiden University for the academic year 2004-2005, was Personal envoy of the UN Secretary General for Western Sahara from 2005 to 2008, and sat on the Committee tasked with investigating decision-making concerning Dutch policy on Iraq in 2002-2003 (‘Commissie-Davids’) in 2009.

Joris Vos

Joris Vos (1940) obtained a law degree from the University of Utrecht in 1964. Following his national service in the Russian language section of the Military Intelligence Service, he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. After junior postings in the Foreign Service, he served as Private Secretary to Foreign Minister Max van der Stoel. In 1977 he was posted to Washington (Counsellor for Politico-Military affairs) and in 1980 to Yugoslavia (Deputy Chief of Mission). In 1982 he came back to The Hague as Director for Atlantic Relations and Security Affairs. In 1986 he was appointed Ambassador in Australia, and in 1990 to the Soviet Union/Russia. In 1993 he returned to the Foreign Ministry as Director General for Political Affairs.

Joris Vos was the Netherlands Ambassador to the United States from 1997 until 2002, and to Portugal from 2002 until 2003, when he took early retirement from the foreign service to join the Boeing Company as its President for European Union and NATO affairs. He retired from Boeing in 2008, and now commutes between The Hague and Washington DC with his American partner. His main interests are international relations, classical music, literature and fine arts.

Pieter de Gooijer

H.E. Pieter de Gooijer has been the Permanent Representative of The Netherlands to the European Union in Brussels since 2011. Previously he was the Director General for Political Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He held various
positions in the Ministry, amongst else he served as private secretary for the minister and was director of the European Integration department. He also worked at the Embassy of The Netherlands in Turkey and Washington. In Washington he was Counsellor for Political-Military Affairs.

Ambassador De Gooijer obtained his law degree at the University of Amsterdam and the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (Harvard/Tufts University)

**Abiodun Williams**

Dr. Abiodun Williams was appointed the first President of The Hague Institute for Global Justice on 1 January 2013. From 2008 to 2012 he served at the United States Institute of Peace (USIP) in Washington, DC, first as Vice President of the Center for Conflict Analysis and Prevention, and later as Senior Vice President of the Center for Conflict Management leading its work in major conflict zones such as Afghanistan, Pakistan, Iraq, Libya, Tunisia and Egypt. From 2001 to 2007 Dr. Williams was Director of Strategic Planning for United Nations Secretaries-General Ban Ki-Moon and Kofi Annan in New York. He gained valuable field operational experience, serving with the United Nations from 1994 to 2000 in peacekeeping operations in the Balkans and Haiti, in senior political and humanitarian roles. He served as Associate Dean of the Africa Center for Strategic Studies at the National Defense University in Washington, DC, and held faculty appointments at Georgetown, Rochester, and Tufts universities, winning several awards. Dr. Williams is the Chair of the Academic Council on the UN System (ACUNS), and a member of the Executive Board of the Institute for Global Leadership at Tufts. He has published widely on conflict prevention and management. He holds MAs from Edinburgh University and The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, and a Doctorate in International Relations from the latter.

**Boudewijn van Eenennaam**

Boudewijn van Eenennaam served at the Netherlands Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1973 to 2012 where he held positions as Director-General for Political Affairs, Ambassador to the United States, Permanent Representative to the United Nations and other international organisations in Geneva and Netherlands Sherpa to the Nuclear Security Summit 2012.

He studied Law and Dramaturgy at the University of Leiden, published articles on politico-military security issues and a book on the issue of deployment of US cruise missiles in the Netherlands. Since April 2012 he is Ambassador in Residence at The Hague Institute.