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The Utrecht Centre for Global Challenges (previously Utrecht Centre for International Studies) is honoured to invite you to attend the 7th 'Bronisław Geremek lecture' on **14 February 2017**.

**NRC Handelsblad correspondent
Caroline de Gruyter**

and

**Author and journalist
Geert Mak**

will jointly deliver the Geremek Lecture 2017, entitled

"The Future of Europe"

The lecture is organised by the Utrecht Centre for Global Challenges, in cooperation with the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Programme:

15:00 - 15:30 Welcome reception

15:30 - 17:30 Geremek Lecture

17:30 Reception

Venue:

Auditorium, Academiegebouw, Domplein 29, Utrecht



The Professor Bronisław Geremek Lecture

The lecture is named after the former Polish Foreign Minister Bronisław Geremek, and is the result of an initiative taken by the Dutch and Polish ministers of Foreign Affairs in 2009 to establish a lecture in tribute to his political and academic work.

Professor Geremek was an important figure within the Polish Solidarity movement, who played a crucial role in the negotiations between Solidarity and the communist authorities, which led to free parliamentary elections in 1989. As Foreign Minister in the 1990s, Geremek presided over the EU entry negotiations and became the architect of the Polish NATO-accession. In 2004 he was elected a member of the European Parliament. During his lifetime, Professor Geremek taught at several universities and published extensively on European history. In 1986 he received a doctoris causa of Utrecht University.

Caroline de Gruyter is a correspondent and non-fiction author based in Vienna. She is European Affairs correspondent for the Dutch newspaper *NRC Handelsblad*, a regular contributor to Carnegie Europe and a member of the European Council on Foreign Relations. De Gruyter was posted to Brussels twice and spent more than fifteen years covering Europe. She wrote several books on Europe, the most recent one published last year, and has been awarded with the Anne Vondeling Prize (2013), the Heldring Prize (2015) and the Prix du Mérite Européen (2016).

Geert Mak is a journalist and non-fiction author. He started his career as a teacher in constitutional and immigration law at the University of Utrecht. Mak later got more involved in journalism and media, working for newspapers, such as *De Groene Amsterdammer* and *NRC Handelsblad* and for the VPRO broadcasting. Since 1992 Mak has dedicated himself to the writing of books. He was awarded the Leipziger Buchpreis für Europäische Verständigung for his critically acclaimed book *In Europe* in 2008 and won the Prix du Mérite Européen in 2016. He also led a series of three forums on the future of Europe in 2007 with Bronisław Geremek being one of his participants.

We would greatly appreciate your presence at the Geremek Lecture. Please register by sending an e-mail with your name, and professional affiliation to Nicolette Moors (n.s.e.moors@uu.nl) before 12 February 2017. Registrations will be accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis.

On behalf of the Utrecht Centre for Global Challenges,

Yours sincerely,

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Director Utrecht Centre for Global Challenges

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