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***Guest Lectures:***

- “The EU's enlargement policy. The 2013 Commission 'enlargement package’”, *29 October 2013*.
- “Balkan communist regimes 1945-1990”, *30 October 2013*.

***Brief CV***

Axel Sotiris Walldén has held a series of posts in the European Commission: in the Western Balkans Directorate (2005-2006), Task Force Wider Europe (2003-2004), Bulgaria team (1998-2000), Enlargement team preparing ‘Agenda 2000’ (1996-1997). In 2000-03 he served as Counsellor to the Greek Foreign Minister of Balkan Affairs, on secondment from the European Commission, and was coordinator of the Thessaloniki Balkan summit.

Previously he served, *inter alia*, as Secretary-General at the Hellenic Ministry of National Economy (1989-90) and as a visiting professor at the Panteion University, Athens (1990-92). He teaches postgraduate courses at the Institut d’Etudes Européennes of the Université Libre de Bruxelles.

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