



Barcelona Workshop on International Security

“Threats and challenges to European security in the 2020s: how have perceptions and responses changed?”

Barcelona 26-27 October 2023

PROGRAMME

Thursday 26 October 2023

IBEI - Room 24.S18 (Mercè Rodoreda building 24, basement)

14:45 **Welcome and opening remarks**

15:15 **PANEL 1: Rethinking Priorities for European Security Policy**

Chair: **Oriol Costa** (IBEI & Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona).

Discussants: **Gustavo Mueller** (KU Leuven, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies) & **Monika Sus** (Hertie School, Centre for International Security & Polish Academy of Sciences).

- **The EU's Response to Russia's War of Aggression: Social Learning and Informal Cooperation with Third Countries** – Mariana Lovato* (Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Brussels School of Governance), Ana Juncos** (University of Bristol), Karolina Pomorska* (Universiteit Leiden)
- **African Perceptions of the EU's Security Engagements in the Sahel: Implications for the EU-RECs Cooperation** – Jesutimilehin O. Akamo (Addis Ababa University, Institute for Peace and Security Studies)
- **From 'Greening Defence' to 'Low-Carbon Warfare': Understanding Shifting Perspectives on the Implications of Climate Change for European Defence and Security** – Duncan Depledge & Tamiris Pereira-Dos-Santos (Loughborough University).

16:30 **Coffee break**

17:00 - **PANEL 2: Geopolitical Shift in EU Foreign and Security Policy?**
18:30

Chair: **Esther Barbé** (IBEI & Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona).

Discussants: **Mateusz Filary-Szczepanik** (Jesuit University Ignatianum Kraków) & **Levan Kakhiashvili** (Otto-Friedrich University Bamberg).

- **An EU Response to Authoritarian Peacemaking in the Middle East? Navigating the Rehabilitation-Reconstruction-Return Cycle in Syria** – Gabriel Garroum Pla (Universitat Pompeu Fabra)
- **The European Union and the 2022 Russian Invasion of Ukraine. A Novel Geopolitical Outlook on Ukraine and Eastern Europe?** – Francesca Leso* & Elisabeth Johansson-Nogués (IBEI & Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
- **Policy Entrepreneurs in Times of Geopolitics: How has the Configuration of Entrepreneurs Driving the Development of the European Peace Fund Evolved since the Russian Invasion** – Monika Sus (Hertie School, Centre for International Security & Polish Academy of Sciences)
- **Of Doves and Hawks: Securitization Discourse in EU Lawmakers' Tweets on China** – Laia Comerma Calatayud* & Lewin Schmitt** (IBEI & Universitat Pompeu Fabra).

20:00 **Dinner**

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* Presenting

** Not attending

Participation is by invitation, but we may have spaces left. If you would like to attend, please contact Eva Michaels at emichaels@ibeio.org

Friday 27 October 2023

CIDOB

08:30 Breakfast at CIDOB

With **Radmila Šekerinska**, former Minister of Defence of North Macedonia, Vice-President of the Party of European Socialists.

10:45 Transfer to IBEI

IBEI - Room 24.S18 (Mercè Rodoreda building 24, basement)

11:30 PANEL 3: Technological Advances and their Effects on European Security and Defence

Chair: **Robert Kissack** (IBEI)

Discussants: **Tamiris Pereira-Dos-Santos** (Loughborough University) & **Anna-Sophie Maass** (Lancaster University).

- **Deepfakes and the Conceptualization of Security: Examining European Challenges in a Digital Era** – Fanase Pankaj Lingeshwar (Jawaharlal Nehru University, Centre for International Politics, Organisation & Disarmament)
- **The Use of Artificial Intelligence on the battlefield: a game changer?** – Veerle Moyson (individual contractor with UNODA Vienna)
- **Evolution in the Shadows: Russian Hybrid Interference in the Face of Western Countermeasures** – Eugene Kondratov (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona)
- **2022: A Critical Juncture for EU Space Policy** – Philip de Man** & Gustavo Mueller* (KU Leuven, Leuven Centre for Global Governance Studies).

13:00 Lunch

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14:00

PANEL 4: Causes, Perceptions and Consequences of Russia's Aggression Against Ukraine

Chair: **Pol Bagués** (CIDOB)

Discussants: **Marianna Lovato** (Vrije Universiteit Brussel, Brussels School of Governance) & **Eugene Kondratov** (Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona).

- **Ideological cleavages or East-West divide in the European Parliament? Explaining MEPs' positions on EU's response to the invasion of Ukraine and annexation of Crimea** – Levan Kakhishvili* (Otto-Friedrich University Bamberg) & Alina Felder** (University of St. Gallen)
- **The Fear is What Drives Them? Russia's Foreign Policy Elites, Prospect Theory and the Decision to Invade Ukraine** – Mateusz Filary-Szczepanik* (Jesuit University Ignatianum Kraków) & Damian Strycharz** (University of Edinburgh)
- **The Dilemma of (In)Securities in EU-Russian Relations (2018-2023)** – Anna-Sophie Maass (Lancaster University)
- **Threat perception and multilateral response in the shadow of the Ukraine War: a comparative analysis of public opinion in 7 European countries** – Rossella Borri** (Università di Siena), Matteo Casiraghi** (Rijksuniversiteit Groningen), Pierangelo Isernia* (Università di Siena), Sergio Martini** (Università di Siena), Carlotta Mingardi** (Università di Siena) & Francesco Olmastroni** (Università di Siena).

15:30 -

Concluding remarks

16:00

VENUES

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