Thinking globally in Barcelona
IBEI aims to contribute to a more effective and democratic governance of international affairs through the training of new generations of professionals in international relations and political science, as well as advanced research on the governmental and social responses to global challenges.
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About IBEI
The year 2023 has been a pivotal one for IBEI, marked by significant transformations and milestones. Our esteemed founding president, Narcís Serra, stepped down after more than twenty years of dedicated service. In recognition of his invaluable contributions, the IBEI Board appointed him as Honorary President. Following the proposal of the outgoing president, the Board elected Jacint Jordana, the then-director of IBEI, who was nearing the end of his term, to assume the presidency for a six-year period.

In parallel, an international search for a new director commenced in July, overseen by an independent selection committee tasked with recommending candidates to the Board. After a rigorous and competitive selection process, the Board approved the appointment of Laura Chaqués, professor at the University of Barcelona, as the new director. She assumed her role at the beginning of 2024, heralding a new era of leadership and innovation for IBEI.

In addition to these leadership changes, 2023 has seen several other noteworthy developments at IBEI. Firstly, the necessary amendments to IBEI’s statutes were approved to complete our integration into CERCA, the network of research centers promoted by the Generalitat de Catalunya. This integration is a significant milestone for IBEI, aligning us with a successful initiative that includes many of Catalonia’s top research centres and guarantees adherence to internationally recognized scientific excellence.

Secondly, IBEI achieved institutional accreditation from the Council of Universities, following a successful evaluation by AQU, the Catalan university quality agency. This accreditation is a major accomplishment, affirming the high quality of our educational programmes and the robustness of our continuous improvement processes.

Thirdly, we launched a new Master’s Programme in Public Policy (MPP), expanding our educational offerings in international studies as outlined in the IBEI Strategic Plan 2021-2025. The program’s inaugural course was highly successful, attracting a large and diverse cohort of students.

Furthermore, 2023 witnessed sustained growth in our research activities, with the initiation of several significant new projects and an increase in the number of high-impact publications. We also launched new initiatives aimed at engaging our alumni, which are detailed in this report. Strengthening the IBEI community, both locally and globally, remains one of our top priorities, fostering a shared identity and common values among our members around the world.

In summary, 2023 has been a year of renewal and achievement for IBEI. We have navigated significant leadership changes, achieved important institutional milestones, and continued to expand and enhance our research and educational offerings. These accomplishments position IBEI for continued success and growth in the years to come, reinforcing our commitment to excellence and innovation in the field of international studies.
Graduate Programmes
A community of just over 300 students, in which there is a real possibility to forge lasting friendships and professional contacts.
7 Master Programmes

The Master's degrees are accredited by the Spanish Ministry of Education.

- Master’s in International Development
- Master’s in International Relations
- Master’s in International Security
- Research Master’s in International Studies
- New: Master’s in Public Policy
- New: Erasmus Mundus Master’s in Public Policy (Mundus MAPP)
- New: Erasmus Mundus Joint Master in International Law of Global Security, Peace and Development (ILGSPD)

308 Total Master Students 2023

- 191 New Intake Students
  - Master’s in International Development: 32
  - Master’s in International Relations: 76
  - Master’s in International Security: 23
  - Research Master’s in International Studies: 1
  - Master’s in Public Policy: 14
  - Erasmus Mundus Master’s in Public Policy (Mundus MAPP): 14
  - Erasmus Mundus Joint Master in International Law of Global Security, Peace and Development (ILGSPD): 31

- 117 Previous Year Students
  - Master’s in International Development: 24
  - Master’s in International Relations: 63
  - Master’s in International Security: 20
  - Research Master’s in International Studies: 10

- 24 Exchange Students
Students by Origin

Students Profile 2023-2024 (intake)

- **Average Age**: 25 years
- **Nationalities**: 46 countries
- **Gender Female**: 64%
- **Gender Male**: 35%
- **Other Gender**: 1%
- **Most Represented Countries**: USA, Spain, Italy, Colombia, Netherlands, Germany & UK
Starting from the academic year 2023-2024, IBEI launched a new Master’s degree in Public Policy. This inter-university programme, jointly awarded by Universitat Pompeu Fabra and Universitat de Barcelona, aims to provide graduate students with specialized training for successful careers in public administration, think tanks, and social and political organizations.

To commemorate the launch, IBEI organized an event on June 14, 2023, to discuss and exchange ideas on teaching and training in Public Policy. Diane Stone, Professor of Global Policy at the European University Institute, delivered the keynote speech on the roles and relevance of Public Policy Schools and Programmes in the Global Order. Following this, a roundtable discussion explored the contemporary requirements for a Master’s in Public Policy, featuring distinguished speakers from academia and policy institutes.

The event proved to be an enriching platform for engagement and collaboration, inviting participation and contributions from all interested stakeholders.

The Mayor of Barcelona, Jaume Collboni, inaugurated the academic year at IBEI with an address on “Barcelona: A Global City on a Human Scale.”

In his keynote speech, Collboni emphasized Barcelona’s commitment to international studies and scientific collaboration, highlighting its reputation as a premier place to live and work, not only internationally but also in terms of quality of life. He also stressed the need for the city to be a welcoming and inclusive space for those who call it home, regardless of their origin. Additionally, he discussed Barcelona’s diplomatic effort to position itself as a global capital and cultural and scientific hub.

Collboni underscored the importance of peace, diplomacy, and mutual understanding for addressing global challenges, particularly in the context of events in the Middle East and Europe. He emphasized the role of cities like Barcelona as divers of progress and defenders of human rights and freedoms, in the face of challenges such as climate change and inequality.

The Mayor of Barcelona concluded the speech by praising Barcelona’s “Global Ambition and Human Scale” and its role as an ideal location for education and research.

Laia de Nadal, Rector of the UPF, Javier Lafuente, Rector of the UAB, and Ernest Abadal, Vice-Rector of the UB, also welcomed students to the Academic Year 2023-2024.
**Professional Internship Programme**

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**Internship Placements**

In 2023 IBEI students completed internships in placements such as UNICEF Regional Office in Nairobi, the Secretariat for the Union for the Mediterranean, the Spanish Embassy in Peru, the Dutch Embassy in Australia, the Spain-US Chamber of Commerce in New York, Street Child, CIDOB or the Institute for Integrated Transitions (IFIT), among many others.

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**IBEI Study Trip to Geneve 2023**

Thirty-six IBEI students embarked on a study trip to Geneva on May 25th and 26th, 2023. This journey offered invaluable insights into international organizations and facilitated interactions with diplomats and practitioners.

At the United Nations Office at Geneva, they attended a talk by François Vioud on Achieving Sustainable Development Goals, followed by a guided tour of the Palais des Nations. Later, they visited the United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research, hosted by IBEI alumnus Hardy Giezendanner, current Senior Researcher at UNIDIR’s Conventional Arms & Ammunitions, together with other UNIDIR staff members. The day concluded with a conference at the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies on “The Crisis of Multilateralism and the Paths of International Law” by Nico Krisch, Professor of International Law and member of IBEI’s International Academic Council.

On the second day, students visited the World Trade Organization, where Fernando Puchol, Communications Officer, presented the organization, covering its history, functions and current work. An optional visit to the Red Cross and Red Crescent Museum followed. The trip concluded with a visit to the Delegation of the Government of Catalonia to Switzerland, featuring an alumni-student meeting organized by IBEI. This event facilitated networking, mentorship, and knowledge exchange, fostering a sense of community and bridging the gap between past and present. Three alumni shared experiences and career advice.

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Combining a graduate school and research institute, IBEl unites research, education, and policy engagement.
Other Programmes
### IBEI Summer School in Global Politics and Policy

**19-30 June 2023**

- 7 courses
- 49 participants
- 62 registrations
- Format: Face-to-Face

**With the support of:**

- Ajuntament de Barcelona
- Diputació de Barcelona
- AMB: Àrea Metropolitana de Barcelona

**Jointly organized with:**

### Barcelona Summer School of the Mediterranean and the Middle East

**3-7 July 2023**

- 7 courses
- 58 participants
- 91 registrations
- Format: Face-to-Face

**With the support of:**

- Blanquerna
- IEMed
- DIPLOCAT

**In collaboration with:**

- Generalitat de Catalunya
- Ajuntament de Barcelona
- CCCB: Centro de Cultura Contemporània de Barcelona
- CIDOB: Institut d‘Estudis d’Amèrica del Nord
- PRI: PRIO
- PRIO: PRIO Nordic Egil Centre

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Barcelona Science and Technology Diplomacy Summer School

3-7 JULY 2023
33 participants
Format Face-to-Face

Jointly organized with:

In collaboration with:

Euro-Asia Summer School

25 AUGUST - 1 SEPTEMBER 2023
30 participants
Format Online

Jointly organized with:

In collaboration with:

Winter School POLNET: Social Network Analysis

28 FEBRUARY - 3 MARCH 2023
41 participants
Format Face-to-Face

Jointly organized with:

In collaboration with:

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**Participants:**
- **Specialization Course:** 17 participants
- **New Challenges of Global Governance:** 15 participants
Políticas urbanas y metropolitanas alineadas con la Agenda 2030. Retos de las políticas, la gobernanza y la financiación de las ciudades y áreas metropolitanas

26-27 SEPTEMBER 2023

Jointly organized with:

AMBB: Área Metropolitana de Barcelona

ONU-HABITAT

Acció en organismes internacionals i europeus

18 OCTOBER - 30 NOVEMBER 2023

Jointly organized with:

DIPLOCAE

In collaboration with:

Generalitat de Catalunya
Departament d’Acció Exterior i Unió Europea

Generalitat de Catalunya
Escola d’Administració Pública de Catalunya
Seminario de Política Sectorial

20-23 FEBRUARY

Jointly organized with:

barcelona’

gov

Planificación y Articulación Estratégica y Operativa

27 FEBRUARY - 2 MARCH 2023

Jointly organized with:

barcelona’

gov

Dirección Estratégica en Gestión Pública y Políticas de Seguridad Ciudadana

18-22 SEPTEMBER 2023

Jointly organized with:

barcelona’

gov
Alumni
ISABELLE LENGELING
Master’s in International Relations 2019-2020
Partner Engagement Manager at World Economic Forum, Geneva

“"The Master’s in International Relations complemented my background in business with a deeper understanding of political and macro-economic topics, thereby preparing me to work at the intersection between Business and IR. Furthermore, the collaboration with students from all over the world helped to further strengthen my intercultural understanding.”

NADIA GHULAM DASTGIR
Master’s in International Development 2017-2018
Founder and president of Ponts per la Pau, author, and social educator in Spain, Badalona

“I envisioned applying the knowledge and skills acquired during my studies to make a positive impact in the field of social education and peace activism. My experiences and contributions thus far have confirmed that my post-graduate path is consistent with my initial aspirations, and I’m eager to continue along this fulfilling journey.”

LAURA MILÀ TUGUES
Master’s in International Relations 2017-2018
Project Manager and Business Development, NTT DATA Europe & LATAM (Spain)

“I remember my experience at IBEI to be incredibly enriching, intense and fun. We had this mix of engaging discussions at class where everyone shared their insights and expertise, but at the same time I remember working a lot in papers, presentations and group assignments that required a lot of preparation and group meetings. But the most rewarding aspect was undoubtedly the friendships you make along the way.”

CAROLINE SPANAUS
Master’s in International Development 2017-2019
Development Advisor, GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit); Abuja (Nigeria)

“My experience at IBEI was all that you could want from a postgraduate program. Studying in the bustling and dynamic city of Barcelona in a small group of very driven and experienced people was fantastic. Furthermore, IBEI gave me the chance to start an interview platform together with some other students and we were able to interview high-level speakers on topics relevant to our course, including Branko Milanović. In addition, I got to spend an exchange semester in Cairo.”
The Alumni Global Meeting 2023, which took place from June 16th to 17th, aimed to bring together former and current students of IBEI, as well as academics and professionals experts in different fields. The two-day event was an opportunity for participants to reconnect, learn, and debate on the hottest issues in international relations, delve into participants’ professional trajectories, and draw inspiration.

Sessions included workshops on topics such as international security and nuclear proliferation, climate change, biodiversity loss, water scarcity, sustainable energy, environmental justice, gender equity, and social inclusion. The meeting concluded with a public lecture delivered by Professor Ramin Jahanbegloo on the future of Iran.

The idea of the AGM is to be held every two years in a hybrid format, mostly in-person sessions and combined with virtual components such as live streaming.
Faculty & Research
Our faculty are a dynamic and interdisciplinary mix of junior, mid-career, and senior researchers. We are international.
New Research Fellows

Matt Barlow
Research Fellow

Marika Csapo
Postdoctoral Research Fellow

Antoni Estevadeordal
Senior Research Fellow

Jean Grugel
Research Professor

Javier Martinez Cantó
Research Fellow

Antonio Postigo
Senior Research Fellow

Gabriel Cohen
Predoctoral Fellow

David Garcia
Predoctoral Fellow FPI

Visiting Researchers & Professors

Gustavo Alves Santana
Rio de Janeiro State University
(Rio de Janeiro, Brazil)

Javier Auyero
University of Texas at Austin
(Austin, United States)

Xinyuan Dai
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign
(Urbana-Champaign, USA)

Jack Donnelly
University of Denver
(Denver, USA)

Anna Fieldhouse
Australian National University
(Canberra, Australia)

Ricardo Gamboa
Universidad de Chile
(Santiago de Chile, Chile)

Yinghe Liu
Zhongnan University of Economics and Law
(Wuhan, China)

Doglas Nunes de Sousa
Europa Universitát-Flensburg
(Flensburg, Germany)

Leonardo Weller
Sao Paulo School of Economics
(São Paulo, Brazil)

Faculty & Research

- 67 Faculty & Researchers
- +20 Nationalities
- 46% Female
- 54% Male

Researchers

11 University Associated & Full Professors
8 Associate Professors
4 Tenure-Track Professors
17 Research Fellows & Senior Research Fellows
11 Postdoctoral Fellows
16 Research Assistants & PhD Trainees

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Training & Scientific Events

- Research Seminars: 25
- Workshops: 8
- Lectures: 15
- International Conferences: 2
- International Speakers: 82

Events during 2023: 50

Research Projects

- Ongoing Research Projects: 28

Funding Institutions

- Spanish Research Agency: 11
- European Commission: 11
- Agency for Management of Universities and Research Grants (AGAUR): 6

Publications

- Papers published in high impact peer-reviewed journals (Q1-Q2): 47
- Papers published in other peer-reviewed journals: 3
- Books and monographs: 2
- Book chapters: 9

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Scientific Council

- Jacint Jordana
  Director, IBEI.
  Professor, Universitat Pompeu Fabra

- Esther Barbé
  Senior Research Associate, IBEI.
  Professor, Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona

- Ana Sofia Cardenal
  Professor, Universitat Oberta de Catalunya

- Laura Chaqués Bonafont
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  Emeritus Professor, University of Sussex

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Research Highlights

New Erasmus + Jean Monnet Networks, funded by the European Union

**EU-VALUES**
EU Research and Education Network on Foreign Policy Issues: Values and Democracy

This Network is dedicated to advancing discourse and fostering an understanding of values and democracy within EU foreign policy. This collaborative effort unites 21 premier higher education institutions from across Europe and the globe. Over the next three years, EU-VALUES will facilitate in-depth discussions through its website, blogs, webinars, podcasts and videos. This Research Project is coordinated by IBEI's President Jacint Jordana, and counts with IBEI's Research Fellow Adam Holesch as the project manager.

**EU-RENEW**
EU Research and Education Network on Europe in the World

This Network brings together 19 outstanding higher education institutions from Europe, Asia, Africa, and The Americas with the goal of improving knowledge and enhancing debate on 'Europe in the World' through the collection, review, debate and dissemination of insightful and innovative research and educational material. It will establish a flexible system for the collection of relevant material that empowers its partners to expand on their own expertise, research networks, and academic projects in order to contribute valuable content. This Network counts with the participation of Jacint Jordana and Adam Holesch.

**EUIP**
What role for Europe in the Indo-Pacific? Identifying regional policy responses towards the EU’s Indo-Pacific Strategy

This Network will create a unique grouping of EU and Indo-Pacific expertise (involving a mixture of academics, think-tankers, and foreign policy officials from both the EU and third countries) to conduct interviews, engage in Delphi style policy debates, and “policy sandpits” in eight Indo-Pacific countries. The Network will provide high-level foreign policy analysis, forecasting, and outputs that will be of significant use for practitioners in the European External Actions. This Network counts with the participation of IBEI Associate Professor and Head of Studies Robert Kissack.
Coordinated by IBEI Postdoctoral Research Fellow Libby Maman, this study aims to shed light on the current level of democracy and trust in Catalonia in a relatively understudied field – regulatory governance. In addition, this study will contribute to the overall understanding of the role that different democratic qualities can play in enhancing trust.

The study utilizes a new measure to assess the extent to which four regulatory agencies in Catalonia, the Catalan Competition Authority (ACCO), the Catalan Audiovisual Council (CAC), the Catalan University Quality Assurance Agency (AQU) and the Food Safety Agency (ACSA), are legally obliged to transparency, participation, accountability, and inclusiveness and the extent to which they put these qualities into practice. This study then examines how democratic qualities affect stakeholder and public trust in ACCO, CAC, AQU and ACSA by employing (a) a series of interviews with different stakeholders in the food and data protection sectors in Catalonia and (b) an experimental survey of a broad representative sample of the Catalan population.

IBEI Associate Professor Elisabeth Johansson-Nogués is the coordinator of inRESPONSE research project, dedicated to investigate the conditions under which war breaks out, as well as the mechanisms which institutions use to restore peace, stability and order. This project will pursue state-of-the-art research to map out and examine the very micro-foundations of dysfunctionality of Europe’s security architecture. A theoretical model will be produced, to advance analysis on how political pressures inside institutions (EU, NATO and OSCE), and across institutions, result in a breakdown of the security upheld by overlapping and networked security organizations.

The project AFRICAs RISKS is coordinated by Frank Borge Wietzke, Associated Professor at IBEI. Its first objective is to move experiences of risk and crises more centrally into the analysis of when and why new safety net policies are adopted or not. The second objective is to expand on the vastly understudied demand-side of social protection reform in Africa. Across the two study objectives, they will focus on four case study countries that vary in their degree of risk exposure, historical welfare state development, and their recent social policy responses (Morocco, Namibia, Senegal, Zambia). This will be complemented by the analysis of Africa-wide survey and social protection data to establish the validity of the results for the wider study region.
IBEI hosted, in October 2023, the presentation in Spain of the study "Technological Capabilities and the Twin Transition in Europe: Opportunities for Regional Collaboration and Economic Cohesion" published by the Bertelsmann Stiftung. The Director of IBEI, Jacint Jordana; Clara Bassols, Director of Fundación Bertelsmann; and Meritxell Serret, Catalan Minister for Foreign Action and the EU, set the stage with their insights, marking the inauguration of the event. Following their remarks, the study’s authors, Malte Tim Zabel and Nathan Crist introduced their findings, sparking discussions on regional collaboration and economic cohesion, particularly with Catalonia.

A panel of experts comprising Aina Gallego and Andrea Noferini delved into the intricacies of the green and digital transition landscape, contributing to a comprehensive exploration of the study’s themes.

For the International Day of Women and Girls in Science, on February 11, 2023, IBEI launched a social media campaign aimed at spotlighting the profiles of remarkable female researchers in the fields of politics, security and international relations.

Laura J. Shepherd, Ruti G. Teitel, Esther Barbé, Toni Haastrup, Diana Tussie, Tanja Börzel, Amaney J. Jamal, Pinar Bilgin, Erica Chenoweth, and Roselyn Hsueh were among the distinguished individuals who inspire our faculty members with their ground-breaking research.

The 2023 Graduate Forum Research Conference took place at IBEI premises on June 8-9. Master’s students, doctoral candidates and early-career researchers representing various disciplines within European Studies presented their research findings under the theme of "Rebuilding Europe after a Decade in Crisis".

In a collaborative effort, the University Association for Contemporary European Studies (UACES) and IBEI came together to provide support for early-career researchers. The conference aimed to delve into social, legal, political, cultural, and security realities in Europe from an academic perspective.
About IBEI
**Economic Data**

**INCOME 2022-2023**
- 11.56% BOARD OF PATRONS: 624,440,21 €
- 35.91% RESEARCH PROJECTS: 1,939,726,19 €
- 52.53% TRAINING ACTIVITIES: 2,837,060,36 €

TOTAL: 5,401,226,76 €

**EXPENDITURE 2022-2023**
- 8.25% STRUCTURE: 434,371,36 €
- 11.55% RESEARCH ACTIVITIES: 607,876,64 €
- 23.71% TRAINING PROGRAMMES: 1,247,537,77 €
- 56.49% FACULTY AND ADMINISTRATION STAFF: 2,972,932,68 €

TOTAL EXPENDITURE: 5,262,718,45 €

**Total Number of Staff**

**TOTAL MEMBERS**
- 53% Female
- 47% Male
- 90 Members

**FACULTY & RESEARCHERS**
- 46% Female
- 54% Male
- 67 Members

**ADMINISTRATION STAFF**
- 74% Female
- 26% Male
- 23 Members
Social Media & Web

X (ex-Twitter) Followers: 6,608 (December 2023)
Facebook Followers: 5,717 (December 2023)
LinkedIn Followers: 7,928 (December 2023)
YouTube Reproductions: 8,382 (During 2023)
New Videos on YouTube: 23 (2023)

Web Visitors in 2023: 186,992
Web Visits in 2023: 316,191
Average of pages per visit: 3

Knowledge Transfer

Policy briefs published by IBEI researchers:
- 2018: 0
- 2019: 2
- 2020: 6
- 2021: 8
- 2022: 5
- 2023: 10

Op-eds, blogs, newspaper articles written by IBEI researchers:
- 2018: 31
- 2019: 17
- 2020: 13
- 2021: 10
- 2022: 3
- 2023: 9

Interviews with IBEI researchers:
- 2018: 25
- 2019: 17
- 2020: 3
- 2021: 10
- 2022: 3
- 2023: 2
Institutional Development

__Laura Chaqués Bonafont__, new Director of IBEI

On November 29, 2023, the Board of Trustees of IBEI appointed Laura Chaqués Bonafont as the new director, with effect from January 2024. Jacint Jordana, who had led IBEI since its foundation in 2004, assumed the role of president while Narcís Serra, until then president, became honorary president.

The public and international selection process for the new director began in Summer and was overseen by a selection committee of six experts appointed by the IBEI Board of Trustees. Laura Chaqués Bonafont, who has been a Senior Research Associate at IBEI since 2010, is also a Professor of Political Science at the Universitat of Barcelona. She leads the “Quality of Democracy” (Q-DEM) research group, focusing on analysing the interplay between governmental, parliamentary, and media agendas across different issues, countries, and government levels in Spain from a comparative perspective. Currently, her primary research interest lies in the comparative analysis of agenda dynamics, with a specific focus on the roles of interest groups, political elites, and social media.

This transition marks a new chapter for IBEI, with strengthened leadership and a commitment to academic excellence and innovative training, as well as advanced research in the fields of international relations, political science and development studies.

Institutional Accreditation by Spanish Universities Council

IBEI obtained the institutional accreditation granted by the Spanish Universities Council, after certifying its Internal Quality Assurance System. This accreditation aims to analyse the organization, procedures, and comprehensive resources of the institution, together with the quality of the degrees taught. Obtaining this institutional accreditation allows university centres to accredit, for a renewable period of six years, all the official university degrees taught in a unified manner.

In past years, IBEI had accredited the university master’s degrees in International Relations, International Security, and International Development with excellence by the Spanish Universities Council and had successfully certified the implementation of its Internal Quality Assurance System. In 2022, IBEI began the institutional accreditation process, which culminated with the visit of the external evaluation committee on May 31 and June 1, 2023, to interview academic and management staff, as well as students of the Institute and verify on-site the functioning of the internal quality assurance system.

The favourable report issued on July 20, 2023, by the committee allows IBEI to take another step towards strengthening the autonomy of the centre by ensuring the quality of postgraduate teaching offer as well as the effectiveness of all internal quality assurance processes implemented.
In March 2023, CIDOB and IBEI jointly organized a round table dedicated to the intricacies of the war in Ukraine and the prospects for European and international security.

A little more than a year into the Russian invasion of Ukraine, and a year after the Bucha massacre, views from the fields of human security, EU integration, and EU foreign policy were brought together, to take stock of the implications of the war for the international and regional order, as well as the European security architecture, and explore possible avenues ahead for the key actors in the region.

The event counted with the experts Oriol Costa (UAB-IBEI), Mary Kaldor (LSE-IBEI) and Pol Morillas (CIDOB), moderated by Carme Colomina (CIDOB).

IBEI has joined the EU Non-Proliferation and Disarmament Consortium (EUNPDC), a network of independent think tanks and research institutes working on non-proliferation and disarmament issues. The EUNPDC was conceived as the beating heart of a European network of researchers keen to share the fruits of their work with their colleagues, as well as with both European authorities and the key decision-makers within EU Member States.

It was established in July 2010 by the Council of the European Union as “a European network of independent non-proliferation think tanks in support of the implementation of the European Union strategy against Proliferation of Weapons of Mass Destruction”.

More info available.
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