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11:00 - 12:30	Defence Cooperation and Military Assistance 1 Chair: Isabelle Duyvesteyn, Leiden University Actors, Interests and Interdependencies in East Asian Security Competition Chair: Samuel Seitz, Oxford University	<i>Hall of Patriots</i> <i>Small Hall</i>
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13:30 - 14:55	Military Interventions Chair: Kersti Larsson, Swedish Defence University Private Actors, Armed Conflict and the State Chair: Andreas Kruck, Ludwig Maximilians University	<i>Hall of Patriots</i> <i>Small Hall</i>
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	Terrorism and Counter-terrorism Chair: Giulia Grillo, University College London	Hall of Patriots
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	Political Economy, Technology and the Defence Industry Chair: Antonio Calcara, CSDS Brussels	Small Hall
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	Maritime security in the Indo-Pacific: Perspectives from the EU Chair: Manjeet S. Pardesi, Victoria University of Wellington	Small Hall
14:30 - 15:55	Defence Cooperation and Military Assistance 2 Chair: Jonata Anicetti, Metropolitan University Prague	Hall of Patriots
	Intelligence Chair: Zakia Shiraz, Leiden University	Small Hall
16:00 - 17:15	Roundtable 3: Inclusion and Security Studies Chair: Šárka Kolmašová, Metropolitan University Prague <i>Roundtable participants:</i> Damien Van Puyvelde Leiden University Esther Beckley Erasmus University - online Raffaele Mastrocco European University Institute Federica Cristani Institute of International Relations, Prague - online <i>Hybrid & Recorded</i>	Small Hall
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Roundtable Participants: **Isabelle Duyvesteyn**, Leiden University;

Henrik Breitenbauch, Royal Danish Defence College; **Janani Mohan**, Cambridge University

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Defense Cooperation and Military Assistance 1

Hall of Patriots

Chair: **Isabelle Duyvesteyn**, Leiden University

- **“Navigating the Indo-Pacific: A Comparative Analysis of ASEAN and Quad Frameworks”**
Giorgia Piovesan, University of Glasgow
- **“Multilateral Maritime Exercises and Strategic Change The American Case and Beyond”**
Peter Dombrowski, U.S. Naval War College & Simon Reich, Sciences po/Rutgers
- **“Sino-Russian joint military exercises in focus: New strategic confluences in the Asia-Pacific”**
Jerome Gapany, Military Academy at ETH Zurich
- **“Toward a Novel Conception of Naval Strategy for Small Countries”**
Friso Stevens, University of Helsinki

Actors, Interests and Interdependencies in East Asian Security Competition

Small Hall

Chair: **Samuel Seitz**, Oxford University

- **“Inter-alliance Security Dilemmas: Korean Counterforce Systems and Their Effect on the Sino American Nuclear Competition”**
Samuel Seitz, Oxford University
- **“Developing digital peripheries for strategic advantage: Competitive cyber capacity building assistance initiatives in Africa”**
Julia Carver, Oxford University
- **“Predicting East Asian Security Competition in the 21st Century: A Regional Approach”**
Chelsea Thorpe, Cambridge University
- **“Small Islands, Big Potential: A Taiwan Contingency, Alliance Politics, and the Defence of Remote Islands with Large Stake”**
Takuya Matsuda, University of Tokyo & Elliot Ji, Princeton University

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Military Interventions

Hall of Patriots

Chair: **Kersti Larsdotter**, Swedish Defence University

- **“Contesting ‘Zeitenwende’: Political Contestation and Partisan Entrapment”**
Marius Ghincea, European University Institute
- **“Military intervention in foreign policy-making: Principal-agent analysis of US troop drawal from Korea, 1977-1979”**
Juhong Park, University of Bath
- **“When Does Vladimir Putin Send Troops to Fight Abroad?”**
Simon Saradzhyan, Harvard University

Private Actors, Armed Conflict and the State

Small Hall

Chair: **Andreas Kruck**, Ludwig Maximilians University

- **“EU’s Use of Private Military and Security Companies’ Services: Filling the Capabilities- and Consensus-Expectation Gaps?”**
Oldrich Bures, Metropolitan University Prague & Eugenio Cusumano, Università degli Studi di Messina
 - **“Hybrid axis of evil. Policing of organised crime and state threats in global ports” Korea, 1977-1979”**
Yarin Eski, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
 - **“The Utility of Foreign Volunteers in Ukraine”**
Zachariah Parcels, Purdue University & Michel Wyss, Military Academy at ETH Zurich
 - **“The financing of contemporary mercenarism: resources, routes, and regulation”**
Jovana Jezdimirovic Ranito, University of Twente & Sorcha MacLeod, University of Copenhagen
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15:00 - 16:25

Military Technology

Hall of Patriots

Chair: **Sanne Verschuren**, Boston University

- **“Artificial Intelligence and Non-linearity: An Analysis of the Limitations of Statistical Learning AI in Warfare”**
Alessandra Russo, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan
- **“Business power and the quiet politics of military innovation in cyberspace”**
Moritz Weiss, LMU Munich

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Knowledge Production on War

Small Hall

Chair: **Matúš Halás**, Institute of International Relations, Prague

- **“Exploring how the emotion of interest shapes strategic studies scholarship (and how we can make the most of it)”**
Samuel Zilincik & Dagmar Ludackova, University of Defence, Czech Republic
 - **“Envisioning Critical Strategic Studies”**
Chiara Libiseller & Isabelle Duyvesteyn, Leiden University
 - **“Virtually inconceivable? Foregrounding the ontological dimension to cyber strategic studies”**
Julia Carver, Oxford University
 - **“Changing Expertise: Knowledge Production through Artificial Intelligence in the Military ain”**
Alies Jansen, Leiden University
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16:30 - 17:00

Poster session/Coffee break

- **“Investigating Perspectives of (In)Security of Affected Individuals in Afghanistan under The Taliban Rule: A Vernacular Security Approach”**
Mohammad Mahdi Iraj, Nagoya University
 - **“Structuring the Use of Securitization by Violent Non-state Violent Actors”**
Ido Gadi Raz, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
 - **“In the mind of the beholder”: a study on coercion and the choice of coercive instruments ”**
Chiara Boldrini, Università di Bologna
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Day 2

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Alexander Lanoszka, University of Waterloo;
Silvia D'Amato, Leiden University (online)

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Terrorism and Counter-terrorism

Hall of Patriots

Chair: **Giulia Grillo**, University College London

- **“Organizational Lineage and the Diffusion of Lethal and Non-Lethal Information between Armed Groups”**
Evan Perkoski, University of Connecticut
 - **“Stigmatizing State Sponsors of Terrorism: An Evaluation of Feasibility”**
Müberra Dinler, Charles University
 - **“The Resilient Body of the State: Imaginary of Cohesive Society in PVE and Countering Hybrid Threats”**
Jan Daniel, Institute of International Relations, Prague
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10:30 - 11:55

Weapons of Mass Destruction: Non-Proliferation and Arms Control

Hall of Patriots

Chair: **Michal Smetana**, Charles University

- **“Temporal Disparities in Intergenerational Justice: A Comparative Analysis of Nuclear Deterrence and Climate Change”**
Franziska Stärk, University of Hamburg
- **“The inadmissibility of nuclear threats – norm or empty promise?”**
Maren Vieluf, University of Innsbruck
- **“The Re-Emergence of Nuclear-Weapons-Free-Zones in an Era of Heightened Conflict”**
Janani Mohan, Cambridge University
- **“Technocratic view of nuclear sharing ”**
Michal Onderco, Erasmus University

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Political Economy, Technology and the Defence Industry Arms Control

Small Hall

Chair: Antonio Calcara, CSDS Brussels

- **“Defence Offsets and the Global Arms Trade: Explaining Cross-National Variations”**
Jonata Anicetti, Metropolitan University Prague
 - **“Strategic sensemaking: Scanning the military technological edge”**
Henrik Breitenbauch & Jens Vesterlund Mathiesen, Royal Danish Defence College
 - **“Exploring the cybersecurity policy design space in the EU: a mixed methods approach based on machine-learning techniques”**
Mattia Sguazzini, University of Genova
 - **“Technological Innovation and national security: Variations in public-private relations in the defense and cybersecurity sectors”**
Yagnyashri Kodaru & Lorenz Sommer, LMU
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Nuclear Deterrence and Nuclear Strategy in the Third Nuclear Age

Hall of Patriots

Chair: Michal Onderco, Erasmus University

- **“Public support for arms control in the third nuclear age: New evidence from NATO countries”**
Ondřej Rosendorf, IFSH & PRCP, Michal Smetana & Marek Vranka, Charles University
- **“The Eternal Promise of Missile Defense”**
Sanne Verschuren, Boston University
- **“Can there be a responsible nuclear weapon state? Understanding the agency and moral relevance of nuclear weapons”**
Tim Thies, University of Hamburg
- **“Russian nuclear roulette? Elites and public debates on nuclear weapons in Moscow after Ukraine ”**
Lydia Wachs, Stockholm University

13:00 - 14:25

Maritime security in the Indo-Pacific: perspectives from the EU

Small Hall

Chair: **S. Paredesi**, Victoria University of Wellington

- **“Guarding the Maritime Highways: Europe’s Role in the Indo-Pacific”**
Paul van Hoof, Benedetta Girardi, Davis Ellison, Tim Sweijts, The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies
 - **“The EU in the Indo-Pacific: a security actor sui generis”**
Eva Pejsova, Vrije Universiteit Brussels
 - **“The EU’s naval signalling in the Indo-Pacific”**
Nicolas Blarel & Niels van Willigen, Leiden University
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Defence Cooperation and Military Assistance 2

Hall of Patriots

Chair: **Jonata Anicetti**, Metropolitan University Prague

- **“Winning the Battle for Hearts and Minds: U.S. Reassurance During the Russo-Ukrainian War”**
Alexander Lanoszka, University of Waterloo, Stephen Herzog, ETH Zurich/Harvard Kennedy School, & Lauren Sukin, LSE
- **“International military assistance: a historical and conceptual genealogy”**
Thibault Fouillet, Institut d’Etudes de Stratégie et de Défense, Université Jean Moulin Lyon III
- **“Trapped in the Strategic Trilemma: Ukraine’s role in the Black Sea region (2014-2024)”**
Viktoriia Vdovychenko, Cambridge University & Marc De Vore, St Andrews University
- **“European defence policy changes in response to Russia’s 2022 invasion of Ukraine: a ‘wake-up call’ in practice?”**
Michelle Haas, Ghent University

Intelligence

Small Hall

Chair: **Zakia Shiraz**, Leiden University

- **“Proliferation not democratization: open-source intelligence and the war in Ukraine”**
Damien Van Puyvelde, Leiden University
- **“Getting the Revolution in Intelligence Affairs Right: Technological Innovation, Organizational and Operational Adaptation, and Intelligence Effectiveness in the Second Machine Age”**
Niccolò Petrelli, Roma Tre University

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Roundtable 3: Gender, Inclusion and Diversity in Security Studies

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Small Hall

Chair: **Šárka Kolmašová**, Metropolitan University Prague

Roundtable Participants:

Raffaele Mastrocco, European University Institute;

Federica Cristani, Institute of International Relations in Prague;

Esther Beckley, Erasmus University;

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