

## **EISS 2026 Conference Program**

DAY 1 - June 11th, 2026		
09h00-09h30	Registration and Coffee	
9h30-9h45	Introductory Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hugo Meijer, Sciences Po &amp; Moritz Weiss, LMU</li> <li>• Yvonne Svanström, Stockholm University &amp; Magnus Petersson, Stockholm University</li> <li>• Julia Carver, Leiden University &amp; Sanne Verschuren, Boston University</li> </ul>	
9h45-10h45	Roundtable: Taking Stock of European Security in a Rapidly Changing Geopolitical Environment Chair: Sanne Verschuren, Boston University	
10h45-12h00	Panel: Virtually Transformed? Digital Infrastructures, Competition, and Governance Chair: Julia Carver, Leiden University	Panel: War and Peace Abroad: Security Assistance, Multilateral Operations, and Peace-Building Chair: Kersti Larsdotter, Swedish Defence University
12h00-13h00	Lunch	
13h30-14h30	Keynote - Lieutenant General Thomas Nilsson	
14h30-15h45	Panel: Nuclear Weapons in a Changing World: From Deterrence to Arms Control Chair: Sanne Verschuren, Boston University	Panel: Gender, Politics, and Security Chair: Chiara Ruffa, Sciences Po
15h45-16h00	Coffee Break	
16h00-17h15	Panel: The Conduct of Contemporary and Future War Chair: Giles Moon, Oxford University	Panel: The Politics of Deterrence in Europe Chair: Thomas Fraise, University of Copenhagen/Sciences Po

DAY 2 - June 12th, 2026		
8h45-9h00	Coffee Break	
9h00-10h15	Roundtable: Navigating the Job Market Chair: Julia Carver, Leiden University	Panel: Geopolitical Power Europe: A Reality Check in Western Balkans and Eastern Neighbourhood

		Chair: Filip Edjus
10h15-11h30	Panel: Cyber and Digital Sovereignty Co-Chairs: Moritz Weiss (LMU) and Eugenio Sanchez (Sciences Po)	Panel: Stepping into the Future: Military Technology, Innovation Practices, and Contemporary Challenges Chair: Jennifer Erickson, Boston College
1130-12h45	Panel: Conceptualizing Military Strategy: From Planning to War Chair: Chiara Libiseller, King's College London	Panel: Politics at the Intersection of Climate, Industrialization, and Security Chair: Nicolas Blarel, Leiden University
12h45-13h30	Lunch	
13h30-14h45	Panel: Military Transformation: Military Innovation and Strategic Change in the Transatlantic Context Chair: Magnus Petersson, Stockholm University	Panel: War & Strategy: Strategic Deterrence under Duress Chair: Jan Angstrom, Swedish Defence University
14h45-16h00	Panel: Beyond the State Chair: Mark Rhinard, Stockholm University	Panel: Extended Nuclear Deterrence through European Eyes Chair: Ludovica Castelli, Istituto Affari Internazionali
16h00-16h15	Coffee Break	
16h15-17h30	Panel: Disruptive Machines: AI, Information Operations, and Cyber Security Chair: Arthur Laudrain, ETH Zurich	Panel: Regional Security in the Balkans Chair: Filip Ejdus, University of Belgrade
17h30- 18h00	Concluding Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Magnus Petersson, Stockholm University</li> <li>• Julia Carver, Leiden University &amp; Sanne Verschuren, Boston University</li> </ul> Award of the European Security Studies Best Paper Prize <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In partnership with the Journal of Strategic Studies</li> </ul>	
18h00	Cocktail/ Poster Session	