



**SCHUMAN SECURITY AND DEFENCE FORUM 2024
THINK TANKS EVENT**

**28th May 2024, 12.45-18.00
Sofitel Place Jourdan, Brussels**

AGENDA

12.45-13.45 Arrival of participants: registration & light lunch buffet.

13.55-14.00 Welcome by Mr. Cosmin Dobran, Director Peace, Partnerships and Conflict Management EEAS

14.00-15.00 Plenary session: Global peace & security landscape: Opportunities for peace, security and defence partnership.

In this open plenary discussion, participants will assess the current global peace and security landscape, emphasising opportunities for fostering partnerships in the realm of peace, defence and security. The discussion will explore collaborative strategies among nations, international organisations, and non-state actors to address emerging threats and enhance global stability.

- Introduction and moderation by Mr Steven Everts, Director, EU Institute of Security Studies
- Respondent 1 : Dr. Swasti Rao, associate fellow, Manohar Parrikar Institute
- Respondent 2: Ms. Elena Lazarou, Head of the External Policies Unit of the European Parliamentary Research Service

15.00-16.30 Breakout sessions:

1. New threats & hybrid warfare

The panel discussion will focus on emerging threats and hybrid warfare in the contemporary global landscape. Topics will include the intersection of new technology, cyber space, disinformation campaigns, and unconventional tactics in modern conflicts, with a focus on strategies for resilience and response.

- Impulse by Mrs Nad'a Kovalčíková, Senior Analyst, EUISS (EU)



- Rapporteur: Mr Rory Medcalf, non-resident fellow, Lowy Institute for International Policy (AU)
- Moderated by Manon Le Blanc, EEAS SECDEFPOL.2

2. Human security: Women, Peace & Security, Youth, Peace & Security

This panel discussion will delve into the critical intersection of human security, Women, Peace, and Security (WPS), and Youth, Peace, and Security (YPS) agendas. Discussions will aim to address challenges, share best practices, and propose actionable solutions to promote a more secure and equitable world with human security, writ large, at its centre.

- Impulse by Mr Prof Zaid Eyadat, Director, Centre for Strategic Studies (JO)
- Rapporteur: Mrs Cristina Finch, Head of Gender & Security, DCAF - Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (CH)
- Moderated by Mrs Sonya Reines-Djivanides, Executive Director, European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (tbc)

3. The Peace-Security nexus

This panel discussion will explore the intricate relationship between peace and security and how advancements in one domain influence the other. The panel will hone in on the interconnectedness of peacebuilding efforts, conflict prevention strategies, and security measures in fostering sustainable stability as well as how the nexus is implemented in practice.

- Impulse by Mrs Lori-Anne Theroux Benoni, Director West Africa Institute for Security Studies (ISS) (SN)
- Rapporteur: Mr Juan Pablo Toro, Executive Director, Athena Lab (CL)
- Moderated by Mr. Alexandros Yannis, Head of Division, EEAS STRATPOL

3. The future of multilateralism

This panel discussion will reflect on the future of multilateralism and the resilience and adaptability of multilateral forums and structures in a rapidly evolving world. Discussions will center on the challenges and opportunities facing global institutions and explore strategies to reinforce the multilateral system to meet the complex challenges of the 21st century.

- Impulse by Dr. Bader Alsaif, Kuwait University
- Rapporteur: Dr. Nicole Koenig, Head of Policy, Munich Security Conference (DE)
- Moderated by Mr. Steven Everts, Director of EU institute for Security Studies (EUISS)



16.30-17.00 Coffee break

17.00-18.00 Closing plenary moderated by Mr. Alexandros Yannis, Head of Policy Planning & Strategic Foresight, EEAS

The rapporteurs will share their key points and take-aways of the break-out discussions to the plenary. Participants are invited to provide a brief reflection of the day as a whole and identify particular issues to flag for the Schuman Forum main event. The moderator will wrap up the day with closing remarks.

Rapporteurs B1: Mr Rory Medcalf, non-resident fellow, Lowy Institute for International Policy (AU)

Rapporteurs B2: Mrs Cristina Finch, Head of Gender & Security, DCAF - Geneva Centre for Security Sector Governance (CH)

Rapporteurs B3: Mr Juan Pablo Toro, Executive Director, Athena Lab (CL)

Rapporteurs B4: Dr. Nicole Koenig, Head of Policy, Munich Security Conference (DE)

