

Moving Sands in Global Politics and European Security: Resilience and Beyond

CZERNIN SECURITY FORUM

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The following security conference is one of the MFA flagship political / academic events, organised in cooperation with the Institute of International Relations Prague and the Charles University, Faculty of Social Sciences. The aim of the conference as outlined below is to treat pertinent international political issues of the day while also providing for their deeper expert reflection.

Building resilience both in Europe as well as in its neighbourhood and the broader „arc of instability“ that surrounds it has been a cornerstone of NATO and the EU’s policy. The conference will take stock of these efforts both in the Eastern and the Southern neighbourhood while benefiting from the burgeoning academic debates on the issue. It will situate those efforts in a global perspective, facilitating a discussion about European security in the conditions of global power shifts, both horizontal and vertical in nature; the debate that will critically interrogate the conditions of success of European strategic autonomy, but also the political objectives governing how the capacities of NATO and the EU member states should be both developed and deployed around the world. At the same time, it will turn attention to the rationality of resilience *at home* and specifically the linkage of resilience and „hybrid threats“ while discussing the very concept of hybridity and its political effects.

The event supported by NATO Public Diplomacy Division and the Friedrich Ebert Stiftung will combine political and academic components. Therefore, it will be a forum for a mutually enriching dialogue between the world of practical policy making and (international) academia. A closed expert workshop (by invitation only) with a food for thought paper prepared by the IIR would serve as a format for an open discussion of more sensitive issues.

DAY 1

Registration

(9:00 - 10:00)

Opening Keynote

(10:00 - 10:30, The Mirror Hall, TBD)

Plenary Session 1: Resilience of the Global Order

(10:30 - 12:00, The Mirror Hall)

*Dimitar Bechev (Research fellow at the CSEES at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, US)
Axel Berkofsky (Co-Head of the Asia Centre at the Italian Institute for International Political Studies, IT)
Tomasz Paszewski (Institute of Political Studies of the Polish Academy of Sciences, PL)*

Moderator: Matus Halas (The Institute of International Relations, CZ)

In the opening plenary, broad strategic considerations related to the role of Europe in the ever more multipolar, rather than multilateral world order, and the desirability and the conditions of success of European strategic autonomy will be discussed.

Luncheon (12:00 - 13:00)

Plenary Session 2: Vertical Power Diffusion

(13:00 - 14:30, The Mirror Hall)

Michelle Bentley (Director of the Centre of International Public Policy at the University of London, Royal Holloway, UK)

Vincent Boulanin (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute, SE)

Harald Müller (Head of Research Group "Nuclear Arms Control" at the Peace Research Institute Frankfurt, DE)

Moderator: Michal Smetana (Peace Research Center Prague, Charles University, CZ)

The panel will follow with the power analysis opened in the first plenary by focusing on vertical power diffusion in global politics, including the impact of the proliferation of both established and new technologies (including e.g. nuclear and chemical weapons, artificial intelligence, and lethal autonomous weapon systems) and desirable strategies on the European part, e.g. in advocating for novel forms of global security regulation to adapt the current security architecture to new challenges.

Coffee Break (14:30 - 15:00)

Plenary Session 3: The Moral Compass of the West and the EU

(15:00 - 16:30, The Mirror Hall)

Giovanni Grevi (Head of Europe in the World programme at the European Policy Centre, BE)

Hanns Maull (Senior Distinguished Fellow at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs, DE)

Sergey Utkin (Head of Strategic Assessment Section at the IMEMO of the Russian Academy of Sciences, RU)

Moderator: Matus Halas (The Institute of International Relations, CZ)

The third plenary session will discuss underpinnings of Western engagement in the World and it will also focus on the objectives of EU's external action and security policy. It will look at the concept of pragmatism focusing on practical knowledge rather than universalist prescriptions in the world conceived as one of becoming, volatile, fragile and constantly in motion while maintaining the aspiration toward a better one.

Social event (18:00 - 20:00)

DAY 2

Expert Workshop: Critical Reassessment of Deterrence and Resilience in Europe

(9:00 - 10:30, The Mirror Hall, by invitation only and under the Chatham House rule)

Jan Havránek (Policy Adviser at the Policy Planning Unit of the Office of the NATO Secretary General, BE)

Jan Ludvík (Deputy Head of the Center for Security Policy, Charles University, CZ)

Matus Halas (The Institute of International Relations, CZ)

Moderator: Ondřej Ditrych (Director of The Institute of International Relations, CZ)

Coffee Break (10:30 - 11:00)

Plenary Session 4: Europe Must Be Resilient Too, Confronting the Hybrid

(11:00 - 12:30, The Mirror Hall)

Käsper Kiviso (Deputy Director of Research and Strategic Analysis, Hybrid Centre of Excellence, FI)

Guillaume Lasconjarias (Delegate for defence education, Ministry of National Education, FR)

Ondřej Rojčík (Head of Strategic Information and Analysis Unit, NÚKIB, CZ)

Moderator: Matus Halas (The Institute of International Relations, CZ)

Resilience is often perceived as a rationality of external, but also internal security policies and therefore a *par excellence* reflection of the internal/external security nexus that has been firmly established in both academic and practical debates (cf. Bigo 2001; Mogherini 2017). Resilience is embraced here as a means of averting political decay, but also of responding to the negative external pressures that are often subsumed under the label of „hybrid“. This session will explore and interrogate the linkages between resilience and hybridity in the context of European security, and discuss related policies.

Luncheon (12:30 - 13:30)

Plenary Session 5: Critical Perspective on Resilience and European Security

(13:30 - 15:00, The Mirror Hall)

David Chandler (Professor of International Relations at the University of Westminster, UK)

Elena Korosteleva (Professor of International Politics & Jean Monnet Chair at the University of Kent, UK)

Maria Mälksoo (Senior Lecturer at the Brussels School of International Studies, BE)

Moderator: Michal Smetana (Peace Research Center Prague, Charles University, CZ)

Resilience as a rationality to respond to emergent complexity has been established not only in the final communiqués from NATO summits and in the EUGS, but has become, according to some, a paradigm of modern governance (cf. Chandler 2014). While this has been lauded by some and criticised by others as a move away from democratisation, what seems to be entailed in the concept is also its fundamentally liberal nature, since repressive states tend to be also fragile. This plenary will discuss normative caveats and dilemmas of the recent stress on resilience in foreign and security policy.

Coffee Break (15:00 - 15:30)

Plenary Session 6: Resilience and Comparative Engagement Strategies in the Neighbourhood

(15:30 - 17:00 in French, The Great Hall)

Alain du Boispeán (Conseiller Spécial pour les Affaires Politiques de l'Envoyé Spécial pour le Sahel, FR)

Evgeny Kozhokin (Vice-Rector of MGIMO, RU)

Clive Rumbold (Acting Head of Western Balkans Division at the EEAS, EU)

Moderator: Gabriela Boiteux Pilná (Head of the Multilateral Development Cooperation Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, CZ)

This plenary will take stock of the efforts to increase partner states' resilience as the capacity to withstand change. It will focus on how NATO's and the EU's efforts to develop institutional resilience as a means of stability and prosperity compare to activities of other geopolitical actors like Russia or China.

Closing remarks by the IIR Director and a glass of wine

(17:00 - 18:00, The Great Hall)

Side Session 1: The Hybrid Centre of Excellence in Helsinki: What is Hybrid and How to Counter That?

(29 November, 16:30 - 17:30, TBD)

Kirsti Narinen (Director of International Relations, Hybrid Centre of Excellence, FI)

Käsper Kiviso (Deputy Director of Research and Strategic Analysis, Hybrid Centre of Excellence, FI)

Päivi Tampere (Head of Communications, Hybrid Centre of Excellence, FI)

Moderator: TBD

Side Session 2: Czech Women Network on Foreign and Security Policy

(30 November, 8:30 - 10:30, TBD)

Maria Mälksoo (Senior Lecturer at the Brussels School of International Studies, BE)

Moderator: TBD (Association for International Affairs, CZ)

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