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Dublin City University

Thursday 12th December 2024

Join Zoom Meeting:

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All times are GMT (current UK/Irish time)

9.00 am – 9.15 am (GMT)

Welcome

Prof. Christian Kaunert (Dublin City University & University of South Wales)

9.15 am – 10.45 am (GMT)

Panel 1A: The European Union and Global Security Threats: Towards Global Responses?

Chair: Prof. Sarah Leonard (Dublin City University & University of South Wales)

Dr Carlos Ortiz (University of South Wales) 'Global Problems on Our Doorstep: Transnational Security Threats Bridging Latin America and Europe'

Dr Rachid Id Yassine (Université Gaston Berger) and Dr Khalifa Diop (Université Numérique Cheikh Hamidou KANE) 'The Citizen Barometer of Security: A Tool for a Better Management of Human Security in West Africa and the Sahel Region'

Dr Ismail Suardi Wekke (Institut Agama Islam Negeri Sorong and University of South Wales) 'A Global Threat, A Joint Response: EU and Southeast Asia Strengthen Security Ties'

Dr Zulkifli Surahmat (Institut Agama Islam Darul Dakwah Wal Irsyad Sidenreng Rappang, Indonesia), Dr Mansur Ahmad (Institut Agama Islam Darul Dakwah Wal Irsyad Sidenreng Rappang, Indonesia) and Dr Ismail Suardi Wekke (University of South Wales) 'The European Union's Impact on Regional Security: A Southeast Asian Lens'

Amparo Pamela Fabe (National Police College, Philippines and University of South Wales) 'The Dangers of Cognitive Warfare in the South China Sea: The Philippine Experience'

11.00 am – 12.00 pm (GMT)

Keynote Lecture:

Dr Hans-Jakob Schindler (Counter Extremism Programme) 'Terrorism Financing of Hamas and Hezbollah: Risk factors for Europe'

Chair: Prof. Sarah Leonard (Dublin City University and University of South Wales)

12.45 pm – 2.00 pm (GMT)

Panel 1B: The European Union, its Neighbourhood and the Challenges of Enlargement

Chair: Dr Ori Wertman (University of South Wales)

Dr Cristian Nitoiu (Loughborough University London) 'EU Strategy and the Peace-Resilience Nexus'

Dr Diego Varela (Alexandru Ioan Cuza University) 'Enlargement and the Geopolitical Centre of Gravity of the European Union'

Dr Elena Basheska (CEU Democracy Institute) 'EU Enlargement in Times of Threats: Bridging or Widening the Gap between Commitments and Reality?'

Prof. John Nomikos (Research Institute for European and American Studies) 'EU Security Challenges: The Balkan Peninsula'

2.15 pm – 3.45 pm (GMT)

Panel 1C: The European Union and its Southern and Eastern Neighbourhoods

Chair: Prof. Sarah Leonard (Dublin City University and University of South Wales)

Prof. Gallya Lahav (Stonybrook University) and **Prof. Peter Rutland (Wesleyan University)** 'The European Union and the Israel-Palestine Conflict'

Dr Ori Wertman (University of South Wales) 'The Radicalisation of the Palestinian Public'

Dr Eldad Ben Aharon (Dublin City University) 'The Nagorno-Karabakh Conflict and Israel: Geopolitical Dynamics in the Periphery of the European Union'

Evgeny Romanovskiy (Charles University) 'Chechnya's Instability and the European Union: Security Threats and Policy Responses'

3.45 pm – 4.45 pm (GMT)

Presentation of the book *In the Eye of the Storm: Origins, Ideology, and Controversies of the Azov Brigade, 2014-2023* edited by Christian Kaunert, Alex MacKenzie and Adrien Nonjon and published by ibidem Press (December 2024)

Dr Alex MacKenzie (University of Liverpool) and **Prof. Christian Kaunert (Dublin City University & University of South Wales)**: Introduction to *In the Eye of the Storm*

Bertrand de Franqueville (University of Ottawa) 'Has the Azov Regiment Depoliticized? An Analysis from the Structure to Individual Trajectories'

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9.00 am – 10.30 am (GMT)

Panel 2A: Strategic, Diplomatic and Intelligence-related Challenges Facing Europe and the European Union

Chair: Prof. Sarah Leonard (Dublin City University and University of South Wales)

Michael Jackson (Dublin City University) 'Facilitating International Diplomacy through Effective Diplomatic Security'

Dr Emmet Foley (Dublin City University) 'Ireland and European Intelligence: Trust and Mistrust in Europe's Weak Link?'

Dr Ikrom Yakubov (University of Edinburgh) 'Information/Psychological War at Subliminal Level: The Case of the GRU & the KGB/SVR'

Achim Alan de Merlo (The Graduate Institute Geneva and Sophia Institute of International Relations, Tokyo) 'Neutrality and Small States: What Lessons Can We Learn from Finland's Example?'

GP Acharya (Independent Researcher) 'Shifting Techno-polar Order: Prospects and Challenges for International Security'

10.45 am – 12.15 pm (GMT)

Panel 2B: The European Union and Multi-Faceted Security Threats I: Crime and Organised Crime, Pandemics and Disinformation

Chair: Dr Ken McDonagh (Dublin City University)

Dr Muhammad Aslam (Dublin City University) 'What Works for Cold Case Homicide Investigation? A European Perspective on Policing Polices, Procedures and Practices'

Alexander Price (Dublin City University) 'The Kremlin and Organised Crime in Europe: A Case Study of a Mercenary Recruitment Network in Italy'

Ricardo Pereira (Dublin City University) "'The Pharmacy of the World": Analysing the European Union's Response to COVID-19 as a Multidimensional Threat'

Dr Edina Lilla Meszaros (University of Oradea) 'The European Union and its Resilience to Disinformation: A Whole of Society Approach'

1.00 pm – 2.30 pm (GMT)

Panel 2C: The European Union and Multi-Faceted Security Threats II: Cyber-Threats and Terrorism

Chair: Dr Ethem Ilbiz (University of South Wales)

Dr Siddhardha Kollabathini (Rashtriya Raksha University) 'A Comprehensive Analysis of the European Union Cybersecurity Approach: An Assessment through Nye's Cyber Power Framework'

Cláudia Barbosa (University of Minho) 'The Human-Centred Approach in the EU Cybersecurity Policies: Rethinking Human Security in the Digital Age'

Sara Ben Abdelouahab (Dublin City University) 'Stochastic Terrorism and EU Security: Digital Manifestos and the Transnational Copycat Phenomenon'

Dr Djallil Lounnas (Al Akhawayn University) 'The National Reconciliation in Algeria as a Disengagement (Behavioral Deradicalization) Strategy towards Jihadists: What Lessons for Europe?'

Dr Alamgir Khan (Dublin City University) 'State Failure and Transnational Security Threats: A Case Study of Pakistan after the Taliban Takeover of Afghanistan'

2.45 pm – 4.00 pm (GMT)

Panel 2D: The European Union and Geopolitical Challenges

Chair: Dr Ori Wertman (University of South Wales)

Dr Ipshita Bhattacharya (BSSS College) 'China and Russia in a De-Facto Relation or Strategic Coordination: Impact on the EU's Security Structure'

Anant Mishra (University of South Wales) 'Predicting EU's Iran Policy: Should European Diplomacy Give a Chance to President Pezeshkian?'

Dr William John Walwa (University of Dar es Salaam) 'The Role of Swahili Culture in the Context of Growing Security Challenges in the Swahili Coast of East Africa: International Lessons?'

Dr Cyprian Aleksander Kozera (University of South Wales) and Branimir Bekavac (Hybrid Warfare Research Institute) 'Can European Union Special Operations Forces Deployments Mitigate Russia's Threat in the EU Southern Neighbourhood?'

Dr Arkadiy Eremin (Webster University Tashkent) 'New World Order and its implications for European Security'.