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WHEN EMPIRES STRIKE BACK:

European Security in Post- Liberal Times

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From **25-27 May 2023**, we will hold **the fourth edition of the Young Security Conference** at the Amerikahaus in Munich. The YSC is an **intergenerational and inclusive space to debate the future of European security**. Our conference is two-fold. We run a Fellowship programme, whereby young professionals can exchange ideas and make their voices heard. We also host public panels on the most pressing security issues. Such an approach enables policy-makers, scholars, experts, and our fellows to critically discuss and debate the research matter at hand and develop policy proposals that go beyond the three days in Munich.

This year's YSC devotes its attention to **Russia's illegal invasion of Ukraine**. This war of aggression not only has devastating consequences for Ukraine but **generally disrupted the peace in Europe** and the once-perceived stability of the EU and NATO, institutions that long ago set out to unify the continent and the international community.

The EU's member states and neighbours **are torn between global superpowers** and between liberal and illiberal world views, due to deep historical ties.

Is the EU adapting to the Zeitenwende? Will the EU significantly **alter its Common Foreign and Security Policy** or will it remain caught between visions of strategic autonomy and intergovernmentalism? Is the US still a **reliable partner** of the EU and, if so, how long will it continue to be one? Considering **the trend of democratic backsliding** in various Western countries, are democracy and the rule of law values of the past?

Freedom and liberalism have not been that vulnerable in Europe since the Second World War. At the #YSC23 **we aim to develop innovative ideas helping to stimulate stalled discussions on EU security, transatlantic relations, and the relation to Russia in a drastically changing political environment.**



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Day I – 25 May 2023

- 09.30 - 9.35 **Keynote Speech: Corinne Pereira da Silva**, Consul General of France in Munich
- 09:35-11:00 **Welcome and Ice Breaker for the Fellows**
Speakers: Prof. Stephan Stetter, Prof. Frederic Charillon, Amélie Jacques-Apke, Moritz Flössler
- 11:00-12:00 **Fellow Session: Migration and Security**
With: Marguerite Bellavitis
- 12:00-13:00 **Break**
- 13:00-14:00 **Fellow Session: Democratic Backsliding**
With: Prof. Pamela Camerra-Rowe, Prof. Frederic Charillon
- 14:00-15:00 **Fellow Session: Nuclear Knowledge I**
With: Prof. Benoit Pelopidas
- 15:00-16:00 **VR Experience on the Humanitarian Consequences of Nuclear Weapons**
in cooperation with ICAN
- 16:00-17:00 **Fellow Session: Global Gateway (EU) vs Belt and Road Initiative (PRC)**
With: Richard Kraemer, Lana Pedisic
- 17:00-18:30 **Fellow session: Career pathways into security**
- 18:30-end **Networking**



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Day II – 26 May 2023

- 09:00-10:00 **Fellow Session: Nuclear Knowledge II**
With: Prof. Benoit Pelopidas and Xanthe Hall (IPPNW)
- 10:00-10:30 **Keynote Speech: Hannah Neumann (PhD)**, German MEP
- 10:30-12:00 **Public Panel: Serbia's EU Candidacy: A Friend or A Foe?**
Speakers: Thijs Reuten, Richard Kraemer, Vujo Ilic (PhD), Robert Kozma
Moderator: Lana Pedisic (YSC)
- 12:00-13:30 **Break**
- 13:30-14:00 **Keynote Speech: Mrs Anka Feldhusen**, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Kyiv, Ukraine
- 14:00-15:30 **Public Panel: Post-war Ukraine: What post-war society are Ukrainians fighting for?**
Speakers: Ambassador Mrs Anka Feldhusen, Mustafa Dzhemilev, Alina Nychyk (PhD), Lyudmila Dolgonovska (PhD)
Moderator: Amélie Jaques-Apke (YSC)
- 15:30 - 16:00 **Break**
- 16:00-17:00 **Fellow Session: Security and Cooperation in the Arctic**
With: James Black (Rand Europe)
- 17:00-18:30 **Public Panel: Nuclear Weapons. How to Translate Knowledge of Risk into Policy Action**
Speakers: Xanthe Hall, Merle Spellerberg, George-Wilhelm Gallhofer, Dr Tobias Fella, Jannis Kappelmann
Moderator: Ruth Rohde
- 18:30 – end **Networking**



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Day III – 27 May 2023

- 09:00-10:00 **Fellow Session: Nuclear Knowledge III**
With: Prof. Benoit Pelopidas
- 10:00-11:00 **Fellow Session: Dreams, Doubts, and Dependencies of the Transatlantic Alliance**
With: Prof. David Rowe (PhD)
- 11:00-12:30 **Public Panel: Dealing with democratic backsliding: Anticipating impacts, new fragilities, and old problems**
Speakers: Prof. Pamela Camerra-Rowe (PhD), Prof. Muriel Rouyer (PhD), Prof. Stephan Stetter (PhD)
Moderator: Amélie Jaques-Apke (YSC)
- 12:30-13:30 **Break**
- 13:30-15:00 **Public Panel: A new era of EU-NATO cooperation? Crisis management in the dawn of new defence challenges and hybrid threats**
Speakers: Barbora Maronkova, Gordon B. “Skip” Davis Jr, Rear Admiral Jürgen Ehle, James Black
Moderator: Zdeněk Rod (YSC)
- 15:00-15:30 **Break**
- 15:30-17:00 **Public Panel: Dreams, Doubts, and Dependencies of the Transatlantic Alliance**
Speakers: Prof. David Rowe (PhD), Julien Serre, Cathryn Clüver Ashbrook
Moderator: Moritz Flössler (YSC)
- 17:00-20:30 **Networking**

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