

Securing Europe Amidst Current Insecurities

Europe is continuously searching for its role and identity in the global security arena amidst a sense of increasing threat. But what about the legacies of the EU in diplomacy, conflict prevention, and crisis management? What about alternative understandings of security that centre the well-being of individuals and communities? How can Europe deal with migration and cyber security, and what role does the securitisation of borders play in this regard? This seminar examines the developments in European security and explores possibilities for thinking security otherwise.

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Keywords

1. European Union's global role;
2. European Security and Defence Policy;
3. securitization;
4. alternative visions of security;

Form of delivery

The seminar is going to take place in English and is organized in an interactive manner. Seminar participants participate actively in various in-class activities, while the instructors provide regular input through short, synthesizing lectures. The daily themes are meant to guide participants towards the final presentation at the last day of the seminar about their proposed security strategy for the European Union post-2022. Suggested readings are provided via the EFA2022 sharepoint but are voluntary.

Place and time of delivery

Forum Alpbach, 20 – 26 August 2022

Seminars start on 21 August: Mittelschule 2. Stock Klasse 8; 180 minutes for 6 days

Please check all given dates/times ahead of the seminar for accuracy

Assignment of the week

This seminar fosters in interactive and hands-on engagement with European security and therefore participants are going to work towards one main assignment (see task description below): to develop the vision and main themes for a post-2022 European Union security strategy. The daily seminars, group work during the seminar and the suggested readings support participants in their development of such an updated security vision.

Participants are going to work in groups, which will be allocated within the first two days of the seminar. Also, each group are to choose collectively if they prepare their vision for Ursula van der Leyen or Josep Borrell.

A post-2022 EU security strategy

You just secured your first dream job. As European security analyst you are going to work as speech writer for Ursula van der Leyen (groups 1/2/3) or High Representative and head of the European External Action Service, Josep Borrell (group 4/5/6). Your first assignment is to prepare the security-themed input for the 2022 State of the European Union speech in September, where the European Commission president and the High Representative jointly aim to sketch out the new European security strategy post-2022.

You have until Friday to prepare your main vision for such a post-2022 security strategy and its main messages. On Friday you will need to present your work to your colleagues during the weekly cabinet meeting. You are also encouraged to prepare a poster/ppt presentation to support your presentation of maximum 7 minutes.

You are aware that this is a mammoth task, given the current situation with the Russian War in Ukraine going on, which is considered by many a watershed moment for European security. Therefore, you asked the chef the cabinet to draw together a group of experts to help you prepare, and you are going to have daily preparatory meetings for your big presentation on Friday.

Suggested Inspiration - Speeches by Von der Leyen and Josep Borrell

Von der Leyen (2022). Speech at the European Parliament Plenary on the Russian aggression against Ukraine. 1 March 2022: https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/speech_22_1483

Borrell (2022). Further measures to respond to the Russian invasion of Ukraine: Press statement by High Representative/Vice-President Josep Borrell, 27 February 2022: https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/further-measures-respond-russian-invasion-ukraine-press-statement-high-representativevice_nb

Borrell (2022). Press Statement by High Representative/Vice-President Josep Borrell on Russia's aggression against Ukraine, 24 February 2022: https://www.eeas.europa.eu/eeas/russias-aggression-against-ukraine-press-statement-high-representativevice-president-josep_en

DAILY SCHEDULE

Day 1: The quest for European security over time

Sunday, 21 August 2022, 14.00 – 17.00

Elements & Questions: Getting to know each other
 Our main assignment of the week
 How has the concept of European security shifted over time? What
 makes a security strategy;

Readings for inspiration:

Diez, Thomas (2022, June 7). Russia's War and the Future of the European Order. *Transatlantic Policy* 24(1): <http://transatlanticpolicy.com/article/1114/russias-war-and-the-future-of-european-order>

The Lawfare Podcast: How Ukraine is Changing European Security, <https://www.lawfareblog.com/lawfare-podcast-how-ukraine-changing-european-security>

Biscop, Sven (2019). *European Strategy in the 21st Century. New Future for Old Power.* Introduction and chapter 2, pp. 1-4 and 21-36.

Day 2: (How) is the EU different from other security actors?

Monday, 22 August 2022, 09.00 – 12.00

Elements & Questions: Key past EU security documents in comparison (group work)
 Who makes EU foreign, security and defence policy?
 How do EU member states differ in their security concerns?
 Who else deals with European security in Europe?

Key EU security documents for inspiration

- European Security Strategy (2003): <https://www.consilium.europa.eu/media/30823/qc7809568enc.pdf>
- European Union Global Strategy (2016): https://eeas.europa.eu/archives/docs/top_stories/pdf/eugs_review_web.pdf
- European Union Security Union Strategy (2020): <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A52020DC0605>

Suggested readings

Maurer, H., & Wright, N. (2020). Still governing in the shadows? Member states and the Political & Security Committee in the post-Lisbon EU foreign policy architecture. *Journal of Common Market Studies* 59(4): 856-872. <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/jcms.13134>

FES (2022). *Security Radar: Navigating the Disarray of European security.* Friedrich Ebert Stiftung: <https://library.fes.de/pdf-files/bueros/wien/18980-20220310.pdf>

Day 3: What type of security is the EU looking for?

Tuesday, 23 August 2022, 10.15 - 13.00

A surprise: please be prepared to already meet at 9.30 on Tuesday

Elements & Questions: Securitisation examples: EU cyber security & EU migration policy
What does securitisation do to the EU's identity: secure and a force
for good?

Suggested readings

EU's Cybersecurity Strategy for the Digital Decade, <https://digital-strategy.ec.europa.eu/en/library/eus-cybersecurity-strategy-digital-decade-0>

Cooper, Robert (2003). The Breaking of Nations: Order and Chaos in the Twenty-first Century. Chapter 2 (or watch a talk by R. Cooper here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sjeLBBD01HM>)

Manners, Ian (2002). Normative Power Europe: a Contradiction in Terms? *Journal of Common Market Studies*, 40(2): 235-258: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1111/1468-5965.00353>

Wagner, Wolfgang (2017). Liberal Power Europe, *Journal of Common Market Studies* 55(6), 1398–1414: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/jcms.12572>

Wednesday, 24 August 2022, 10.15 - 13.00

How to make Europe more secure?

Elements & Questions: What are the most effective instruments for ensuring security?
Example 1: what instruments were “successful” in the European
Neighbourhood Policy & the Eastern Partnership
Example 2: new vs old tools

Suggested readings

Michal Naturski (2022) Resilience in EU crisis interventions in Ukraine: A complexity perspective, *Journal of Contemporary European Studies*, <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/14782804.2022.2097205>

De Hoop Scheffer, A., & Weber, G. (2022). Russia's War on Ukraine: the EU's Geopolitical Awakening. The German Marshall Fund of the United States, Insights. <https://www.gmfus.org/news/russias-war-ukraine-eus-geopolitical-awakening>.

Thursday, 25 August 2022, 09.00 - 12.00

How does EU approach to security change? The case of Russia's war in Ukraine

Elements & Questions: EU security in the face of Russian war in Ukraine
What changed? What should/does remain?

Suggested readings

Bosse, Giselle (2022). Values, rights, and changing interests: The EU's response to the war against Ukraine and the responsibility to protect Europeans, *Contemporary Security Policy*, 43:3, 531-546: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/13523260.2022.2099713>

Witney, Nick, Five reasons driving European defence integration after the Ukraine invasion, <https://ecfr.eu/article/five-reasons-driving-european-defence-integration-after-the-ukraine-invasion/>

Wolczuk, Kataryna (2019). State building and European integration in Ukraine, *Eurasian Geography and Economics*, 60:6, 736-754:

<https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/abs/10.1080/15387216.2019.1655463>

Wolczuk, Kataryna and Žeruolis, Darius (2018.) Rebuilding Ukraine. An Assessment of EU Assistance, Chatham House, <https://www.chathamhouse.org/sites/default/files/publications/research/2018-08-16-rebuilding-ukraine-eu-assistance-wolczuk-zeruolis.pdf>

Friday, 26 August 2022, 09.00 - 12.00

What security concept for the EU post-2022?

Elements & Questions:

Group presentations, feedback and debrief
Final Recap