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9:00 - 9:30	<b>Registration and Coffee</b>	
9:30 - 9:45	<b>Introduction remarks</b> Hugo Meijer, Director of EISS - Sciences Po Vit Stritecky, Charles University	<i>Small Hall</i>
9:45 - 10:55	<b>Roundtable 1: Debating the Future of War</b> Chair: Tim Sweijs, Netherlands' War Studies Research Centre - The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies <i>Hybrid &amp; Recorded</i>	<i>Small Hall</i>
11:00 - 12:30	<b>Defence Cooperation and Military Assistance 1</b> Chair: Isabelle Duyvesteyn, Leiden University <b>Actors, Interests and Interdependencies in East Asian Security Competition</b> Chair: Samuel Seitz, Oxford University	<i>Hall of Patriots</i>  <i>Small Hall</i>
12:30 - 13:30	<b>Lunch</b>	
13:30 - 14:55	<b>Military Interventions</b> Chair: Kersti Larsson, Swedish Defence University <b>Private Actors, Armed Conflict and the State</b> Chair: Andreas Kruck, Ludwig Maximilians University	<i>Hall of Patriots</i>  <i>Small Hall</i>
15:00 - 16:30	<b>Military Technology</b> Chair: Sanne Verschuren, Boston University <b>Knowledge Production on War</b> Chair: Matúš Halás, Institute of International Relations, Prague	<i>Hall of Patriots</i>  <i>Small Hall</i>
16:30 - 17:00	<b>Poster session / Coffee Break</b>	
17:00 - 18:00	<b>Keynote: The Evolutionary Anthropology of War</b> Professor Richard Wrangham, Harvard University <i>Hybrid &amp; Recorded</i>	<i>Small Hall</i>

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9:00 - 10:25	<b>Roundtable 2: Navigating the Job Market</b> Chair: Nicolas Blarel, Leiden University <i>Roundtable participants:</i> Silvia d'Amato Leiden University Sanne Verschuren Boston University Alexander Lanoszka University of Waterloo <i>Hybrid &amp; Recorded</i>	<i>Small Hall</i>
	<b>Terrorism and Counter-terrorism</b> Chair: Giulia Grillo, University College London	<i>Hall of Patriots</i>
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10:30 - 12:00	<b>Weapons of Mass Destruction: Non-Proliferation and Arms Control</b> Chair: Michal Smetana, Charles University	<i>Hall of Patriots</i>
	<b>Political Economy, Technology and the Defence Industry</b> Chair: Antonio Calcara, CSDS Brussels	<i>Small Hall</i>
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	<b>Maritime security in the Indo-Pacific: Perspectives from the EU</b> Chair: Manjeet S. Pardesi, Victoria University of Wellington	<i>Small Hall</i>
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14:30 - 15:55	<b>Defence Cooperation and Military Assistance 2</b> Chair: Jonata Anicetti, Metropolitan University Prague	<i>Hall of Patriots</i>
	<b>Intelligence</b> Chair: Zakia Shiraz, Leiden University	<i>Small Hall</i>
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16:00 - 17:15	<b>Roundtable 3: Inclusion and Security Studies</b> Chair: Šárka Kolmašová, Metropolitan University Prague <i>Roundtable participants:</i> Damien Van Puyvelde Leiden University Esther Beckley Erasmus University - online Raffaele Mastrocco European University Institute Federica Cristani Institute of International Relations, Prague - online <i>Hybrid &amp; Recorded</i>	<i>Small Hall</i>
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17:15 - 17:30	<b>Award of the European Security Studies Best Paper Prize</b> In partnership with the Journal of Strategic Studies	<i>Small Hall</i>
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17:30 - 17:45	<b>Concluding Remarks</b> Hugo Meijer, Director of EISS - Sciences Po   Representative of Charles University	<i>Small Hall</i>
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18:00	<b>Cocktail Reception</b>	

# Day 1 Detailed Programme

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## Defense Cooperation and Military Assistance 1

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Chair: **Isabelle Duyvesteyn**, Leiden University

- **“Navigating the Indo-Pacific: A Comparative Analysis of ASEAN and Quad Frameworks”**  
Giorgia Piovesan, University of Glasgow
- **“Multilateral Maritime Exercises and Strategic Change The American Case and Beyond”**  
Peter Dombrowski, U.S. Naval War College & Simon Reich, Sciences po/Rutgers
- **“Sino-Russian joint military exercises in focus: New strategic confluences in the Asia-Pacific”**  
Jerome Gapany, Military Academy at ETH Zurich
- **“Toward a Novel Conception of Naval Strategy for Small Countries”**  
Friso Stevens, University of Helsinki

## Actors, Interests and Interdependencies in East Asian Security Competition

*Small Hall*

Chair: **Samuel Seitz**, Oxford University

- **“Inter-alliance Security Dilemmas: Korean Counterforce Systems and Their Effect on the Sino American Nuclear Competition”**  
Samuel Seitz, Oxford University
- **“Developing digital peripheries for strategic advantage: Competitive cyber capacity building assistance initiatives in Africa”**  
Julia Carver, Oxford University
- **“Predicting East Asian Security Competition in the 21st Century: A Regional Approach”**  
Chelsea Thorpe, Cambridge University
- **“Small Islands, Big Potential: A Taiwan Contingency, Alliance Politics, and the Defence of Remote Islands with Large Stake”**  
Takuya Matsuda, University of Tokyo & Elliot Ji, Princeton University

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## Lunch

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### Military Interventions

*Hall of Patriots*

Chair: **Kersti Larsdotter**, Swedish Defence University

- **“Contesting ‘Zeitenwende’: Political Contestation and Partisan Entrapment”**  
Marius Ghincea, European University Institute
- **“Military intervention in foreign policy-making: Principal-agent analysis of US troop drawal from Korea, 1977-1979”**  
Juhong Park, University of Bath
- **“When Does Vladimir Putin Send Troops to Fight Abroad?”**  
Simon Saradzhyan, Harvard University

### Private Actors, Armed Conflict and the State

*Small Hall*

Chair: **Andreas Kruck**, Ludwig Maximilians University

- **“EU’s Use of Private Military and Security Companies’ Services: Filling the Capabilities- and Consensus-Expectation Gaps?”**  
Oldrich Bures, Metropolitan University Prague & Eugenio Cusumano, Università degli Studi di Messina
  - **“Hybrid axis of evil. Policing of organised crime and state threats in global ports”Korea, 1977-1979”**  
Yarin Eski, Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
  - **“The Utility of Foreign Volunteers in Ukraine”**  
Zachariah Parcels, Purdue University & Michel Wyss, Military Academy at ETH Zurich
  - **“The financing of contemporary mercenarism: resources, routes, and regulation”**  
Jovana Jezdimirovic Ranito, University of Twente & Sorcha MacLeod, University of Copenhagen
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15:00 - 16:25

### Military Technology

*Hall of Patriots*

Chair: **Sanne Verschuren**, Boston University

- **“Artificial Intelligence and Non-linearity: An Analysis of the Limitations of Statistical Learning AI in Warfare”**  
Alessandra Russo, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Milan
- **“Business power and the quiet politics of military innovation in cyberspace”**  
Moritz Weiss, LMU Munich
- **“AI, private corporate experts, and the competence-control dilemma in military innovation: Explaining reconfigurations of the national security state”**  
Andrea Johansen & Andreas Kruck (Ludwig Maximilians University)
- **“Winning the Battle of Adaptation”**  
Kristen Harkness & Marc DeVore, University of St. Andrews

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## Knowledge Production on War

*Small Hall*

Chair: **Matúš Halás**, Institute of International Relations, Prague

- **“Exploring how the emotion of interest shapes strategic studies scholarship (and how we can make the most of it)”**  
Samuel Zilincik & Dagmar Ludackova, University of Defence, Czech Republic
  - **“Envisioning Critical Strategic Studies”**  
Chiara Libiseller & Isabelle Duyvesteyn, Leiden University
  - **“Virtually inconceivable? Foregrounding the ontological dimension to cyber strategic studies”**  
Julia Carver, Oxford University
  - **“Changing Expertise: Knowledge Production through Artificial Intelligence in the Military ain”**  
Alies Jansen, Leiden University
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## Poster session/Coffee break

- **“Investigating Perspectives of (In)Security of Affected Individuals in Afghanistan under The Taliban Rule: A Vernacular Security Approach”**  
Mohammad Mahdi Iraj, Nagoya University
  - **“Structuring the Use of Securitization by Violent Non-state Violent Actors”**  
Ido Gadi Raz, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem
  - **“In the mind of the beholder”: a study on coercion and the choice of coercive instruments ”**  
Chiara Boldrini, Università di Bologna
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## Keynote: The Evolutionary Anthropology of War

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Chair: **Richard Wrangham**, Harvard University

# Day 2

9:00 - 10:30

## Roundtable 2: Navigating the Job Market

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Chair: **Nicolas Blarel**, Leiden University

Roundtable Participants:

**Sanne Verschuren**, Boston University;  
**Alexander Lanoszka**, University of Waterloo;  
**Silvia D'Amato**, Leiden University (online)

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## Terrorism and Counter-terrorism

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Chair: **Giulia Grillo**, University College London

- **“Organizational Lineage and the Diffusion of Lethal and Non-Lethal Information between Armed Groups”**  
Evan Perkoski, University of Connecticut
  - **“Stigmatizing State Sponsors of Terrorism: An Evaluation of Feasibility”**  
Müberra Dinler, Charles University
  - **“The Resilient Body of the State: Imaginary of Cohesive Society in PVE and Countering Hybrid Threats”**  
Jan Daniel, Institute of International Relations, Prague
  - **“The Role of Narratives in Radicalisation: A Critical Examination of Causality and Agency”**  
Unaesah Rahmah, Leiden University
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## Weapons of Mass Destruction: Non-Proliferation and Arms Control

Hall of Patriots

Chair: **Michal Smetana**, Charles University

- **“Temporal Disparities in Intergenerational Justice: A Comparative Analysis of Nuclear Deterrence and Climate Change”**  
Franziska Stärk, University of Hamburg
- **“The inadmissibility of nuclear threats – norm or empty promise?”**  
Maren Vieluf, University of Innsbruck
- **“The Re-Emergence of Nuclear-Weapons-Free-Zones in an Era of Heightened Conflict”**  
Janani Mohan, Cambridge University
- **“Technocratic view of nuclear sharing ”**  
Michal Onderco, Erasmus University

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## Political Economy, Technology and the Defence Industry Arms Control

*Small Hall*

Chair: Antonio Calcara, CSDS Brussels

- **“Defence Offsets and the Global Arms Trade: Explaining Cross-National Variations”**  
Jonata Anicetti, Metropolitan University Prague
  - **“Strategic sensemaking: Scanning the military technological edge”**  
Henrik Breitenbauch & Jens Vesterlund Mathiesen, Royal Danish Defence College
  - **“Exploring the cybersecurity policy design space in the EU: a mixed methods approach based on machine-learning techniques”**  
Mattia Sguazzini, University of Genova
  - **“Technological Innovation and national security: Variations in public-private relations in the defense and cybersecurity sectors”**  
Yagnyashri Kodaru & Lorenz Sommer, LMU
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## Lunch

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## Nuclear Deterrence and Nuclear Strategy in the Third Nuclear Age

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Chair: Michal Onderco, Erasmus University

- **“Public support for arms control in the third nuclear age: New evidence from NATO countries”**  
Ondřej Rosendorf, IFSH & PRCP, Michal Smetana & Marek Vranka, Charles University
- **“The Eternal Promise of Missile Defense”**  
Sanne Verschuren, Boston University
- **“Can there be a responsible nuclear weapon state? Understanding the agency and moral relevance of nuclear weapons”**  
Tim Thies, University of Hamburg
- **“Russian nuclear roulette? Elites and public debates on nuclear weapons in Moscow after Ukraine ”**  
Lydia Wachs, Stockholm University



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## Maritime security in the Indo-Pacific: perspectives from the EU

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Chair: **Manjeet S. Pardesi**, Victoria University of Wellington

- **“Guarding the Maritime Highways: Europe’s Role in the Indo-Pacific”**  
Paul van Hooft, Benedetta Girardi, Davis Ellison, Tim Sweijts, The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies
  - **“The EU in the Indo-Pacific: a security actor sui generis”**  
Eva Pejsova, Vrije Universiteit Brussels
  - **“The EU’s naval signalling in the Indo-Pacific”**  
Nicolas Blarel & Niels van Willigen, Leiden University
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## Defence Cooperation and Military Assistance 2

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Chair: **Jonata Anicetti**, Metropolitan University Prague

- **“Winning the Battle for Hearts and Minds: U.S. Reassurance During the Russo-Ukrainian War”**  
Alexander Lanoszka, University of Waterloo, Stephen Herzog, ETH Zurich/Harvard Kennedy School, & Lauren Sukin, LSE
- **“International military assistance: a historical and conceptual genealogy”**  
Thibault Fouillet, Institut d’Etudes de Stratégie et de Défense, Université Jean Moulin Lyon III
- **“Trapped in the Strategic Trilemma: Ukraine’s role in the Black Sea region (2014-2024)”**  
Viktoriia Vdovychenko, Cambridge University & Marc De Vore, St Andrews University
- **“European defence policy changes in response to Russia’s 2022 invasion of Ukraine: a ‘wake-up call’ in practice?”**  
Michelle Haas, Ghent University

## Intelligence

*Small Hall*

Chair: **Zakia Shiraz**, Leiden University

- **“Proliferation not democratization: open-source intelligence and the war in Ukraine”**  
Damien Van Puyvelde, Leiden University
- **“Getting the Revolution in Intelligence Affairs Right: Technological Innovation, Organizational and Operational Adaptation, and Intelligence Effectiveness in the Second Machine Age”**  
Niccolò Petrelli, Roma Tre University

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### Roundtable 3: Gender, Inclusion and Diversity in Security Studies

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Chair: **Šárka Kolmašová**, Metropolitan University Prague

*Roundtable Participants:*

**Raffaele Mastrocco**, European University Institute;

**Federica Cristani**, Institute of International Relations in Prague;

**Esther Beckley**, Erasmus University;

**Damien van Puyvelde**, Leiden University

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**Vit Stritecky**, Representative of Charles University

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