

## Session Program

26–27 Jun 2025



## EISS 2025 - Annual Conference

### *Private Actors, Armed Conflict and the State*

University of Macedonia, Conference Room "Ilias Koukouvelis"  
Egnatia 156, Thessaloniki 546 36, Greece

## Thursday 26 June

15:30

### Private Actors, Armed Conflict and the State

**Session** | **Location:** University of Macedonia, Teleconference Room, Egnatia 156, Thessaloniki 546 36, Greece | **Convener:** Dr Zarras Konstantinos

**15:30–15:50** Big tech at war: The infrastructural politics of public-private relations

**Speaker**

Tobias Liebetrau

**15:50–16:10**

**We Are Peers Now: States' Relations with Violent Non-State Actors That Became State/Sub-State Actors**

**Speaker**

Ido Gadi Raz

**16:10–16:30**

**Private military companies as proxy forces in international politics with special reference to the Russian Wagner Group/African Corps and its operations in Africa**

**Speaker**

Theo Neethling

**16:30–16:50** From Revolt to Rule: Insurgency as Proto-State Formation

**Speaker**

Marnix Provoost

17:00