

**BISA European Security Working Group**  
**Workshop, Friday, 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026 - on-line event****'European Security in the Age of Trump and Putin'****9am – 9:15 am****Welcome****9:15am – 10:45am**      **Panel 1: Revolutionary Times? Trump and Putin, Transatlantic Relations and European security**Lorenzo Cladi (University of Plymouth)*Trump 2.0. and transatlantic unity over Western support for Ukraine*Evgenii Gamerman*European Security in the 2020s. USA, China, Russia: 3 Horsemen of the Apocalypse*Khairullah Turan*The Ukraine War and Its Escalatory Risks for European Security: Strategic Consequences in the Age of Trump and Putin*Andrew Cottey (University of Cork)*Europe and the Second Trump Revolution: Making the Best of a Bad World***10:45 – 11:00 am****Coffee break****11am – 12:30 pm****Panel 2: Nations and Regions in European Security: Policies, Identities, Dilemmas**Mohammed Afnan (Amia Millia Islamia, New Delhi)*Rising Defence Expenditure and Human Security Trade-Offs in the EU: The German Case*Victoria Bruné (University of Aberdeen)*Liberal small states in a crossfire: changes in contemporary Nordic foreign and security policy facing the Russian threat*Lauren Rogers (University of Edinburgh)*Never (Again) Alone: Discourses of Loneliness in the War in Ukraine*Priyanshu Agarwal (Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi)*From Synergy to Strategy? A Comparative Analysis of the 2007 Black Sea Synergy and the 2025 EU Strategic Approach*

12:30pm – 13:30 pm

Lunch Break

13.30pm – 15:00 pm **Panel 3: The UK, the European Union and European Security: Inclusion, Exclusion, Partnership?**

Lucia Frigo (Royal Holloway, University of London)

British National Security Perceptions and Policies in a Volatile Era: From Global Britain to an Ultra-European UK.

Simon Sweeney (University of York), Neil Winn (University of Leeds)

The Slow Awakening: Analysing the Commission Push for Defence Capability

Brice Didier (Science Po)

*'Jamais deux sans trois': explaining the United Kingdom's enduring role in the EU foreign policy 'Big Three'*

Giovanni Parente (University College Dublin)

*Commanding Without Sailing: European Union-United Kingdom Maritime Security Cooperation Before and After Brexit.*

15:00 – 15:15 am

Coffee break

15:15pm – 16:30 pm **Panel 3: Weaponization and Escalation in European Security: Migration, Nuclear Power and Nuclear Weapons**

Aditi Upadhyaya (University of Toronto)

*Understanding Weaponized Migration in the European Security Landscape*

Brendan Flynn (University of Galway)

*Seeking (some) hope in a time of raging war: what scope for securing Ukraine's key nuclear energy sites as part of an emergent peace?*

Ayesha Zafar (European University Institute)

*Preventing a Nuclear Escalation in the Ukraine Conflict*

16:30

Conclusion

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All times are in Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).