

BISA European Security Working Group
Workshop, Friday, 27th 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

All times are in Greenwich Mean Time (GMT).