



# European Security and Defence in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century International and European Law Perspectives

**Date:** 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024, 12.30 – 17.30

**Venue:** Sciences Po, Bâtiment C, 9 Rue de la Chaise, Salle 931

**Registration :** Please register [here](#).

**In a nutshell:** The European security and defence landscape is both captivating and complex, offering a rich web of legally unexplored dimensions. Amidst this complexity, there are numerous issues of international and European law that require closer scrutiny. In a half-day interactive workshop, we aim to unravel some of the legal intricacies of European security and defence—a topic that will remain at the forefront of academic and political discussions in the years to come.

**Format of the workshop:** The event will bring together scholars specialising in international and European law with a view to engaging in a comprehensive and critical discussion on European security and defence in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. There will be two thematic panels dealing with general legal issues as well as specific cases and contexts, such as the war in Ukraine.

**Guiding questions:** Discussions will unfold along the following (non-exhaustive) list of topics:

- *Global governance challenges:* How is the current geopolitical turmoil changing the foundations and guiding principles of the international and European legal order(s)? How can European security and defence be guaranteed in the long term and what role does the law play in this? Is there any legal room for manoeuvre for common European nuclear weapons?
- *Institutional challenges:* Do legal and institutional changes signal a reshaping of the European security architecture, influenced by a paralysed Security Council and dwindling US security guarantees? Who is actually responsible for European security and defence—the EU, NATO or both? What impact does the increase in the EU's security and defence instruments, e.g. the financing of arms deliveries to Ukraine, have?
- *Distributional and equality challenges:* How do questions of security and defence inform the distribution of resources as well as the design of global geographies? How do changes in the security and defence landscape bear upon questions of global inequalities?
- *Policy challenges:* Does the recent increase in realpolitik considerations lead to recognisable shifts in the protection of fundamental rights? How can European security and defence policy evolve in the light of technological progress, including advances in AI and autonomous weapons systems? (How) can we envisage a legally and economically sound European defence industry? (How) do deal with a new type of risks, such as climate change or hybrid campaigns?

**Target audience:** We invite young, mid-career and senior academics as well as PhD researchers and students to join us and contribute their insights on the abovementioned guiding questions related to the current European security and defence landscape.



## Programme:

12h30 – 13h00	Arrival and lunch
13h00 – 13h30	<p>Welcome and introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jean d’Aspremont (Sciences Po)</li> <li>- Carolyn Moser (MPIL)</li> </ul>
13h30 – 15h00	<p><b>Panel 1 / Adjudicating new geopolitical realities— the function, limits and challenges of judicial actors</b> <i>Chair:</i> Evelyne Lagrange (Paris 1)</p> <p><i>Panelists</i> (15’ presentation each + 45’ discussion):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Dispatches from the Judicial Frontline: Projections of normative power Europe in the prosecution of core crimes committed in Ukraine</i>, Kerttuli Lingenfelter (MPIL)</li> <li>- <i>The European Convention on Human Rights and the Judicial Review of Military Activities Abroad</i>, Sofia Vandenbosch (MPIL)</li> <li>- <i>La possibilité d’un nouvel élargissement de la compétence de la CJUE en matière de PESC, l’un des principaux défis de la mise en œuvre des sanctions de l’UE contre la Russie</i>, Maria Bebec (Paris 1)</li> </ul>
15h00 – 15h30	Coffee break
15h30 – 17h00	<p><b>Panel 2 / Dealing with threats and conflicts— European security and defence in its broader context</b> <i>Chair :</i> Christian Tams (Paris 1) [tbc]</p> <p><i>Panelists</i> (15’ presentation each + 30’ discussion):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <i>Le territoire de l’UE et sa politique étrangère et de sécurité commune</i>, Nadia Signorell (Université de Fribourg/ Sciences Po)</li> <li>- <i>Framing Fear: Mass Media as the Arbiter of Security Threats</i>, Omar Kamel (Sciences Po)</li> <li>- <i>La sécurité européenne à l’épreuve des changements climatiques</i>, Emma Bolopion (Paris 1)</li> <li>- <i>Rebuilding a Sustainable and Inclusive Economy – EU-Donor Coordination in Ukraine</i>, Leon Seidl (MPIL)</li> </ul>
17h00 – 17h30	<p><b>Concluding remarks and wrap up</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Anne Peters (MPIL)</li> <li>- Jean d’Aspremont (Sciences Po) &amp; Carolyn Moser (MPIL)</li> </ul>

**Publication:** Some of the contributions will be published in a special symposium held on the *Verfassungsblog* shortly after the conference.

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