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1. INTERNATIONAL GEOPOLITICAL FORUM – GEOFOR

Geopolitical risks in a global society of the 21st century

Part of a broader project Global Risk Society and New Social Paradigm at
the Institute for European and Globalization Studies

National and University Library, Judita hall
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Overview of the program

8.50-9.30: Registration of participants

9.30-10.25: Opening of the Forum and welcome speeches:

- **Prof. dr. sc. Anđelko Milardović.** Political scientist and sociologist. The founder of the Institute for European and Globalization Studies in Split and Zagreb and the founder of the Geopolitical forum. Tenured professor of Political Sciences. Professor Milardović has studied political science in Ljubljana and Zagreb. He graduated and earned his Master's degree at the Faculty of Political Sciences of the University of Zagreb. He obtained his PhD degree at the Faculty of Political Sciences of the University of Belgrade. He was awarded fellowships in Göttingen, Bonn, Heidelberg, Vienna. He has authored numerous books and expert papers. At the Institute for Migration and Ethnic studies – Zagreb he is in charge of the project 'Globalization, migration, anti-immigrant parties, xenophobia in the EU.
- **Prof. dr. sc. Damir Boras.**(Zoom) Rector of the University of Zagreb. Professor at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences in Zagreb. He is a Croatian scientist, information expert, lexicographer, tenured professor. He is currently in his second mandate as Rector of the University of Zagreb.
- **Captain Ivica Mandić.** University of Zagreb. Military study programs. Center for Defense and Strategic Studies "Janko Bobetko". He obtained his degree in Military studies in the Federal Republic of Germany.

10.25-11.40 : First panel

Challenges of unbalanced multipolarity and geopolitical risks

Introductory lectures:

- **Jean-Paul Perruche** (Zoom) is a French general and a consultant-expert in the area of security and defense strategies, a qualified defense expert in the European Parliament, member of the Scientific Council of the Schuman Foundation and the Honorary President of EuroDéfense – France – an association that gathers high-ranking military and civil officials, together with businesspeople. They are led by the common interest in European defense. EuroDéfense – France is a part of network of 17 similar European associations, created in order to join their ideas on matters of defense and geostrategy and advance the idea of common defense policy.

Topic of the lecture: European defense: what is needed and how to achieve it

- **Dr.sc. Sanja Vujačić.** France. Geopolitical analyst. She earned her PhD degree at the University Paris-Saclay. Her dissertation has been published under the title 'Regulation of Interstate Relations in a Position of Dependence: The Case Study of Croatia'. She is a consultant-expert in international cooperation - Western Balkans. She is the director of the IFDII-Balkans program of the French Institute for Intercultural Intelligence.

Topic of the lecture: Systemic risk and the security of Croatian territory

Moderator: mr.sc. Davor Dijanović, expert in the field of geopolitics, journalist of the news portals Direktno and HKV.

Panelists

- **Dr.sc. Jadranka Polović.** Croatia. Faculty of International relations and Diplomacy at the Libertas International University in Zagreb. She is the President of the Croatian International Studies Association (CISA) and an expert in international politics. She collaborates with the Institute for European and Globalization Studies and with the portal Geopolitika News. She also acts as a geopolitical analyst for numerous Croatian media outlets.
- **Prof.dr.sc. Darija Karasalihović (Zoom).** Croatia. Faculty of Mining, Geology and Petroleum Engineering. She collaborates with the Institute for European and Globalization Studies and with its International Energy Forum (Interenef). She is an expert in questions of geopolitics of energy of Nord Stream 2.
- **Jure Vujić (Zoom)**Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Republic of Croatia. He represents the French School of Geopolitics. He is a member of the French Bar Association. He was the first civilian enrollee of the Croatian Armed Forces Military School "Ban Josip Jelačić" where he graduated in 2006. He is the Head of the Department of Political Science at Matica hrvatska and the Head of the Institute for Geopolitics and Strategic Research, Zagreb.
- **Tomislav Kardum.** Croatia. Historian and journalist, author of the book 'Vanjska politika Njemačkog Carstva 1871-1890'. Foreign policy and geopolitical analyst.

11.40-12-10: Coffee break

12.10-13.20: Second panel

From geopolitics to geo-internet: digital borders, technological identities, securitization of national virtual spaces and geopolitical risks

Moderator: Mislav Vušković, Split. He studied Philosophy and graduated in Translation Studies in English and Italian Language and Literature. As an external associate of the Institute for European and Globalization Studies and a member of GEOFOR, he is tasked with analyzing the geopolitics of Italy, Serbia (Srpski svet) and Orban's Hungary.

Panelists

- **Biljana Cerin.** Croatia. CEO of Ostendo Consulting which specializes in offering advisory services on risk management and compliance with complex regulatory demands in the field of risk management of information security, protection of personal data and information systems security. She works on projects for leading financial, energy, IT and telecommunication companies both in Croatia and worldwide. (Fortune 500, Amgen Merck, Stanford University Hospital and Clinics etc.)
- **Mr.sc. Davor Dijanović.** Croatia. Analyst of the news portal Direktno. He is also the author of the audio podcast '(Geo)politički objektiv podcast' that deals with topics related to international relations, history, philosophy and literature. Referring to the concept of cultural hegemony by Antonio Gramsci, he warns of the media and cultural hegemony in Croatia that makes that practically all podcasters express ideas which are aligned with the party in power, i.e. moderately left-leaning or right-leaning political parties.

- **Marko Rakar.** Croatia. He authors the 'Mračni blog' and is a consultant in the area of information technologies, especially business and research analytics, forensics and a more advanced derivative – predictive analytics, "big data" etc. His goal is to enable his clients to convey their message in the fastest, cheapest and most effective way from point A to point B. He works as a consultant for political parties and their candidates, businesses and institutions in Croatia and abroad.
- **Ass.prof. Sandro Gerić.** Croatia. Faculty of Organization and Informatics (FOI), Varaždin/University of Zagreb. He is a member of the IBIMA Publishing Editorial Board and of the International Doctoral Seminar scientific board. Prof. Gerić is also a member of the IBIMA Program Committee. He also conducts peer reviews for international conferences of MIPRO, CECIIS (IIS), IBIMA and The Journal of Enterprise Resource Planning Studies and JIOS. He has been a section editor for the Journal of Computing and Information Technology since 2012. He is a member of the Program Committee of the Social Technologies journal. Prof. Gerić is a member of the Computer Security Institute organization.

13.20-14.20: Lunch break

14.20-15.45: Third panel

The future of European security in a global risk society

Introductory lectures:

- **Prefect Jean-Christian Cady.** France. He is an expert in security, member of the think tank IFRI and of the Executive Committee of Association Française des Nations Unies (AFNU). He graduated from IEP - Institut d'Etudes Politiques in Paris and from ENA - École Nationale d'Administration. He was bestowed with the French orders of the Legion of Honour and with the French order of merit. He is the representative of EuroDéfense-France at this geopolitical forum.

Topic of the lecture: How can Europe meet today's security challenges?

- **Dr.sc. Claudine Korall.** France. She is the founder and president of the IDII institute, together with the Institute for Intercultural Intelligence Training – IFDII – which is a member of the Executive Academic Board of the European College for Security and Defense. She earned her PhD degree at the École de Hautes Etudes en Sciences Sociales in Paris and she discussed her postdoctoral thesis on the topic of intercultural dialogue at the University of Geneva.

Topic of the lecture: How Intercultural Intelligence contributes to the European defense?

Moderator: Marta Zorko. Croatia. She is an associate professor and the Head of the Department of International Relations and Security Studies at the Faculty of Political Science of the University of Zagreb. She earned her PhD in the area of international relations and national security analyzing open border disputes of the Republic of Croatia. She teaches Political Geography and Geopolitics, Contemporary Geopolitical Issues at the undergraduate level, Migration and Security at the graduate level and Geopolitics and Security at the postgraduate level. She also teaches Geopolitics of Strategic Resources at the doctorate studies of the Faculty of Economics and Business of the University of Zagreb. Professor Zorko teaches Political Geography and Geopolitics at the Military Studies Program, she is the representative of FPZG in the Board of Military Studies and she also teaches at the Croatian Armed Forces Military School "Ban Josip Jelačić". She is the Executive Editor of FoSS (Forum for Security Studies), a member of the Science Board of the International Political Science Association and a member of the Association for Borderland Studies.

Panelists

- **Dr. sc. Tonći Prodan**, He holds a PhD in comparative politics from the Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb. He is an assistant professor at the University Department of Forensic Sciences in Split and deputy head of the study module Forensics and National Security. He is an associate and lecturer at the College of Security in Zagreb (part of SSBM Geneva) and several other higher education institutions in Croatia. Organized by the CEPS think tank from Brussels, as a Croatian security expert together with 27 other representatives of the remaining EU member states, in 2019 he participated in the research "Europe's Coherence Gap in External Crisis and Conflict Management" - The EU's Integrated Approach between Political Rhetoric and Institutional Practice. Within several state bodies of the Croatian security system, he has been actively involved in the protection of national security for almost two decades as a practitioner in several operational and managerial positions. He has participated in the drafting of the current Croatian National Strategy for the Prevention and Suppression of Terrorism. For his work in the field of safety at sea and in connection with the activities in which he participated in the field of safety, in 2019 he was chosen as one of the "local heroes" in a project launched by the European Commission called "Together for a safer EU" - "EU PROTECTS". He is the founder and director of a private company for business and security consulting that deals with security consulting: cities, Croatian and European seaports, colleges and schools, critical infrastructure facilities, and deals with many other activities related to public-private partnership in security .
- **Lina Aburous**, Bruxelles. Lina has more than 15 years of experience in strategic planning, political communications, reputation management, and country branding. Her path was shaped in both public and private sectors, and she has led strategic planning teams in several governmental and inter-governmental organizations. Lina advised and worked for several heads of states, politicians, and international figures, in Europe, Latin America and the Middle East. On a weekly basis, Lina provided her views on EU current affairs on Politico's EU Confidential podcast, the nominated number one media outlet in Brussels. (Zoom)
- **Dr. sc. Darko Trifunović**, Beograd. Professor, Director of The Institute for National and International Security. Prof. dr. Darko Trifunović is a founding member and Director of the Institute for National and International Security. Dr. Trifunović is Editor in Chief of the "Security Science Journal". Dr. Trifunović was elected as a guest professor at FUDAN University – Center of American Studies, Shanghai, China. Dr. Darko Trifunović is a Research Professor in the rank of Associate professor at FUDAN University Institute of BRI Strategy and International Security. Dr. Trifunović is an Adjunct Professor of Shanghai Academy of Social Science, Coordinator for Research. Dr. Darko Trifunović is a Research Professor at the Faculty of Security Studies-University of Belgrade. Prof. dr Darko Trifunović is a guest professor at Matej Bel University, Faculty of Political Science, Slovakia and Senior Researcher at Bar-Ilan University, Israel. (Zoom)
- **Mr.sc. Krševan Antun Dujmović**. Croatia. The Institute for Development and International Relations (IRMO). He coordinates the international cooperation of the Croatian International Studies Association (CISA). His areas of interest include communication and enlargement policies of the EU and the relations between the West and Ukraine, Russia and the South Caucasus countries.

15.45.-16.00: Closing of the Forum, closing remarks.

Remarks:

- Amendments to the Program are possible
- It is possible to move the terms of the Forum according to the epidemiological situation
- Geopolitical forum can be followed via streaming
- Stream: <https://youtu.be/dxFQ6nM0ozk>
- We ask the moderators and panelists to adhere strictly to the schedule of the Program