



EITW workshop 2023

European security architectures and their implications: the past, present and future

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine has put into question many security assumptions in Europe, for example with regards to confidence-building measures, arms control treaties, the use of tactical nuclear weapons, the dependence on Russian energy, and the elasticity of the transatlantic relationship. It marks "a turning point in the history of Europe" (French President Macron in 2022). How the continent's security will evolve over time remains unclear, as in the words of NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg "peace on our continent has been shattered ... Russia is using force to try to rewrite history". But for now, it has triggered a transatlantic rapprochement as US President Joe Biden is committed to "ensure a strong, united response that deters any aggression against the alliance."

This workshop seeks to bring together researchers of all career stages to discuss European security architectures in the past, present and scenarios for the future to assess their purpose, their stability / adaptability, their effectiveness as well as their inclusiveness both in terms of membership and security-related issues.

Particular attention will be given to three dimensions of security cooperation:

- (a) *within and across existing security organization* such as the EU, OSCE, and NATO (e.g., is there a need for a redesign of existing organisations?, do they need a new focus?, what has worked well in the past?)
- (b) whether, how and why Europeans should invest in *new organizations* and organizational formats (e.g., what can existing organizations not address?, what design should new organizations have and how should they relate to existing ones?)
- (c) which organization(s) should offer whom membership, what kind of membership, and why (e.g., how to stabilize Europe?, what are the implications of hard membership boundaries?).

The workshop will be held on **12 - 13 October 2023** at the Robert Schuman Centre for Advanced Studies, European University Institute, Italy.

To apply, please electronically submit an abstract of **maximum 500 words** using the link below by **15 June 2023**.

Applicants will be informed by **30 June 2023**. If selected, we will ask you to submit a **memo of 5,000 words by 3 October 2023**.

The research area 'Europe in the world' of the EUI's Robert Schuman Centre will contribute to expenses related to travel and accommodation for all participants, but in particular for Early Career Researchers.

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