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Title: Interdisciplinary Approaches to European Security

The return to power politics due to the ongoing erosion of the architecture for transatlantic security has created the need for interdisciplinary collaboration on identifying and addressing existing and emerging challenges to the European security. How will the interaction of new threats and changing architecture impact the EU ability to formulate and implement a coherent defense policy? Which of the emerging threats could potentially be game-changing for EU defense policy priorities and its relations with key allies and/or international organizations? Will a post-COVID international environment provide a new set of alliances? Will it contribute to the rise of a new set of actors capable of challenging the European security?

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