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SUMMER COURSE

QUO VADIS EUROPA?
The birth of geopolitical Europe

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General Overview

The question “Quo Vadis Europe?” is more pertinent than ever in this year 2022 when the international community, and in particular Europe, is incredulously witnessing the return of war to our continent. If the European Union is a political actor in constant flux, the war of aggression in Ukraine forces us to redefine ourselves as a global actor in the world order: what impact will this war and the instability it generates have on Europe’s political, economic, and social stability?

This course aims to reflect on all this in a multidisciplinary discussion focusing on the birth of geopolitical Europe; and on an analysis of the mistakes/omissions made and the scenarios to be designed. Over five days and in a total of eight sessions, the following topics will be analysed, among others: the reaction of the EU and its states to the war; how to move from reactive support measures for Ukraine to the consolidation of a proactive EU policy in the field of defence; the sources of Putin and Russia’s conduct and the possible future scenarios; the role of other global actors such as China and the Global South the joint use of military; the narrative dimension and the establishment of an EU narrative: how to fight disinformation?; the struggle for technological hegemony; the geopolitics of energy and climate change; and the impact of the war in future of Europe’s integration.

This course at the UIMP is an ideal framework for reflecting from different fields and sensibilities on future scenarios to which we cannot afford a technical and short-sighted response.
OPENING SESSION

**The birth of Geopolitical Europe**

**KEYNOTE:**
- Josep Borrell, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Vice-president of the European Commission

**ROUNDTABLE:**
- Conversation between Josep Borrell and Sylvie Kauffmann (Editorial Director, Le Monde)

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SESSION II

**European Defence after the War in Ukraine**

**KEYNOTE:**
- Nathalie Loiseau (MEP, President of the Subcommittee on Security and Defence)
- Jana Puglierin (Head of Berlin Office, European Council on Foreign Relations)

**MODERATOR:**
- Paul Taylor (Politico)

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SESSION III

**A deep dive into Russia and Putin’s War**

**KEYNOTE:**
- Catherine Belton (Journalist and author of “Putin’s People: How the KGB Took Back Russia and Then Took On the West”)
- Carmen Claudín (Senior Researcher, CIDOB, Barcelona)
- Andrei Kolesnikov (Carnegie, Moscow)

**MODERATOR:**
- José Ignacio Torreblanca (European Council on Foreign Relations)

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SESSION IV

**The war in Ukraine, China and the Global South**

**KEYNOTE:**
- Mikko Huotari (Director, Mercator Instituto for China Studies)
- Susana Malcorra (Senior Advisor IE University, former Foreign Minister, Argentina)
- José Antonio Sanahuja (Director, Fundación Carolina)

**MODERATOR:**
- Diego Mellado (Head of Division, European External Action Service)
SESSION V
Europe and the battle of narratives

ROUNDTABLE:
• Hans Kribbe (Political Consultant, Author of “The Strong Men”)
• Jaume Duch (Director General for Communication, European Parliament)

MODERATOR:
• Catalina Guerrero (Head of EFE Press Bureau, Brussels)

SESSION VI
The global struggle for technological hegemony

KEYNOTE:
• Thierry Breton (Commissioner for Internal Market)

ROUNDTABLE:
• Thierry Breton (Commissioner for Internal Market)
• Anne Marie Engtoft (Denmark’s Tech Ambassador with responsibility for representing the Danish Government to the global tech industry)
• Tyson Barker (Head of Technology and Global Affairs Program, DGAP)

MODERATOR:
• José Ignacio Torreblanca (European Council on Foreign Relations)

SESSION VII
The geopolitics of energy and climate change

SPEAKERS:
• Cristina Narbona (First Vice-President of the Spanish Senate)
• Cristina Lobillo (Director for Energy Policy, European Commission)

MODERATOR:
• Francisco Fonseca (Professor of International Public Law, Valladolid University)

CLOSING SESSION
Quo Vadis Europa?

SPEAKERS:
• Giorgio Anselmi (European Federalist Movement)
• Guy Verhofstadt (Co-Chair of the Conference of the Future of Europe)
• Josep Borrell

MODERATOR:
• Anna Terrón (Directora, FIIAP)