

# Europe's security and defence: actors, policies, and challenges

## Language

English

## Course content and objectives

The course offers both a general introduction to, and a more in-depth analysis of, the rapidly evolving European security environment. It focuses on the way in (and the extent to) which the EU addresses the main challenges to the continent's security. Given the ever-changing nature of the landscape, special attention will be paid to emerging security threats and recent strategic shocks.

The module provides 1) a historical overview and a broad survey of the institutional landscape, security architecture and policy tools in and across Europe; and especially 2) a balanced analysis of the main issues involved, with a special focus on current challenges and actual policy-making processes in Brussels and beyond.

The first part of the course will focus on the genesis and evolution of EU's (and in part NATO's) approach to security challenges over the past decades and its complex machinery. The final part will address the most recent developments, especially following Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine and Donald Trump's return to the White House.

## Teaching mode

Synchronous online. Additional materials and/or activities will be made available to students.

## Final test

The final test of the course will consist of a multiple-choice test that can be taken in presence only. The test will be made up of 15 questions (passed with 8 correct answers).

## Faculty for the course

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