

A Canada-Europe workshop on
Facing the Russia Challenge: European and Canadian Perspectives
September 29, 30, and October 6, 2022

The workshop is aimed at sharing insights with regards to the current geo-political situation and is intended to explore implications of the Russia's war against Ukraine for the European Union and its Member States, as well as for Canada-EU cooperation. Speakers will include European and Canadian experts and practitioners. The event is organized by the University of Latvia (Riga) and Carleton University (Ottawa) as part of the Jean Monnet Network on EU-Canada Relations (www.carleton.ca/caneunet), which is co-funded by the European Union under the Erasmus+ programme. We are grateful to Carleton University and the University of Latvia for their support in preparing this workshop.

Registration is required to receive the Zoom links. You can [register here](#). Panels are spread over three days to accommodate time zone differences Please see the workshop program below. You may register for one, two, or all three days, as you are available. There is a different Zoom link for each day.

Background to the workshop:

Russia's unprovoked attack on Ukraine has turned into a war that marks the collapse of the European security system as we have known it since the end of World War II. Fundamental principles of that security system, such as respect for territorial integrity and protection of civilian populations in wartime situations, have been upended. A primary motivation for the post-war European integration project was to create conditions that would prevent the eruption of a new war in Europe, based on principles of economic interdependence, liberal democratic values, rule of law, and good governance. These principles, and the European Union's efforts to apply them in its relations with Russia, have proven inadequate to secure peace in the EU's immediate neighbourhood.

Accordingly, the conflict has challenged the European Union (EU) to reinforce its capacity as a security actor, and to adopt more assertive policies to defend the geopolitical interests of the Union, its Member States, and partner countries. While NATO and the United States have taken a lead role in supporting Ukraine in its defense against Russian aggression, the EU and its member states have also stepped forward with military and humanitarian assistance, a broad-ranging and coordinated set of sanctions against Russia, the reception of millions of Ukrainians fleeing the conflict, diplomatic efforts to help lay the groundwork for a negotiated solution, and acceptance of Ukraine and Moldova as EU candidate states.*



DAY 1: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2022**10:00-12:00 (Ottawa) / 16:00-18:00 (Brussels) / 17:00-19:00 (Riga)****(10:00 Ottawa / 16:00 Brussels/ 17:00 Riga)*****Opening remarks and Welcome (online)***

Welcome: **Toms ROSTOKS**, Associate Professor, University of Latvia and Director, Centre for Security and Strategic Research, Latvian National Defence Academy, Latvia

Opening Remarks: **Zane PETRE**, Head of the European Commission Representation in Latvia
Zevone NICHOLAS, Counsellor, Embassy of Canada to Latvia

(10:30 Ottawa/ 16:30 Brussels / 17:30 Riga)***The Collapse of the European Security Regime? How did we get here? (online)***

This panel will take a broader historical view to the problem of security in Europe in light of the war.

Chair: **Joan DeBARDELEBEN**, Chancellor's Professor and Coordinator of the Jean Monnet Network on EU-Canada Relations, Carleton University, Canada

Speakers: **Ivars LASIS**, Ambassador, Representative to the Political and Security Committee of the Council of the EU, Permanent Representation of the Republic of Latvia to the EU

Toms ROSTOKS, Associate Professor, Department of Political Science, University of Latvia and Director, Centre for Security and Strategic Research, Latvian National Defence Academy, Latvia

Alexandra GHECIU, Professor, School of Public and International Affairs, University of Ottawa, Canada

Tom CASIER, Reader in International Relations, Brussels School of International Studies, University of Kent, Belgium



DAY 2: FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2022**9:00-12:15 (Ottawa) /15:00-18:15 (Brussels) /16:00-19:15 (Latvia)****(9:00 Ottawa / 15:00 Brussels /16:00 Riga)****Panel 2 - *War in Ukraine and European Strategic autonomy* (hybrid format with in-person panel at the University of Latvia)**

This panel will assess the impact of the war on the debate about EU strategic autonomy.

Chair: **Toms ROSTOKS**, Associate Professor, University of Latvia and Director, Centre for Security and Strategic Research, Latvian National Defence Academy, Latvia

Speakers: **Giedrius ČESNAKAS**, Professor, Department of Political Science, General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania, Lithuania

Alain De NEVE, Senior Researcher, Centre for Security and Defence Studies (CSDS) of the Royal Higher Institute for Defence (RHID), Belgium

Viljar VEEBEL, Fellow, Baltic Defence College in Tartu, Estonia

Ieva KARPAVICIUTE, Associate Professor, General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania and Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania

(10:45 Ottawa / 16:45 Brussels/ 17:45 Riga)**Panel 3 - *The Sanctions Regime: Assessing the effectiveness* (online)**

This panel will assess sanctions effectiveness and transatlantic unity, with a comparative perspective.

Chair: **Tatjana MURAVSKA**, Professor, University of Latvia and Riga Stradins University, Latvia

Speakers: **Crina VIJU-MILUSEVIC**, Associate Professor, Institute of European, Russian, and Eurasian Studies, Carleton University, Canada

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DAY 3: THURSDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2022**9:00-12:00 (Ottawa) / 15:00-18:15 (Brussels) 16:00-19:15 (Latvia)****(9:00 Ottawa / 15:00 Brussels / 16:00 Riga)****Panel 4 - *Energy Relations: Impacts of the War on Europe's Energy Security and Policy: The Transatlantic Element* (online)**

This panel will assess the impact of the war on Europe's energy security, EU and Member State responses, and the role of transatlantic cooperation in addressing the issue.

Chair: **Joan DeBARDELEBEN**, Chancellor's Professor, Carleton University, Canada

Speakers: **Michèle KNOTT**, Professor, Institute for Political Science, Technical University Darmstadt, Germany

Reinis ĀBOLTIŅŠ, Researcher, Institute of Energy Systems and Environment, Riga Technical University, Latvia

Miranda SCHREURS, Professor, Bavarian School of Governance, Technical University Munich, Germany

Petra DOLATA, Associate Professor, Department of History, University of Calgary, Canada

(10:45 Ottawa / 16:45 Brussels/ 17:45 Riga)**Panel 5 - *The War in Ukraine and European Security: Which Way Forward?* (online)**

The discussion on this panel will explore possible routes forward for EU-Russia relations and European security.

Co-Chairs: **Joan DeBARDELEBEN**, Chancellor's Professor, Carleton University, Canada and **Toms ROSTOKS**, Associate professor, University of Latvia, Latvia

Speakers: **Edward Hunter CHRISTIE**, Senior Research Fellow, Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Finland

Balkan DEVLEN, Senior Fellow, Macdonald-Laurier Institute and Adjunct Research Professor, Norman Paterson School of International Affairs, Carleton University, Canada

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Petra Dolata is Associate Professor of History and former Canada Research Chair in the History of Energy at the University of Calgary. She is the Scholar in Residence at the Calgary Institute for the Humanities (2018-2023), where she co-convenes the Energy In Society working group. Dr. Dolata has published on the history of energy, Canada's natural resources, foreign and Arctic policies, and the concept of energy security. Her current research focuses on European and North American energy history after 1945. She is the Principal Investigator of a research project funded by the Canadian Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (SSHRC) entitled "The 1970s Energy Crises and Energy Security: A Cross-national and Transatlantic History."

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