

Research methodology course on CSDP

An old player in a new world: the awakening of a geopolitical Europe?

Piraeus, Greece – 3-5 May 2023 – Activity number 22-23/DOC/4

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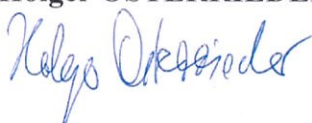
The University of Piraeus is honoured to organise, under the aegis of the European Security and Defence College and its Doctoral School, a residential research methodology course on CSDP entitled ‘An old player in a new world: the awakening of a geopolitical Europe?’ to be held in Piraeus, Greece, from 3 to 5 May 2023.

The course consists of lectures, a research methodology module and workshops. Lectures by experts and academics from the ESDC, EEAS and EU bodies will discuss various aspects of the EU’s global role and the projection of its power. Academics, experts and practitioners will touch upon contemporary developments and complex issues, which are or may become threats to the EU’s security and stability. Matters such as CSDP and crises in the EU’s neighbourhood, including the Ukraine crisis, great power competition, and the EU’s strategic autonomy will be discussed and analysed in depth, always with an eye to the EU as a plausible autonomous security and defence actor. The discussions on the strategic compass and the EU’s strategic autonomy may also cover transatlantic relations and other bilateral relations may be also presented. In the research methodology module, academics will provide an insight into research methods by indicating their value to the advancement of CSDP research and European security and defence culture in general. Theoretical debates on the EU’s geopolitical role in the new research agendas will encompass qualitative and quantitative research methods.. During the workshops, participants will have the opportunity to discuss their research and receive comments from experts and academics. Throughout the course, the participants will have the opportunity to network and share their views with peers and professionals from the field of CSDP.

The ESDC is committed to an inclusive, gender-sensitive and anti-discriminatory environment. Only in an inclusive environment can all people, and therefore the ESDC and its partners, reach their true potential. We therefore particularly encourage applicants who are likely to be under-represented to apply.

We would like to invite you to nominate participants for the CSDP research methodology course, and help us accomplish the course’s goal of providing Member States and EU institutions with knowledgeable personnel able to work in CSDP-related fields.

The Head
of the European Security and Defence College
Holger OSTERRIEDER



The Rector
of the University of Piraeus
Michael SFAKIANAKIS





Administrative information (Piraeus, Greece, 3-5 May 2023)

- **Target group:** the course is open to ESDC Doctoral School fellows, and researchers, academics and doctoral/postdoctoral fellows from EU Member States, relevant EU institutions and agencies, and CSDP missions and operations, who are either involved in or tasked with working on common security and defence policy (CSDP) matters. The course is also open to researchers/experts from the countries of the Eastern Partnership and Western Balkans.
- **Seats & nominations:** a maximum of 28 seats can be allocated to EU Member States. Typically, one seat will be allocated per Member State. EU Member States and EU institutions and agencies are invited to nominate a **maximum of three participants** each.
- **Applications:** applications from the EU Member States and EU institutions and agencies must be submitted by designated nominators via the ESDC secure internet system ENLIST, at <https://esdc.europa.eu/enlist/login>, **no later than 7 April 2023**. A list of ENLIST nominators can be retrieved from the ESDC website at <https://esdc.europa.eu/nominators/>. Registration will not be final until confirmed by the ESDC Secretariat and the completion of the registration form by the nominated participant.
- **Attendance:** participants' attendance is mandatory on each day of the course. A certificate will be awarded on the last day to course participants who completed the full course.
- **Language:** the working language is English.
- **Costs:** all international travel and accommodation costs (including breakfast) are covered by the sending authorities.
- **Gender equality:** The ESDC strives for a gender-sensitive and inclusive environment in all its courses, activities and day-to-day work. Only in an inclusive environment can all people, and therefore the ESDC and its partners, reach their true potential. We do not and shall not discriminate on the basis of race, colour, religion, gender, gender expression, age, national origin, disability, marital status, or sexual orientation in any of our activities or operations. The ESDC and the Training Institutions do not tolerate any conduct that violates these values.
- **Dress code:** dress/jacket and tie for the opening and closing days. Casual clothes for the rest of the course.
- **Liabilities and Insurance:** in the event of a medical emergency, costs are covered by the participant's medical insurance provided by the sending country/organisation. The organiser will not provide health or accident insurance for participants attending the event.



- **Additional information:** further detailed information on the course will be sent directly to the course participants by email in due time.
- **Points of contact:** Associate Prof. Foteini Asderaki (asderaki@unipi.gr), Course Director; Dr Georgică Panfil (Georgica.PANFIL@eeas.europa.eu), ESDC Secretariat Training Manager.



Course structure

The course will take place in 3 working days

Contents

- Presentation of ESDC, EEAS, ESDC Strategic Objectives
- International security context & EU role in global action and cooperation
- EU relations with global actors & EU position in the international strategic competition (including Grand Strategies of different global players)
- Future of CSDP
- The EU Global Strategy and its implementation
- EU Strategic Compass
- EU capabilities and gaps
- EU decision-making: European Council; Council of the European Union; Political and Security Committee; EU Military Committee; Committee for Civilian Aspects of Crisis Management; Political and Military Group and relations with other working entities
- The European External Action Service and EU crisis management structures
- Supporting structures: EU Satellite Centre, European Defence Agency, European Security and Defence College, EU Institute for Security Studies
- Political Framework for Crisis Approach
- Political-strategic planning process
- Crisis Management Concept
- Civilian/ military strategic and operational planning process
- Standard/fast-track processes
- Command and control options
- The EU, State-building and Conflict Resolution
- The Ukrainian Crisis and its implication to the CSDP
- The Western Balkans as a geopolitical chessboard? Myths, realities and policy options
- Voices from the region: Albania's EU Integration Perspective – a 30-year long road - a Pit Stop or Fast Lane
- Women peace and security
- Regional aspects concerning e.g. the Western Balkans, the Eastern Partnership, the Middle East, and the Mediterranean.
- Partnerships with third countries (incl. framework partnership agreements) and international organisations (i.e. UN, OSCE, NATO, African Union)
- Strategic communication (communicating CSDP)
- Research Methods for IR
- Theoretical Framework(s) in Crisis Management
- Theoretical Framework(s) in EU studies
- New trends in qualitative research methods in security studies
- Conducting multinational empirical research in the field of security and defence
- Building the literature review
- Workshop 1: Counter Misinformation



-Strategic communication -Crisis Communication
-Psychological operations
-Deception as instruments in diplomacy

- Workshop 2: Research Methods and ethics

- Introduction to Mendeley
- Creating a database of scientific articles. How do we assess the quality of a scientific article?
- Ethical issues before writing a research proposal
- Describing the research methodology in a scientific article - Drafting a research protocol
- Presentation of Prisma for Scoping Review

- Workshop 3:
Process Tracing and Discourse Analysis in Security Studies

- Workshop 1 Cyber and Digital Security and Defence- Digital Diplomacy
- Workshop 2 Hybrid Threats and Intelligence
- Workshop 3 CSDP and crises- Crisis management
- Workshop 4 Transatlantic Relations
- Workshop 5 CSDP and European Governance

Meetings with the mentors/tutoring