

Lunchtime discussion

What (if any) Security Architecture for Europe?

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13.30-14.30

Format: moderated panel discussion under the Chatham House Rule

Participants: (by invitation only) – diplomats, academics, policy experts

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The security architecture that emerged in Europe after the end of the Cold War has long been divided and experienced fundamental challenges. A massive interstate war is raging in Eastern Europe and is being fuelled by growing geopolitical tensions. The belligerents and other involved actors find it increasingly hard to even envisage a sustainable endgame to the war, which could ensure their long-term interests. Under such conditions, it is unfortunately no longer difficult to imagine pathways for how this war could quickly spread across the continent and escalate to the brink of a nuclear disaster with tragic consequences for the entire world.

Yet, no country seems to wish for such a calamitous outcome. Therefore, even as large-scale hostilities continue, it is long overdue that we start discussing the most difficult questions about European security.

Speakers

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