

Press Release

1st Pafos High-level Workshop in Security and Intelligence Studies

Neapolis University Pafos in Cyprus and the Centre for Security and Intelligence Studies at the University of Buckingham in the UK (BUCSIS) in partnership with UNESCO Chair on Threats to Cultural Heritage and Cultural Heritage-Related activities, Ionian University in Greece, will be co-organising an intensive workshop in Security and Intelligence studies from April 15 to April 17, 2022.

The workshop will take place at the premises of Neapolis University in Paphos, Cyprus. Three days (Friday, 15 April – Sunday, 17 April) of lectures by international experts and discussions with participants will provide a unique opportunity to become familiar with, and reflect on, contemporary security and intelligence in the Eastern Mediterranean and Europe.

Our aim is to bring together experts undertaking cutting edge research across all relevant domains in an effort to better understand the broader security and intelligence environment in which these challenges evolve with a view towards enhancing conceptual clarity and improving the analytical capacity of workshop's participants.

Workshop instructors combine the best of the policy and the academia world, with high-calibre experts specialising in open and closed source analysis, geopolitics, terrorism, radicalization, hybrid warfare, disinformation, civil protection and other sub-fields of the broader disciplines of security and intelligence studies. The relatively small number of attendees will enable participants to discuss in depth with present academics and practitioners, offering robust networking opportunities.

Indicative Themes to be explored

- The Russo-Ukrainian conflict and the re-emergence of war as a mainstream political tool.
- The Mediterranean as a geopolitically contested region: Heading towards the East or the West?
- The EU as a security provider: Where does the “Strategic Compass” point to?
- Hybrid threats and fake news: What role for intelligence agencies?
- Technological solutions to new security challenges: AI and drone warfare in the modern battlefield.
- The Mediterranean and European migration crises: Is there a way out?
- Designing and implementing national security strategies in the 21st century.
- The energy crisis, energy security and geo-economics in the Mediterranean.

The workshop is entirely conducted in English. Upon completion, students will receive a certificate of attendance from the organisers.

The program is open to advanced university students (both graduate and undergraduate) as well as professionals engaged in the broad fields of security, intelligence and diplomacy.

The number of available places is limited, and applications are considered in priority order, according to the date of submission. The application Deadline is Thursday, 31 March 2022.

For more information and the application form, please follow the link: <https://sis.nup.ac.cy/>