

Call for participants

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

Overview of the 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) will be co-organising an intensive workshop in Security and Intelligence studies from April 15 to April 17, 2022. Three days (April 15, 16 and 17) 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 issues, including great power rivalry in the Eastern Mediterranean and Europe, terrorism and radicalization, hybrid warfare, disinformation and fake news, the (re) emergence of Russia and China in the international system, as well as the on-going challenge of irregular migration.



Neapolis University, Cyprus

Learning Goals of the Workshop

Recent security developments such as the US withdrawal from Afghanistan and the ongoing conflict in Ukraine have been severely affecting European nations at the geopolitical, economic and social levels. Protracted regional challenges, moreover, such as the Syrian civil war, Greek-Turkish tensions and irregular migration flows are now complemented by asymmetrical threats such as radicalization and disinformation. A growing degree of instability, therefore, raises the necessity for a more systematic appraisal of the nature and potential solutions to the multitude of security challenges faced across Europe and the Mediterranean. 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 participants.

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.

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Participants: 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.

Location: Neapolis University, Pafos, Cyprus (www.youtube.com/watch?v=4x9VwXgio00)

Dates: Friday, 15 April – Sunday, 17 April 2022 (lectures to be held April 15 to April 17 inclusive)

Application Deadline: Thursday, 31 March 2022

Participation fees: University students: 100 EUR / 85 GBP Professionals: 200 EUR / 170 GBP

Accommodation (optional): Neapolis University has secured special rates at a nearby (walking distance from both Neapolis University and the beach) three-star hotel for workshop participants. Enrolled participants will have the option to stay in single occupancy (60 EUR/night) or double occupancy (40 EUR/night) rooms between 14 and 18 April at this preferential rate, which includes breakfast. Rooms are available on a first come, first-served basis, so please indicate your interest in the application form.

Travel and covid restrictions: Participants are responsible for their travel, visa, covid testing and insurance arrangements to and from the Republic of Cyprus (for the latest updates check <https://cyprusflightpass.gov.cy/> and www.visitcyprus.com/index.php/en/). The organisers will provide guidance as to the latest regulations issued by Cypriot authorities as well as travel and accommodation advice to international applicants.

Application and Practical Information

Application Process: The number of available places is limited, and applications are considered in priority order, according to the date of submission. Once the application is received, the organisers will contact the applicant with the result of the application and further instructions. Individuals interested in applying for 1st Paphos High-level Workshop in Security and Intelligence Studies should fill in the application form [HERE](#)

Additional information on the program and instructors can be found [HERE](#)

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