

Call for applications
Genshagen Trilateral Summer School 2023

The Russian Invasion in Ukraine and the Future of European Security

23–30 August, 2023 at Genshagen Castle



About the Summer School

Every summer since 2012, the Genshagen Trilateral Summer School brings together Master's and PhD students from German, French, and Polish universities at Genshagen Castle close to Berlin to discuss a topic of European relevance. This year's edition will take place from 23-30 August 2023 and will deal with the current changes in the European security architecture.

The structure of the Summer School will be threefold. First, a series of lectures given by experts on the topic will provide participants with an overview of different aspects, challenges, and implications of European security. This theoretical part will be complemented, secondly, by a study trip to Berlin during which participants will get the chance to discuss the Summer School topic with practitioners active in the policy field. Last but not least, students will apply their knowledge in an interactive strategic foresight exercise and will get the opportunity to discuss their own research projects with other participants in an “open space” format.

About this year's topic

The year 2022 marked a watershed for European security. The Russian invasion in Ukraine has led most European states to fundamentally reconsider their security and defence policies. But how sustainable is this Zeitenwende in European security? Will European states keep on track of the paths they have taken recently? Will Germany give up its reluctant role and turn into a leader in European security affairs? What is France's vision for European security as a traditional military power and, together with Great Britain, the only nuclear power in Europe? What are the aspirations of Poland that has decided to invest heavily in its security policy and that some already see as “Europe's coming military superpower” (Politico)? And in which format will they work together? Will the Atlantic Alliance, branded as “braindead” by French President Emmanuel Macron only a few years ago, remain the main multilateral security forum or will Europeans finally become more independent from the US? Can the Weimar Triangle format have an added value in this context and of what kind could this added value be? And how does this all fit into the wider international security order

with a growing rivalry between the US and China as its main shaping factor? How will Russia's position evolve? Will it remain a rogue state or will it return into the international community? And what about Europe's role in its Southern Neighborhood? Will the EU wind down its engagement in the Middle East and Africa to focus on the East?

The Summer School will take an inside look at all these questions and will provide participants with an overview over the fundamental changes taking place in the European security architecture today.

Who can apply?

We invite applications from **students at Master's level as well as PhD students enrolled at a German, French or Polish university (all nationalities)** and **students with German, French or Polish nationality enrolled at universities in other countries**. Prior experience with the topic is welcome, but not obligatory. As the Summer School's working language is English, its excellent command is a prerequisite. Up to eight students from each country will be able to participate in the Summer School.

How can I apply?

Please send us a cover letter detailing why you wish to participate in the Genshagen Summer School 2023 and your interest in the topic as well as a short CV. Everything should be in English, as that is the Summer School's working language. We only accept electronic applications sent via e-mail to: summerschool@stiftunggenshagen.de. The **deadline for applications is 4 June 2023 and successful candidates will be notified by 9 June 2023**.

How much does it cost?

The **tuition fee is 200€** per participant. This also covers all costs related to your stay in Genshagen: a shared double room at the castle and all meals are included. Unfortunately, we cannot cover your trip to Genshagen and back. Please organise your travel by yourself.

Stipends: We'll be able to give stipends covering the tuition fee to a small number of participants. If you want to apply for a stipend, please get in touch with us after having been offered a place and we'll provide you with further details. Please note that stipends will be awarded according to social criteria.

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Summer School Programme Lineout

Introduction Day

Wednesday, 23 August 2023

Welcome and Introduction Round

Keynote Lecture:

The Zeitenwende in European Security
– What's at Stake?

Day 2

Thursday, 24 August 2023

First Session:

Germany – Between Leadership and Reluctance

Second Session:

France – Searching for a New Role

Third Session:

Poland – A New Leader in Security Policy?

Day 3

Friday, 25 August 2023

Study trip to Berlin

Day 4

Saturday, 26 August 2023

Morning:

Session Designed by Participants

Afternoon:

Open Space – Participants Present their Research Projects

Day 5

Sunday, 27 August 2023

Cultural trip to Berlin or Potsdam

Day 6

Monday, 28 August 2023

Interactive Strategic Foresight Exercise

Fourth Session:

Between the Transatlantic Alliance and a more Autonomous Role for the European Union in European Security

Day 7

Tuesday, 29 August 2023

Fifth Session:

How to Deal with a Rogue Russia?

Sixth Session:

Where is US-China Competition headed and how does it impact European Security?

Final Day

Wednesday, 30 August 2023

Wrap-up, feedback, and farewell