International Conference on Governance, Intelligence and Security

New perspectives on European (In)security

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In the last decade, European Union had to deal with many crises and risks to its security. While only some of them are directly threatening the lives of European citizens, they contribute to building a more general sense of anxiety and insecurity. Some challenges can be perceived as concrete threats for the general wellbeing: the refugees from conflict areas, the rise of populist far-right parties across Europe, the challenges of sovereign debt and fiscal austerity, the different anti-community positions adopted by several member states, the conflictual climate fueled by Russia or the disputes related to Brexit. But it is still unclear what European Union and member states have to do to address these challenges.

This conference aims to bring together works addressing these challenges. The event will gather a group of 25-30 researchers working on these topics in order to facilitate the knowledge sharing and a better understanding of current events. The organizers strive for a balance between established academics, early career scholars (PhD candidates may also apply) and practitioners. We encourage theoretical, empirical or methodological papers on any aspects related to developments and approaches in the fields of European governance, intelligence and security cooperation and management (including issues of securitization).

Depending on the quality, and scope of works, the organizers have in mind either a special issue in an international peer-reviewed journal or an edited volume with a high-profile publisher.

Papers can address any of the following topics including, but not limited to:

- The role of the EU in shaping European security;
- The role of Member State in addressing the current challenges;
- Security of migration;
- Governance of security;
- Elections and current political trends (eg. populism);
- Power rivalries and geopolitical threats;