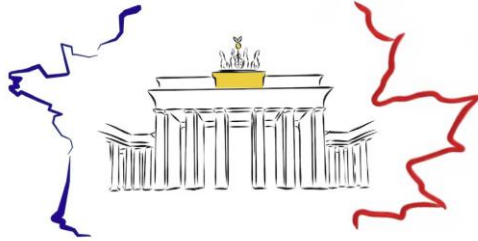


## *Trilateral Seminar*



## *Transatlantic Security Architecture: Evolutions and Perspectives*



*July, 3rd and 4th, 2025*  
Ecole militaire  
Paris, France





This seminar proposes to address the issues and evolution of the transatlantic security architecture in a tripartite framework, bringing together mainly French, German and Canadian players.

Organized in track 1.5 format (Chatham house Rule on Thursday and Friday morning), the seminar will include several panels between Thursday and Friday lunchtime, as well as lighter format units (restricted panels). Friday afternoon panels will be open to other nationalities and a slightly larger audience. During the smaller panels (Friday mornings), participants will be divided into 2 groups of around 30 people with three/four speakers. This gives participants the opportunity to have more in-depth and informal exchanges with the speakers.

**Languages:** Simultaneous interpretation/translation (French-English; English-French).

**Seminar duration:** 2 days (seminar starts at 1.20 pm on day 1, seminar ends at 5.30 pm on day 2).

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## **Program**

**Thursday, July 3, 2025**

**13h00 - Participant arrivals**

Location: des Vallières amphitheatre

**13h20 - Welcome Address**

Dr. Laurent Borzillo (Defense and Strategy Forum)

**13h30-14h45 - Panel 1. Arctic to Atlantic Defense**

*Moderator* : Dr. Maud Quessard, Associate Professor,  
(Director for Europe–Transatlantic–Russia Studies,  
IRSEM)

1. Frances Allen (Lieutenant-General retired),  
Former Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff in the  
Canadian Armed Forces
2. David Bertolotti, Deputy Secretary General of the  
Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs
3. Colonel Håvard Klevberg, Defence Attaché,  
Embassy of Norway in Paris
4. Dr. Johanna Möhring, Visiting Fellow, Global  
Governance Centre (GGC), IHEID-Graduate  
Institute, Geneva

**14h45-15h00 - Break**

**15h00-16h15 - Panel 2. What makes supply chains more flexible and rational? How to increase the production capacity of defense industries within the Transatlantic Community and foster competition among allies?**

*Moderator* : Anastasiya Shapochkina (Eastern Circles geoeconomics)

1. Alexander Müller, former Member of the Deutscher Bundestag
2. Dr. David Perry, President of the Canadian Global Affairs Institute
3. Thierry Poignant, Director of Strategic and International Foresight Thales Group
4. Arnoldas Pranckevičius, Ambassador of Lithuania to France
5. Dr. Tomasz Smura, Head of the Warsaw Security Forum Defense Track and member of the board of the Casimir Pulaski Foundation.

16h15-16h45 - **Break**

**16h45-18h15 Panel 3. Given Russian revanchism and political fragility in the United States, to what extent could minilateralism (particularly between Canada, France, and Germany) strengthen the transatlantic security architecture?**

*Moderator* : Prof. Chantal Lavallée (Royal Military College Saint-Jean)

1. Tobias Cremer, MEP, member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Security and Defence.
2. Stéphane Dion, Prime Minister's Special Envoy to the EU and Europe
3. Roderich Kiesewetter, Member of the Bundestag
4. Natalia Pouzyreff, Member of the French Parliament

18h15 - **End of the day**

**Friday, July 4, 2025**

**9h00-10h15 - Restricted Panels (PR)**

**PR1. In a context of limited resources and investment willingness from public authorities, how can military equipment production be facilitated, including near tension zones (e.g., Central and Eastern Europe), through cooperation between allies?**

Location : des Vallières Auditorium

*Moderator* : Dr. Johanna Möhring (Graduate Institute à Genève)

1. Frances Allen (Lieutenant-General retired), former Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff in the Canadian Armed Forces
2. Léo Péria-Peigné, Research Fellow at IFRI
3. Sara Nanni, Member of the Bundestag
4. Thierry Poignant, Director of Strategic and International Foresight Thales Group

**PR2. Rapid reaction forces (NRF, EUBG, VJTF) and prepositioned forces in Europe: Employment concepts and reflections on their deployment**

Location : Room 48, building 43

*Moderator* : Dr. Amélie Zima (IFRI)

1. Dr. Laurent Borzillo, Secretary General of the FDS and Research Fellow at the Strategic Analysis Network.
2. Major General Georg Klein, Deputy Commanding General of the Rapid Reaction Corps France, Lille
3. Lieutenant-General Peter K. Scott, Deputy commander allied joint force command Naples

10h15-10h45 - **Break**

10h45-12h00 - **Restricted Panels (PR)**

**PR3. What new forces, capabilities, infrastructures, and technologies are necessary to strengthen deterrence and security in the High North and the Arctic?**

Location : des Vallières Auditorium

*Moderator* : Prof. Chantal Lavallée (Royal Military College Saint-Jean)

1. Roderich Kiesewetter, Member of the Bundestag
2. Brigadier-General Eric Laforest, Assistant Chief of Staff for Plans at the Strategic Headquarters Allied Powers in Europe (SHAPE)
3. Olivier Lebas Vice Admiral (Ret.), Defence Adviser at Airbus
4. Dr. Nicolas Mazzucchi, Head of the Naval Strategy & Wargaming Division at the French Navy Centre for Strategic Studies

**PR4. In light of lessons from recent conflicts, what role should AI and cyber capabilities play in military equipment acquisition decisions? What changes/evolutions would this imply?**

Location: Room 48, building 43

*Moderator* : Célestine Rabouam (GEODE)

1. Pascal Ausseur, Vice-Admiral (ret.), Director General of the Mediterranean Foundation for Strategic Studies (FMES)
2. Antoine de Braquilanges, Managing Director of Helsing France.



3. Dr. David Perry, President of the Canadian Global Affairs Institute

12h00-13h45 - **Lunch**

13h45-15h15 - **“Open” Panel 1. Mini-lateral agreements within the transatlantic security architecture: an effective tool for enhancing the interests of participating states within the architecture, or an accelerator of division within the transatlantic community?**

Location : des Vallières Auditorium

*Moderator* : Benjamin Boutin (Association France-Canada)

1. Tobias Cremer, MEP, member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Security and Defence.
2. Camille Grand, Fellow at the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR)
3. Dr. Guillaume Lasconjarias, Director of Studies and Research at IHEDN, and Associate Professor at Paris-Sorbonne (*Pending confirmation*)
4. Pr Chantal Lavallée, Royal Military College Saint-Jean
5. Dr. Tomasz Smura, Head of the Warsaw Security Forum Defense Track and member of the board of the Casimir Pulaski Foundation.

15h15-15h45 – **Break**

15h45-17h15 – **“Open” Panel 2. What do future scenarios for Ukraine look like, and how should**

## **Europe's security architecture adapt to these scenarios?**

Location : des Vallières Auditorium

*Moderator* : Ondrej Ditrych (EU Institute for Security Studies)

1. Ben Hodges (Lieutenant-General retired) Former Commanding General of US Army Europe
2. François-Marie Gougeon, Deputy Secretary General for Defence Policy and Planning, NATO
3. Pr. Christian Leuprecht, Visiting Fellow at the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies
4. Kerry-Lynn Nankivell, Director NATO and Europe in the Policy Group of Canada's Department of National Defence

**17h15-17h30 : Closing word**

Rear Admiral Bertrand Dumoulin, Secretary General of the Defence Academy at the École Militaire

## **List of Speakers**

**Frances Allen**, Lieutenant-General (retired) (Canadian n.)  
Former Vice-Chief of the Defence Staff in the Canadian  
Armed Forces: 2021-2024  
Canadian Military Representative to NATO: 2020-2021

**Pascal Ausseur**, Vice-Admiral (ret.) French Navy  
(French n.)  
Director General of the Mediterranean Foundation for  
Strategic Studies (FMES): 2018-  
Chief of the Military Staff to the Minister of Defence:  
2014-2015

**David Bertolotti** (French n.)  
Deputy Secretary General of the Ministry of Europe and  
Foreign Affairs: 2024-

**Dr. Laurent Borzillo** (French n.)  
Secretary General of the FDS: 2022-  
Researcher at the Network for Strategic Analysis

**Tobias Cremer** (German n.)  
MEP, member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs and  
the Committee on Security and Defence: 2024-

**Antoine de Braquilanges** (French n.)  
Managing Director of Helsing France: 2022-

**Stéphane Dion** (Canadian n.)  
Prime Minister's Special Envoy to the EU and Europe

**François-Marie Gougeon** (French n.)

Deputy Secretary General for Defence Policy and Planning, NATO: 2024-

**Camille Grand** (French n.)

Fellow at the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR): 2022-

Deputy Secretary General of NATO for Defence Investment: 2016-2022

**Ben Hodges**, Lieutenant-General (retired) (American n.)

Former Commanding General of US Army Europe: 2014-2017

**Roderich Kiesewetter** (German n.)

Member of the Bundestag: 2009-

Chair/deputy chair of the Parliamentary Oversight Panel (PKGr) : 2020-2025

**Major General Georg Klein** (German n.)

Deputy Commanding General of the Rapid Reaction Corps France, Lille: 2022-

**Colonel Håvard Klevberg** (Norwegian n.)

Defence Attaché at the Embassy of Norway in France

**Brigadier-General Eric Laforest** (Canadian n.)

Assistant Chief of Staff for Plans at the Strategic Headquarters Allied Powers in Europe (SHAPE)

**Dr. Guillaume Lasconjarias** (French n.)

Director of Studies and Research at IHEDN: 2022-

Associate Professor at Paris-Sorbonne  
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**Prof. Chantal Lavallée** (Canadian n.)  
Director of the Centre for Security and Crisis Governance  
(CRITIC) Royal Military College Saint-Jean

**Olivier Lebas**, Vice Admiral (Ret.) (French n.)  
Defence Adviser at Airbus: 2023-  
Maritime Prefect of the Atlantic: 2020-2023

**Prof. Christian Leuprecht** (Canadian and German n.)  
Visiting Fellow at the Wilfried Martens Centre for  
European Studies and Professor at the Royal Military  
College of Canada and Queen's University  
Editor-in-Chief of the Canadian Military Journal: 2021–

**Dr. Nicolas Mazzucchi** (French n.)  
Head of the Naval Strategy & Wargaming Division at the  
French Navy Centre for Strategic Studies: 2022-

**Alexander Müller** (German n.)  
General secretary of the liberal party FDP in Hesse  
Member of the Deutscher Bundestag: 2017-2025

**Kerry-Lynn Nankivell** (Canadian n.)  
Director, NATO and Europe in the Policy Group of  
Canada's Department of National Defence

**Sara Nanni** (German n.)  
Member of the Bundestag: 2021-

**Léo Péria-Peigné** (French n.)

Research Fellow, Security Studies Center, IFRI

**Dr. David Perry** (Canadian n.)

President of the Canadian Global Affairs Institute: 2022-

**Thierry Poignant** (French n.)

Thales Group, Director of Strategic and International Foresight

**Natalia Pouzyreff** (French n.)

Member of the French Parliament: 2017-

Secretary of Defence Committee

Head (alternate) of the French delegation to NATO PA  
and member of the Franco-German PA

**Arnoldas Pranckevičius** (Lithuanian n.)

Ambassador of Lithuania to France: 2024-

Deputy Minister for European Affairs: 2021-2022

**Lieutenant-General Peter K. Scott** (Canadian n.)

Deputy commander allied joint force command Naples:  
2024-

**Dr. Tomasz Smura** (Polish n.)

Member of the board of the Casimir Pulaski Foundation:  
2022-

Head of the Warsaw Security Forum Defense Track

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