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GLOBAL POWER SHIFTS: CONNECTIVITY, COOPERATION AND CONFLICT

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Programme

- 09:45 **Welcome**
Mary Canning, President, Royal Irish Academy
- 09:55 **Opening remarks**
Simon Coveney, T.D., Minister for Foreign Affairs and Minister for Defence
- 10:00 **Introduction**
Andrew Cottey, Chair, Standing Committee for International Affairs (SCIA)
- 10:05 **PANEL ONE**
Geopolitics: realism and its alternatives
Chair: Andrew Cottey, Chair, SCIA
- 10:10 Dr Kenneth McDonagh, Dublin City University
Europe as a security actor in the Indo-Pacific: a strategy without a plan?
Co-author: Dr Jivanta Schottli, Dublin City University
- 10:20 Maryam Jami, The Institute of War and Peace Studies, Kabul
Recognising 'Afghanistan' without recognising the 'Taliban'? A theory of distinction
- 10:30 Dr George Koukoudakis, Hellenic Army Academy, Athens
'The return of neorealism?'
- 10:40 Panel discussion with Q&A
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- 11:15 **Break**
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- 11:20 **PANEL TWO**
Economic interconnectedness: dilemmas and strategies
Chair: Una Murray, National University of Ireland, Galway
- 11:25 George Fragkos & Kostas Pechynakis, The IR Theory Working Group, IDIS
Small states-small economies: openness, resilience and vulnerabilities in an uncertain world
Co-authors: George Fragkos, Demetrios Zounis, Andreas Belegris, Kostas Pechynakis, Zisis Veloukas, The IR Theory Working Group, Center for International Politics, IDIS
- 11:35 Ipshita Bhattacharya, Jagran Lakecity University, Bhopal
China's nuclear belt and road initiative: assessing the safety of the atom
- 11:45 Qin Lin, Shanghai International Studies University
Indo-Pacific economic framework and Sino-US relations
- 11:55 Panel discussion with Q&A
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- 12:30 **Break**
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- 13:30 **PANEL THREE**
Security and defence in a world of great power competition
Chair: Sonja Hyland, Deputy Secretary General (Global Issues), DFA
- 13:35 Professor Barry O'Sullivan, University College Cork
The diplomacy of artificial intelligence
- 13:45 Nandini Gupta, Trinity College Dublin
Theorising women's informal peacebuilding and their strategies
- 13:55 Paul Hegarty, Irish Defence Forces
Beyond the horizon: the potential implications of the EU strategic compass on maritime connectivity and cooperation for Ireland
- 14:05 Panel discussion with Q&A
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- 14:40 **Break**
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- 14:50 **PLENARY**
Professor Neha Jain, Co-director, Academy of European Law, European University Institute
Citizenship as a shield and a sword: nationality and statelessness in the global order
Chair: Su-Ming Khoo, National University of Ireland, Galway
Followed by discussion and audience Q&A
- 15:50 **CONFERENCE CLOSE**
Andrew Cottey, Chair, SCIA



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