

**DAY 1 THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2025**

12:00	<b>ARRIVAL / LUNCH</b> ¶¶
13:30	<b>OPENING CEREMONY</b> (Kleist-Saal, Urania) Ceremonial opening of the conference.  <b>Opening Remarks:</b> Elisabeth Niejahr (Executive Director, Hertie Foundation) Tomáš Sacher (Executive Director, Schwarzkopf Foundation Young Europe)  <b>Moderation:</b> Tilmann Friedrich  <b>Keynote:</b> Prof. Dr. Marina Henke (Director, Centre for International Security of the Hertie School)  <b>Panel Opening Discussion “Young Voices in Security Politics: Shaping the Future of Global Security”:</b> With: Prof. Dr. Marina Henke (Hertie School), Deborah Düring (Member of the German Bundestag, Bündnis 90/Die Grünen), Bente Presse (European Youth Parliament)
15:00	<b>BREAK</b>
15:15	<b>INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOPS</b> (Urania) These peer-to-peer workshop sessions will be facilitated by individuals from our networks Understanding Europe and the European Youth Parliament (EYP), as well as master's students from the Hertie School.  → <b>Democracy and Resilience</b> (Kepler-Saal, 1st floor) Facilitated by: Sofie, Erin and Esmeralda  → <b>Technology</b> (Raum Newton, 2nd floor) Facilitated by: Spy and Dmytro  → <b>Climate</b> (Einstein-Saal, 1st floor) Facilitated by: William and Clara  → <b>Economy</b> (Raum Voltaire, 3rd floor) Facilitated by: Cameron, Timothy and Oskar  → <b>Eastern Europe</b> (Raum Pasteur, 3rd floor) Facilitated by: Fiona and Dino  → <b>Africa</b> (Raum Edison, 2nd floor) Facilitated by: Rebecca, Drees and Josefina  → <b>Transatlantic Relations</b> (Raum Curie, 3rd floor) Facilitated by: Franziska, Thomas and Alicia  → <b>Asia</b> (Raum Darwin, 2nd floor) Facilitated by: Franka, Niklas and Nora
16:45	<b>BREAK</b>
17:00	<b>EXPERT WORKSHOP SESSIONS I</b> (Urania) The workshop sessions will be led by experts in the respective fields of security politics.  → <b>Democracy and Resilience</b> (Kepler-Saal, 1st floor) With: Dr. Vanessa Boese-Schlosser (WZB Berlin Social Science Center)  → <b>Technology</b> (Raum Newton, 2nd floor) With: Paula Köhler (Munich Security Conference)  → <b>Climate</b> (Einstein-Saal, 1st floor) With: Julia Hammelehl (Munich Security Conference)

	→ <b>Economy</b> (Raum Voltaire, 3rd floor) With: Gunter Rieck Moncayo (Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung)  → <b>Eastern Europe</b> (Raum Pasteur, 3rd floor) With: Rafael Loss (European Council on Foreign Relations e.V.)  → <b>Africa</b> (Raum Edison, 2nd floor) With: Gelila Enbaye (Global Public Policy Institute)  → <b>Transatlantic Relations</b> (Raum Curie, 3rd floor) With: Dr. Tobias Cremer (Member of the European Parliament, Group of the Progressive Alliance of Socialists and Democrats)  → <b>Asia</b> (Raum Darwin, 2nd floor) With: Annika Engels, Sarah Zielonka (German Federal Foreign Office)
18:30	<b>END OF DAY 1</b>
	<b>OPTIONAL EVENING PROGRAM</b>

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**DAY 2 FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025**

8:45	<b>START OF THE DAY IN WORKING GROUPS</b> (Urania) Quick start to the day with the facilitators.  → <b>Democracy and Resilience</b> (Kepler-Saal, 1st floor) Facilitated by: Sofie, Erin and Esmeralda  → <b>Technology</b> (Raum Newton, 2nd floor) Facilitated by: Spy and Dmytro  → <b>Climate</b> (Einstein-Saal, 1st floor) Facilitated by: William and Clara  → <b>Economy</b> (Raum Voltaire, 3rd floor) Facilitated by: Cameron, Timothy and Oskar  → <b>Eastern Europe</b> (Raum Pasteur, 3rd floor) Facilitated by: Fiona and Dino  → <b>Africa</b> (Raum Edison, 2nd floor) Facilitated by: Rebecca, Drees and Josefina  → <b>Transatlantic Relations</b> (Raum Curie, 3rd floor) Facilitated by: Franziska, Thomas and Alicia  → <b>Asia</b> (Raum Darwin, 2nd floor) Facilitated by: Franka, Niklas and Nora
9:15	<b>BREAK</b>

9:30	<b>PANEL DISCUSSIONS I</b> Two panel discussions and an escape game will take place simultaneously.  → <b>Panel 1: From Fear to Resilience: Rethinking Security in the Face of Global Security Challenges</b> (Raum Edison, 2nd floor) With: Etienne Höra (Polis 180), Melanie Eckert (Krisenchat), Axel Ruppert (Progressives Zentrum) <b>Moderation: Ronja Ganster</b>  → <b>Panel 2: Disinformation Campaigns and Authoritarian Regimes: Impacts on Security and Global Stability</b> (Raum Voltaire, 3rd floor) With: Julia Smirnova (Center for Monitoring, Analysis and Strategy), John Kantara (Professor of Journalism and documentary filmmaker) <b>Moderation: Conor Comiskey</b>
	<b>Parallel to the panel discussions, participants also have the option to take part in the 'Unlock Europe' Escape Game, focused on security politics, organized by the Helmut Schmidt Foundation.</b> (Kleist-Saal, 1st floor, available in German only.)
10:45	<b>BREAK</b>
11:00	<b>EXPERT WORKSHOP SESSIONS II</b> (Urania) The workshop sessions will be led by experts in the respective fields of security politics.  → <b>Democracy and Resilience</b> (Kepler-Saal, 1st floor) With: Vera Benatar (Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung)  → <b>Technology:</b> (Raum Newton, 2nd floor) With: Matthias Spielkamp (AlgorithmWatch)  → <b>Climate</b> (Einstein-Saal, 1st floor) With: Dr. Barbara Magalhães Teixeira (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute)  → <b>Economy</b> (Raum Voltaire, 3rd floor) With: Philipp Lutz (Vienna University of Economics and Business)  → <b>Eastern Europe</b> (Raum Pasteur, 3rd floor) With: Paata Alaverdashvili (Open Corridors)  → <b>Africa</b> (Raum Edison, 2nd floor) With: Ingrid Hamm, Gregor Darmer (Global Perspectives Initiative)  → <b>Transatlantic Relations</b> (Raum Curie, 3rd floor) With: Dr. Aylin Matlé (German Council on Foreign Relations)  → <b>Asia</b> (Raum Darwin, 2nd floor) With: Aditi Mukund (Global Public Policy Institute)
12:30	<b>¶¶ LUNCH</b>
13:45	<b>PANEL DISCUSSIONS II</b> (Urania) Two panel discussions and an escape game will take place simultaneously.  → <b>Panel 1: Understanding Security Dynamics in the Middle East</b> (Raum Voltaire, 3rd floor) With: Dr. Muriel Asseburg (German Institute for International and Security Affairs), Dina Fakoussa (Academic consultant and analyst) <b>Moderation: Lizge Yikmis</b>

	→ <b>Panel 2: Climate Crisis and Security: Navigating Global Challenges through International Cooperation and Sustainable Solutions</b> (Raum Edison 2nd floor) With: Ingrid Hamm (Global Perspectives Initiative); Dr. Barbara Magalhães Teixeira (Stockholm International Peace Research Institute); Marcus Hicken (Director for Energy Diplomacy, Climate and Security, German Federal Foreign Office)  <b>Parallel to the panel discussions, participants also have the option to take part in the 'Unlock Europe' Escape Game, focused on security politics, organized by the Helmut Schmidt Foundation.</b> (Kleist-Saal, 1st floor, available in German only.)
15:00	<b>BREAK</b>
15:15	<b>WRAP UP WORKSHOP IN WORKING GROUPS</b> (Urania) In this final workshop session, participants will reflect on what has been learned and finalize the inputs for the Closing Debate.  → <b>Democracy and Resilience</b> (Kepler-Saal, 1st floor) Facilitated by: Sofie, Erin and Esmeralda  → <b>Technology</b> (Raum Newton, 2nd floor) Facilitated by: Spy and Dmytro  → <b>Climate</b> (Einstein-Saal, 1st floor) Facilitated by: William and Clara  → <b>Economy</b> (Raum Voltaire, 3rd floor) Facilitated by: Cameron, Timothy and Oskar  → <b>Eastern Europe</b> (Raum Pasteur, 3rd floor) Facilitated by: Fiona and Dino  → <b>Africa</b> (Raum Edison, 2nd floor) Facilitated by: Rebecca, Drees and Josefina  → <b>Transatlantic Relations</b> (Raum Curie, 3rd floor) Facilitated by: Franziska, Thomas and Alicia  → <b>Asia</b> (Raum Darwin, 2nd floor) Facilitated by: Franka, Niklas and Nora
16:45	<b>BREAK</b>
18:30	<b>CLOSING DEBATE</b> (Festsaal, Rotes Rathaus Berlin) Presentation and discussion of working group results.  <b>Opening Remarks:</b> → Prof. Dr. Sascha Spoun (Board Member, Hertie Foundation) → Esra Küçük (Chairwoman of the Board, Schwarzkopf Foundation Young Europe) → Georg Klußmann (Chief of Protocol, Federal State of Berlin)  <b>Presentation and discussion of the results of the working groups with the panel:</b> → Annegret Kramp-Karrenbauer (Global Perspectives Initiative, Former Minister of Defence of Germany) → Prof. Dr. Tobias Bunde (Munich Security Conference) → Martin Sklenár (GLOBSEC, Former Minister of Defence of Slovakia) → One Delegate of each Working Group  <b>Moderation: Elisa Mauke</b>
20:30	<b>RECEPTION</b> (Rotes Rathaus)