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Opening Lecture on Friday, October 13th, 2023 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm "The nature and the implications of the global redistribution of power"

François Heisbourg (International Institute for Strategic Studies – IISS, London Fondation pour la Recherche Strategique – FRS, Paris) on campus



Mr. François Heisbourg, Senior Adviser for Europe for the London-based "International Institute for Strategic Studies" - IISS, as well as Special Adviser for the Paris-based "Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique" - FRS, will deliver the Opening Lecture on "The nature and the implications of the global redistribution of power" on Friday October 13th, 2023 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. During his distinguished career, Mr. François Heisbourg has served in government, industry and academia. He has made notable contributions to French defence policymaking, including the 2006 White Paper, 'La France face au terrorisme', as well as defence and national security White Papers under President Nicolas Sarkozy in 2007–08 and President François Hollande in 2012-13. He has also sat on consultative bodies for the International Commission on Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament; the International Commission on the Balkans and the European Commission. He was chairman of the IISS from 2002 to 2018, and from 1998 to 2018, he chaired the Foundation Council of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy. In 2015–17, he was a Richard von Weizsäcker Fellow at the Bosch Academy in Berlin. He has written extensively on defence and security questions, and is a frequent contributor to specialist and mainstream media. His most recent publications are "Les leçons d'une guerre: l'Ukraine, la Russie, les États-Unis et nous" (Editions Odile Jacob, 2023), "Retour de la guerre" (Editions Odile Jacob, 2021), "Le temps des prédateurs: la Chine, les États-Unis et nous" (Editions Odile Jacob, 2020).

Saturday, October 14th, 2023 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. "The Polish foreign policy towards the war in Ukraine" / MIP H.E. Mr. Rafal Siemianowski (Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to the Kingdom of Belgium) on campus



H.E. Mr. Rafal Siemianowski is a civil servant and a diplomat. He has served as the Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to the Kingdom of Belgium since November 2021. Before this appointment, Mr. Siemianowski worked for many years as a civil servant at the Chancellery of the Prime Minister (2006-2012; 2015-2020). As a deputy director of the Bureau of the Prime Minister he closely worked with successive Heads of the Chancellery and was responsible for the correspondence, documents and decisions of the Prime Minister and the Head of the Chancellery.



In 2020 he was appointed Undersecretary of State and Deputy Head of the Chancellery of the Prime Minister. In this capacity he supervised a broad range of issues including legislation, control and international affairs analysis. In 2012-2015 he served as a counsellor at the Polish Embassy in London. His portfolio consisted of two main fields: the Polish-British science and academic cooperation as well as British policy towards Africa, the Far East, South America as well as Australia and Oceania. Ambassador Siemianowski graduated from international relations at the University of Warsaw (2004) and the National School of Public Administration (2006). During his studies he gained practical experience as an intern at the Polish Embassy in Bern (2002) and the prefecture of the Manche Department in France

Before the Polish Presidency in the EU he did an internship at DG Relex, the European Commission (2009/2010). In 2014, as a scholarship holder of the Jan Karski Educational Foundation he participated in the Georgetown Leadership Seminar (the School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University). In 2019 he developed his managerial skills at IESE Business School (ARGO Top Public Executive 2). He is married and has one daughter. History is his main hobby.

Friday October 20th, 2023 from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm "China and EU: Shaping the Future in a Changing World" / MIP-MADEV

H.E. Mr. Fu Cong (Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Head of Mission of the People's Republic of China to the European Union) on campus



H.E. Mr. Fu Cong, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Head of Mission of the People's Republic of China to the European Union, will deliver the lecture on "*China and EU: Shaping the Future in a Changing World*" on Friday October 20th, 2023 from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.



H.E Mr. Fu Cong is born in Tianjin City in 1965. In December 2022 he was appointed to Brussels as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary and Head of Mission of the People's Republic of China to the European Union. He graduated with a Bachelor's degree (licence) in Law. He began his diplomatic career in 1987. Since then, he has held a number of important posts at home and abroad. Among his notable career postings, he was Division Director, Counselor and Deputy Director-General, Department of Arms Control, MFA (1997-2004), Deputy Director-General, Foreign Affairs (Overseas Chinese Affairs) Office of the People's Government of Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region (2004-2005), Counselor and Minister-Counselor, Permanent

Mission of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland (2005-2007), Adviser to the Director-General of the World Health Organization (2007-2013), Coordinator for Cyber Affairs, MFA (2013-2014), Deputy Permanent Representative, and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary for Disarmament Affairs of the People's Republic of China to the United Nations Office at Geneva and other International Organizations in Switzerland (2014-2018), Director-General of the Department of Arms Control, MFA (2018-2022). Ambassador Fu is married with a daughter.

21/10 14:00- 18:00 **BRICS: An Alternative Vision of World Order** / MIP - MADEV Liselotte Odgaard (Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies – IFS, Hudson Institute – Washington DC, Visiting Scholar at Harvard University and Nobel Institute) **On Campus**



Liselotte Odgaard is a professor at the Norwegian Institute for Defense Studies in Oslo. Her work focuses on US-China-Europe relations, including NATO-China relations; Chinese foreign, security and defense policy; Indo-Pacific security, and the geopolitics of the Arctic region. She is also non-resident senior fellow at Hudson Institute in Washington, D.C. Dr Odgaard has been a visiting scholar at institutions such as Harvard University, the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, and the Norwegian Nobel Institute. She is the author of numerous monographs, books, peer-reviewed articles, and research papers on Chinese and Asia-Pacific security, and she is a frequent commentator on these issues in the media. She regularly participates in

policy dialogues such as the Arctic Circle Assembly in Iceland and the Xiangshan Forum in Beijing. She received her bachelor's, master's, and PhD in political science from Aarhus University in Denmark, as well as a master's degree in international studies from the University of Warwick in the UK. Publications include "The BRICs and coexistence: an alternative vision of world order", Routlage (2015); "European Engagement in the Indo-Pacific: The Interplay between Institutional and State-Level Naval Diplomacy," Asia Policy (14:4, October 2019, pp. 129-159) and "Europe's Place in Sino-U.S. Competition," in Ashley J. Tellis, Alison Szalwinski, and Michael Willis (eds.), Strategic Asia 2020: Sino-U.S. Competition for Global Influence, (Seattle: National Bureau of Asian Research, 2020, pp. 277-304). Recent publications include "Home Versus Abroad: China's Differing Sovereignty Concepts in the South China Sea and the Arctic" in Cambridge Review of International Affairs (2022); "Will Europe's Emerging Indo-Pacific Presence Last?" in East Asia Forum, (2022); "NATO's China Role: Defending Cyber and Outer Space," in The Washington Quarterly (2022); and with M. Taylor Fravel and Kathryn Lavelle, "China Engages the Arctic: A Great Power in a Regime Complex," in Asian Security (2022). She regularly participates in policy dialogues, such as the Arctic Circle Assembly in Iceland and the Xiangshan Forum in Beijing. She received her bachelor's, master's, and PhD in political science from Aarhus University in Denmark, as well as a master's degree in international studies from the University of Warwick in the UK.



The grouping consisting of Brazil, Russia, India and China (BRIC) was initially meant to be nothing more than clever investment jargon referring to the largest and most attractive emerging economies. However, these countries identified with the BRIC concept, and started to meet annually as a group in 2008. At their fourth summit in 2011, they added South Africa to become the BRICS. By then the BRICS had fully morphed from investment jargon to a name for a new economic and political grouping that had the potential to challenge the unipolar hegemony of the United States and its Western allies. This work analyses the extent to which the concept of coexistence explains the individual foreign policies of the BRICS countries. The editors define coexistence as a strategy that promotes the establishment of a rule-based system for co-managing the global order. It recognizes that different states may legitimately pursue their own political and economic interests, but they have to do so within the bounds of a rule-based international system that ensures the peaceful coexistence of states.

The BRICS and Coexistence addresses the political dimension of the emergence and influence of the BRICS in the international system and will be of interest to students and scholars of Politics, Development and International Relations.

27/10 18:00- 19:30 Introduction to Geopolitics / MIP

Tanguy Struye de Swielande (UCLouvain, Director of CECRI) On Campus

28/10 09:30-12:30 Contemporary Geopolitics / MIP

Tanguy Struye de Swielande (UCLouvain, Director of CECRI) On Campus



Tanguy Struye de Swielande is professor in international relations at the Catholic University of Louvain (UCLouvain) and at the Royal Military Academy, where he teaches Geopolitics, International Relations Theories and Foreign Policy Analysis. He also coordinates the Baillet Latour Chair "European Union-China". Since September 2016, he is the Director of the "Centre d'Etude des Crises et des Conflits Internationaux" (CECRI). Professor Tanguy Struye de Swielande is the founder of "Genesys Network for Geopolitical Studies" and he is the co-founder of the "Réseau Multidisciplinaire d'Etudes Stratégiques". He also research fellow at "Egmont Royal Institute for International

Relations". His area of expertise: great power's relations, geopolitics, geoeconomy, foreign policy analysis, international relations, security and defense policy, new actors in international relations.

28/10 14:00-18:00 **Questioning Development Aid** / MADEV **On Campus**David Sogge (Transnational Institute - Amsterdam, Visiting Harvard & Princeton Universities)



David Sogge is a researcher based in Amsterdam, where he is an Associate of the Transnational Institute. He holds a bachelor's degree from Harvard College, and advanced degrees in development studies from Princeton University and the Institute of Social Studies (The Hague). Over a career that began in 1970, his professional activities have included numerous sojourns and research assignments in Africa, eastern Europe and Asia. He has held guest lectureships in Europe including the University of Amsterdam. Apart from African politics and civil society studies, foreign aid has been a particular focus, with chapters appearing in the Introduction to International Development Studies (Oxford

University Press), The Oxford Encyclopaedia of the Modern World, and the Handbook on the Economics of Foreign Aid. Among his books on foreign aid are Compassion and Calculation. The Business of Private Foreign Aid, Mozambique: Perspectives on Aid and the Civil Sector, and Give and Take. What's the Matter with Foreign Aid.

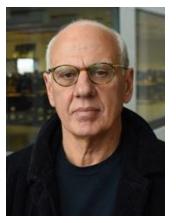
03/11 18:00- 19:30 The impact of modern technology on the International Relations / MIP Lucas Kello (University of Oxford, Director of the CTGA) by Zoom
04/11 9:30- 12:30 The impact of modern technology on the International Relations / MIP Lucas Kello (University of Oxford, Director of the CTGA) by Zoom



Lucas Kello is Associate Professor of International Relations at Oxford University. He serves as Senior Lecturer/Director of the Centre for Technology and Global Affairs, a major research initiative exploring the impact of modern technology on international relations, government, and society. He is also co-Director of the interdisciplinary Centre for Doctoral Training in Cyber Security at the Department of Computer Science. His publications include *The Virtual Weapon and International Order* (Yale University Press), "The Meaning of the Cyber Revolution: Perils to Theory and Statecraft" in *International Security*, and "Security" in *The Oxford Companion to International Relations* (Oxford University Press), "Private Sector Cyber Weapons: An Adequate Response to the Sovereignty Gap?" in Herbert Lin and Amy Zegart, *Bytes, Bombs, and*

Spies: The Strategic Dimensions of Offensive Cyber Operations (Washington, D.C.: Brookings Institution Press, 2019), "Cyber Threats," in Thomas G. Weiss and Sam Daws, eds., The Oxford Handbook on the United Nations, second edition (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018), "European Cyber Defense," in Hugo Meijer and Marco Wyss, eds., The Handbook of European Defence Policies and Armed Forces (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2018).

04/11 14:00- 16:00 The foundations of dollar dominance & the delusions of de-dollarisation Photis Lysandrou (CITY, University of London, CITYPERC) by Zoom / MIP - MADEV **04/11** 16:00- 18:00 What must be done to seriously challenge dollar dominance Photis Lysandrou (CITY, University of London, CITYPERC) by Zoom / MIP - MADEV



Photis Lysandrou is Research Professor at City University Political Economy Research Centre (CITYPERC), Department of International Politics, City University of London. He has previously taught in Queen Mary College, University of London, University of Greenwich and at London Metropolitan University where he was Lead Professor in Economics. He has published papers in several leading economics and finance journals. His current areas of research interest include the financialisation of the global economy, the structure of the international currency markets and the financial pressures on corporate governance. His current research interests are in the areas of the global finance, shadow banking, corporate governance and the political economy of

Europe. His recent journal publications include "The Colonisation of the Future: An Alternative View of Financialisation and its Portents", Journal of Post Keynesian Economics, December 2016, and "The Explosive Growth of the US ABCP Market Between 2004 and 2007: A Search for Yield Story" (co-author, Mimoza Shabani), Journal of Post Keynesian Economics, March, 2017. He has published widely on global political economy and on the global financial crisis. His book 'Commodity: The Global Commodity System in the 21st Century' was published by Routledge in the autumn of 2018. In it, he argues that income dispersion and wealth concentration can be held responsible for the 2008 financial crisis and believes that a powerful global tax body, which he suggests creating, would help to recoup large amounts of money that are lost through tax avoidance and exile.