

OPEN DAYS – October 17th to November 22nd, 2025

Executive Master in International Politics (MIP)

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Opening lecture on Friday, October 17th, 2025 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm

***"A World without alliances"* on campus**

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



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 new global distribution of power*” on Saturday February 8th, 2025. 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 “*Un monde sans l’Amérique*” (Editions Odile Jacob, 2024), “*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).

24/10 18:00- 19:30 Introduction to Geopolitics / MIP

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

25/10 09:30-12:30 Contemporary Geopolitics / MIP

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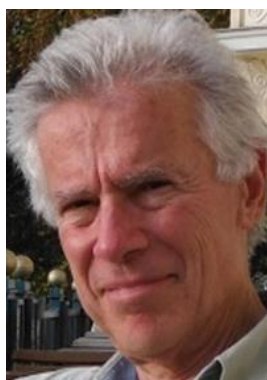


Tanguy Struye de Swielande is professor in international relations at the Catholic University of Louvain (UCLouvain) and at the Royal Military Academy, where he teaches Geopolitics, International Relations Theories and Foreign Policy Analysis. He also coordinates the Baillet Latour Chair "European Union-China". 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.

25/10 14:00-17:00 Questioning Development Aid / MADEV

David Sogge (Transnational Institute - Amsterdam) **On Campus**



David Sogge Professor David Sogge works as an independent scholar based in Amsterdam, where he is affiliated with the Transnational Institute, on whose Board he served. He was also associated with the Norwegian think-tank on peace-making, NOREF. His professional activities since 1970, under assignments related to foreign aid, took him to Vietnam, Eastern Europe and countries of the former Soviet Union, although most of his work centred on southern Africa, especially Angola and Mozambique. Among his books 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*.

He has contributed chapters to *Introduction to International Development Studies* (Oxford University Press), *The Oxford Encyclopaedia of the Modern World*, and the *Handbook on the Economics of Foreign Aid*. Today he serves as a guest lecturer in development studies at the University of Amsterdam and the Free University of Brussels, as well as at academic encounters elsewhere, particularly in Brazil. Trained at Harvard College, David earned his graduate degrees from Princeton University and the Institute of Social Studies (ISS) in The Hague, today part of Erasmus University, Rotterdam.

31/10 18:00- 19:30 Geoeconomy: Theoretical Approach & Case Studies / MIP

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07/11 18:00- 19:30 The temptation of an alternative economy: The foundations of dollar dominance & the delusions of de-dollarisation / MIP - MADEV

Photis Lysandrou (CITY, University of London, CITYPERC) **On Campus**

08/11 9:30- 12:30 Can the BRICS change the balance of economic power: What must be done to seriously challenge dollar dominance / MIP - MADEV

Photis Lysandrou (CITY, University of London, CITYPERC) **On Campus**



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.

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14/11 18:00- 19:30 The impact of modern technology on the International Relations/ MIP
Lucas Kello (University of Oxford, Director of CGTA) **by Zoom**

15/11 9:30- 12:30 The impact of modern technology on the International Relations/ MIP
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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)

15/11 14:00-18:00 Progressive Policies for Economic Development / MADEV

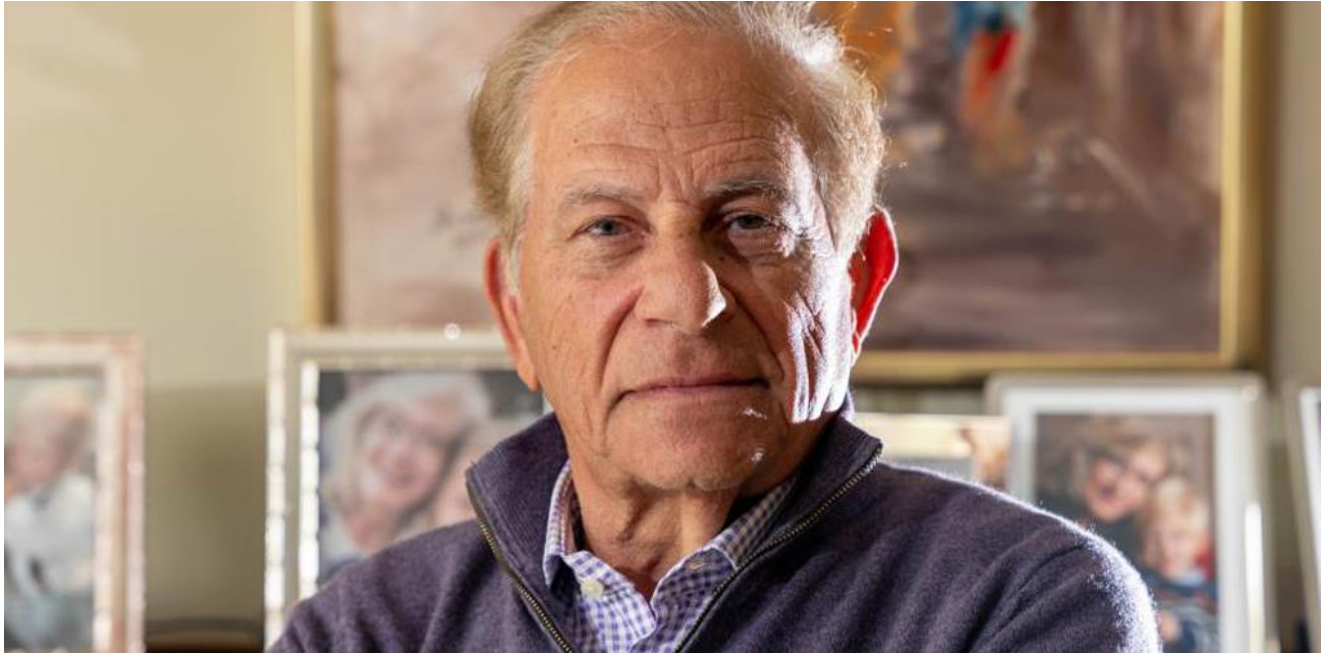
Alfredo Saad-Filho (Queen's University - Belfast) **by Zoom**



Alfredo Saad-Filho is Professor of International Relations at Queen's University, Belfast. Previously, he was Professor of Political Economy and International Development in the Department of International Development at King's college, London (2021-2022). He was Professor of Political Economy at School of Oriental & African Studies – SOAS, University of London (2000-2019); Chair of the SOAS Department of Development Studies (2006-10); Head of SOAS Doctoral School (2018-19); and Senior Economic Affairs Officer at the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (2011-12). Alfredo was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Medal from the Federal University of Goiás, Brazil in 2014 and the SOAS Director's Teaching Prize in 2016. He has degrees in Economics from the University of Brasília (Brazil) and SOAS University of London and has taught in universities and research institutions in Brazil, Canada, Germany, Italy, Japan, Mozambique, Switzerland and the UK. His academic publications include nine authored or edited books, 70 journal articles and 50 book chapters, as well as 30 reports and other contributions for the United Nations and other international agencies (UNCTAD, UNDP, UN-ESCWA, and UN-DESA). His work has been published in 15 languages and presented over 200 academic events in 30 countries. These writings range across critiques of the (Post-)Washington consensus; IMF and WB policies and pro-poor policy alternatives.

21/11 18:00-19:30 Palestine: Cemetery of international law / MIP - MADEV

Bichara Khader (UCLouvain, Founding Director CERMAC) **On Campus**



Bichara Khader is Professor Emeritus at the Catholic University of Louvain and Founder of the Study and Research Centre on the Contemporary Arab World (CERMAC). He has been member of the Group of High Experts on European Foreign Policy and Common Security (European Commission) and Member of the Group of Wisemen on cultural dialogue in the Mediterranean (European Presidency). Currently he is visiting professor in various Arab and European universities. Bichara Khader was born in February 1944 in Zababdeh, a Palestinian village with a Christian majority located near Jenin. He arrived in Belgium in 1965 to pursue his university studies at the Catholic University of Louvain (UCLouvain). After graduating in political, economic and social sciences from UCLouvain, he joined The Johns Hopkins University SAIS Bologna Center (Bologna, Italy), then returned to UCLouvain for his PhD. He has published almost 30 books on the Arab World, the Euro-Arab, Euro-Mediterranean and the Euro-Palestinian relations. “*Le Grand Maghreb et l’Europe, Enjeux et perspectives*”, Publisud-Quorum, Paris, 1992; “*Conflits et processus de paix au Proche-Orient*”, Academia-Bruylant, Louvain-la-Neuve, 1996; “*Le partenariat euro-méditerranéen, après la Conférence de Barcelone*”, L’Harmattan, Paris, 1997; “*Le partenariat euro-méditerranéen vu du Sud*”, L’Harmattan, Paris, 2001; “*Le Monde Arabe expliqué à l’Europe*”, L’Harmattan, Paris, 2009 (French and Spanish); “*Les migrations dans les rapports euro-arabes et euro-méditerranéens*”, L’Harmattan, 2011; “*Le printemps arabe : un premier bilan*”, Sylleps, 2012. The most recent books are: “*Palestine: Cimetière du droit international*”, SAMSA, 2025; “*Europe and the Arab World*”, Zed Books, 2013 (English, Arabic, Spanish), “*l’Europe pour la Méditerranée*”, L’Harmattan, Paris, 2015 (French, Arabic and Spanish).

22/11 14:00- 16:00 International Criminal Crimes. Theory : war crime, crime against humanity, crime of genocide / MIP - MADEV

Jérôme de Hemptinne (UCLouvain, University of Lille, Strasbourg, Utrecht, Geneva Academy) **On Campus**

22/11 16:00- 18:00 International Criminal Crimes. Case Studies: the context of Russian-Ukrainian war and the context of Israeli-Palestinian conflict / MIP - MADEV

Jérôme de Hemptinne (UCLouvain, University of Lille, Strasbourg, Utrecht, Geneva Academy) **On Campus**



After a law degree at the University of Louvain (1992) and two LL.M. (Master of Law) in public international law at the University of Cambridge (1994) and at the New York University (NYU) (1995), Jerome De Hemptinne worked at the International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia for about nine years where, notably he acted as Chef de Cabinet for the President. In 2006, he joined the Office of Legal Counsel of the United Nations in New York. Between 2008-2015, he worked at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon as a senior legal officer. He is currently researcher with the Geneva Academy for Humanitarian Law and Human Rights Law. He is also teaching international humanitarian law (IHL) at the Universities of Louvain, Lille and Strasbourg. Jérôme de Hemptinne is an Assistant Professor at Utrecht University and teaches, at the Geneva Academy, a course on international criminal law in the LLM (Master of Law, Legum Magister) in International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights and a course on the typology of armed conflicts in the Executive Master in International Law in Armed Conflict. He is co-editor of Modes of Liability in International Criminal Law (CUP, 2019) and of Animals in the International Law of Armed Conflict (CUP, 2022; ESIL Collective Book Prize, 2023). He is the author of Les conflits armés en mutation (Pedone, 2019; Walther Hug Prize, 2020).