

OPEN DAYS – October 16th to November 14th, 2026

Executive Master in International Politics (MIP)

Executive Master in Governance & Development Policy (MADEV)

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Opening lecture on Friday, October 16th, 2026 from 6 pm to 7:30 pm

"The World in Transition : the new global distribution of power"

François Heisbourg (International Institute for Strategic Studies – IISS, London

Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique – FRS, Paris) **In-person Course**



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 Friday October 16th, 2026. 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 “*L’Europe face aux prédateurs: Forger la nouvelle puissance*” (Éditions Odile Jacob, avril 2026); “*Le Suicide de l’Amérique*” (Éditions Odile Jacob, juin 2025) “*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).

23/10 18:00- 19:30 Introduction to Geopolitics / MIP

Tanguy Struye de Swielande (UCLouvain, IRIS) **In-person Course**

24/10 09:30-12:30 Contemporary Geopolitics / MIP

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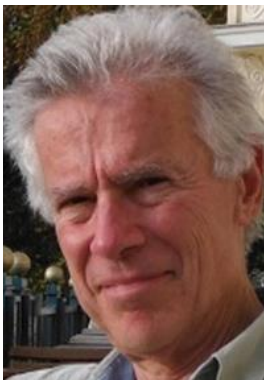


Tanguy Struye de Swielande is professor of international relations at UCLouvain and at the Royal Military Academy, Senior Associate Fellow in the Europe in the World programme at the Egmont Institute, and Associate Researcher at the Quebec Council for Geopolitical Studies and the Institute for International and Strategic Relations – Indo-Pacific Observatory (IRIS). He is director of the *Scène internationale* collection at the Presses *universitaires de Louvain*. He specialises in geopolitics, geoeconomics and the foreign and defence policy of the major powers (the United States, Russia and China), the Indo-Pacific region, the analysis of decision-making, cognitive warfare and foresight. Over the past 20 years, he has published regularly in French, Dutch and English, in a variety of

formats and venues, including policy papers, working papers, articles, books and newspaper articles. He has presented these documents to a variety of audiences around the world (private companies, the military, diplomats, academics, journalists, etc.). 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" (RMES). He was Director of CECRI (2016-2021). In 2021, he co-chaired the Strategic Committee of the Belgian Ministry of Defence, which was responsible for updating the country's strategic vision.

24/10 14:00-17:00 Questioning Development Aid / MADEV

David Sogge (Transnational Institute - Amsterdam) **by Zoom**



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.

30/10 18:00- 19:30 Economic Diplomacy: Global Financial Governance / MIP - MADEV

Stefano Pagliari (City St George's University of London) [by Zoom](#)

31/10 09:30-12:30 Economic Diplomacy: International Financial Regulatory Architecture

Stefano Pagliari (City St George's University of London) / [MIP - MADEV by Zoom](#)



Professor Stefano Pagliari's research concentrates on the field of international political economy, and in particular on the political economy of financial regulation. He has written on a number of issues related to the politics of the international monetary and financial system, such as financial industry lobbying, regulatory capture, EU-US financial diplomacy, and international financial institutions. His work has appeared in a number of peer-reviewed journals including *International Organization*, *Review of International Political Economy*, *New Political Economy*, *Journal of European Integration*.

Before joining *City St George's – University of London* in July 2013, Dr Pagliari was a Fellow in International Political Economy in the International Relations Department at the *London School of Economics & Political Science – LSE*, as well as a Visiting Scholar at Initiative for Policy Dialogue, Columbia University. Dr. Stefano Pagliari has authored and edited a number of books, including "Governing the World's Biggest Market: The Politics of Derivatives Regulation After the 2008 Crisis", Oxford University Press (2018), "Making Good Financial Regulation. Towards a Policy Response to Regulatory Capture", London: International Centre for Financial Regulation (2012) and "Global Finance in Crisis. The Politics of International Regulatory Change", Routledge (2010).

6/11 18:00- 19:30 Goeconomy: Theoretical Approach & Case Studies / MIP- MADEV

Tanguy Struye de Swielande (UCLouvain, IRIS) [In-person Course](#)

7/11 9:30- 12:30 Grand Strategy / MIP

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13/11 18:00- 19:30 Digital Diplomacy in the Age of AI: How Does Technology Change the Work of Diplomats?

Corneliu Bjola (University of Oxford) / [MIP](#) – [MADEV](#) by [Zoom](#)

14/11 09:30-11:00 Tech Geopolitics: How Does the Digital Stack Shape International Power?

Corneliu Bjola (University of Oxford) / [MIP](#) - [MADEV](#) by [Zoom](#)

14/11 11:15-12:30 Digital Propaganda: How Can Democracies Build Resilience against Information Warfare?

Corneliu Bjola (University of Oxford) / [MIP](#) - [MADEV](#) by [Zoom](#)



Corneliu Bjola is Professor of Digital Diplomacy at the University of Oxford and a leading scholar of the impact of digital technologies on diplomacy and international affairs. His research focuses on artificial intelligence, digital diplomacy, cognitive warfare, strategic communication, and the changing technological foundations of international order. His recent publication, “Algorithmic invasions: How information warfare threatens NATO’s eastern flank” (NATO Review, 2025), examines how algorithmic manipulation and digital influence operations challenge democratic resilience and international security. His current projects include a comparative study of AI adoption in ministries of foreign affairs and research on how AI can support strategic communication and cognitive resilience during security crises. These projects examine how technological capabilities reshape diplomatic practice, how information operations influence public judgement, and how institutions can respond effectively under uncertainty. He has authored and edited numerous books and academic studies on diplomacy and advises and trains diplomatic institutions and international organisations on digital transformation, AI, and emerging challenges to diplomatic practice.

14/11 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.