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ABOUT THE EVENT

The age of hard power has returned. The EU faces mounting challenges to its security, prosperity and global influence, from its immediate neighbourhood to increasingly interconnected global theatres.

Bringing together the authors of the latest issue of the European View, this event will explore three key dimensions of Europe's strategic environment: the Mediterranean's renewed geopolitical importance and the growing competition in what the Romans called Mare Nostrum; enlargement and integration as instruments of security and stability in Europe's eastern neighbourhood; and global developments in the not-so-distant abroad that will shape Europe's future.

Together, the panels will examine how Europe can navigate—and help shape—an increasingly turbulent world.

PROGRAMME

14:30 - 15:00 Registration and Coffee

15:00 - 15:10 Welcome remarks

Tomi Huhtanen

Editor-in-Chief of the European View,
Executive Director, Martens Centre

15:10 - 16:10 Panel 1

Is the Mediterranean Still Mare Nostrum?

Alessia Chiriatti

Researcher, Istituto Affari Internazionali

André P. DeBattista

Lecturer, University of Malta

Panos Tasiopoulos

Head of External Cooperation and Events, Martens Centre

Moderator: **Sara Pini**

Assistant Editor-in-Chief of the European View, Martens Centre

16:10 - 17:20 Panel 2

EU integration as a security tool

Mihai Mogildea

Deputy Director, Institute for European Policies and Reforms

Salome Samadashvili

Senior Fellow, European University Institute

Garvan Walshe

Research Associate, Martens Centre

Željana Zovko

Member of the European Parliament

Moderator: **Ionela Ciolan**

Research Officer, Martens Centre

17:20 - 17:30 Coffee break

17:30 - 18:20 Panel 3

It's a big small world

Zsuzsa Anna Ferenczy

Adjunct Assistant Professor, National Dong Hwa University

Sami Nader

Director of the Institute of Political Science, Saint Joseph University

Moderator: **Peter Hefele**

Policy Director, Martens Centre

18:20 End of the discussion