

## **GENERAL OVERVIEW**

The European Commission committed at the beginning of its legislature to respond to global challenges using a geopolitical approach. Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, the world's preeminent geopolitical and economic concerns focused around issues such as nuclear proliferation, the resurgence of populism, and financial instability; these concerns are now compounded by new challenges, such as the vulnerability of medical resource supply chains and medicine production processes, among others. The mounting confrontation between the United States and China, and its commercial and digital, as well as ideological and political dimensions, has amplified considerably due to the crisis.

In this changing context, the European Union (EU) cannot afford to be absent from global leadership in the post-pandemic world. Meanwhile, the impulse given by the agreements in Europe for the Recovery Funds represents an important step towards further integration, and reinforces Europe's role in the world.

This course will offer in various sessions insights and answers to the following questions: How can the EU increase its strategic autonomy in key areas such as digitalization? How can Europe secure the economic balance necessary for it to position itself as an influential geopolitical player? How can the EU increase its capacity for global action, and export its environmental and trade policies as well as its democratic values? What is the relation of the EU with its strategic global partners (USA, Russia, China, Latin America) and the main challenges of EU foreign policy? Can the EU take control of its destiny?

## PROGRAMME

Monday July 26<sup>th</sup>

### 10:00-12:00 - Opening session: Challenges and opportunities of the EU in a post-Covid world

Moderator: **María Ángeles Benítez Salas**, Director of the Representation of the European Commission in Spain

Keynote: **Josep Borrell**, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Vice-president of the European Commission

Roundtable:

- **Enrico Letta**, President of the Jacques Delors Institute and President of the Italian Council of Ministers (2013-2014)
- **Nathalie Tocci**, Director of the Istituto Affari Internazionali
- **Mark Leonard**, Director of the European Council on Foreign Relations

### 15:30-17:00 - Proposals on the EU's role in the world for the Conference on the Future of Europe

Ponentes:

- **José Ignacio Torreblanca**, Head of the European Council on Foreign Relations Madrid Office
- **Juan Gonzalez Mellizo**, Political Analyst, Representation of the European Commission in Spain

Dynamic session in which participants will discuss among themselves, propose and agree on ideas and proposals on the role of the European Union in the world. The proposals will be presented during the closing session and will serve as a contribution to the Conference on the Future of Europe.

**Tuesday July 27<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 – 11:45 - Session I: Solidarity, Economy and European Recovery Fund**

Moderator: **Alicia González**, Journalist, El País Spain

Roundtable:

- **Declan Costello**, Deputy Director General - Coordination of economic policies of Member States, Directorate-General for Economic and Financial Affairs, European Commission
- **Luis Garicano**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Manuel de la Rocha Vázquez**, Secretary General of the Department of Economic Affairs and G20 in the Cabinet of the Presidency of the Government of Spain
- **María Sanchez Ruíz**, Regional Ministry of Economy and Finance of the Government of Cantabria

**15:30 – 17:00 - Session II: The geopolitics of technology: for which team is Europe playing?**

Moderator: **Marta García Aller**, Journalist, El Confidencial

Keynote: **Thierry Breton**, European Commissioner for Internal Market

Roundtable:

- **Carme Artigas**, Secretary of State for Digitalization and Artificial Intelligence of the Government of Spain
- **Ulrike Franke**, Senior Researcher, European Council on Foreign Relations
- **Anu Bradford**, Columbia Law School, author of the book “*The Brussels Effect*”

**Wednesday July 28<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 – 11:30 - Session III: The EU as a promotor of values and democracy in the world**

Moderator: **María Andrés**, Director of the European Parliament Office in Spain

Keynote: **Michelle Bachelet**, United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights

Roundtable:

- **Cristina Narbona**, First Vice-President of the Spanish Senate
- **Sami Nair**, Political scientist and philosopher
- **Francisco Fonseca**, Professor of International Public Law, Valladolid University

**15:30 – 17:00 - Session IV: Multilateralism and the EU in an anarchic world**

Moderator: **Cristina Manzano**, Director, esglobal

Roundtable:

- **Jeffrey Sachs**, Director of the Centre for Sustainable Development, Columbia University
- **Susana Malcorra**, Dean of IE School of Global and Public Affairs
- **Federico Steinberg**, Chief Researcher at Real Instituto Elcano
- **Antonio López-Istúriz White**, Member of the European Parliament

**Thursday July 29th**

**10:00 – 11:30 Session V: Relations EU/Russia**

Moderator: **José Ignacio Torreblanca**, Head of the European Council on Foreign Relations Madrid Office

Roundtable:

- **Carmen Claudín**, Associate Senior Researcher at CIDOB (Barcelona Centre for International Affairs)
- **Ivan Krastev**, Center for Liberal Strategies, Sofía
- **Andrey Kortunov**, Director-General of Russian International Affairs Council
- **Sergei Guriev**, Chief Economist of European Bank for Reconstruction and Development

**15:00 – 16:15 - Session VI: Relations EU/Latin America**

Moderator: **Áurea Moltó**, Revista Política Exterior

Roundtable:

- **José Juan Ruiz**, President of Real Instituto Elcano
- **José Antonio Sanahuja**, Director Fundación Carolina
- **Ricardo Hausmann**, Professor of Practice of International Political Economy, Harvard Kennedy School

**16:15 – 17:30 - Session VII: Post-Trump Trans-Atlantic Relations**

Moderator: **José Ignacio Torreblanca**, Head of the European Council on Foreign Relations Madrid Office

Roundtable:

- **Anne-Marie Slaughter**, CEO of New America and University Professor of Political Science and International Affairs
- **Reinhard Bütikofer**, Member of the European Parliament
- **Enrique Mora**, Deputy Secretary General for Political Affairs, European External Action Service
- **Alina Polyakova**, President and CEO, Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA)

**Friday July 30<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 – 11:30 - Final session: Quo Vadis, Europa?**

Discussion between **Josep Borrell**, High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Vice-president of the European Commission, and **José Ignacio Torreblanca**, Head of the European Council on Foreign Relations Madrid Office, on Mr. Borrell's book "*European Foreign Policy in Times of COVID-19*"

Q&A session with the audience