

SPAIN IN THE WORLD 2025

MENÉNDEZ PELAYO INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY. SANTANDER
JULY 14 TO 17, 2025



VENUE: Palacio de la Magdalena. Entrance at Av. De la Magdalena 1, 39005 Santander, Spain.

COURSE DIRECTOR: Federico Torres Muro, Ambassador Permanent Representative of Spain to NATO (MAUC).

ACADEMIC SECRETARIAT: Álvaro Imbernón, Director of the Strategy and Foresight Division (MAUC).

TECHNICAL SECRETARIAT: Carmen Fernández Cabero, Desk Officer, Strategy and Foresight Division (MAUC).

AGENDA

MONDAY

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JULY

10h **Opening session** by **Carlos Andradas**, Rector of the Menéndez Pelayo International University (UIMP); **Federico Torres Muro**, Ambassador Permanent Representative of Spain to NATO and Director of Spain in the World; and **José Manuel Albares**, Minister for Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Spain. [ES-EN]

10h15 **Dialogue on the global development agenda** with **José Manuel Albares**, Minister for Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation of the Kingdom of Spain; and **Rebeca Grynspan**, Secretary General of the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), moderated by **Pol Morillas**, Director of the Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB). [ES-EN]

Coffee Break

12h **Rebuilding the multilateral puzzle** with **María Fernanda Espinosa**, Former President of the UN General Assembly and diplomat; **María Neira**, Director of Environment, Climate Change and Health at the World Health Organization (WHO); and **Alberto Ucelay**, Director General for Foreign and Security Policy (Spanish MFA). [ES-EN]

16h **Global shifts and their impact on European security** with **Elena Lazarou**, Incoming Director General of the Hellenic Foundation for European and Foreign Policy (ELIAMEP); **Lotje Boswinkel**, Researcher at the Centre for Security, Diplomacy and Strategy (CSDS); **Christophe Morand**, Advisor to the European Commission's Directorate-General for Defense Industry and Space; and **Federico Torres Muro**, Ambassador Permanent Representative of Spain to NATO. [EN]

TUESDAY
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9h30 **Spain's global foreign policy** policy with **Diego Martínez Belío**, State Secretary for Foreign and Global Affairs. [EN-ES]

10h **Building peace in a conflict-driven world** with **Manal Radwan**, Advisor at the Saudi MFA; **Stephen Pomper**, Chief of Policy at the International Crisis Group; **Pol Morillas**, Director of CIDOB; and **Carmen Magariños**, Director General for the Maghreb, Mediterranean, and the Middle East (Spanish MFA). [EN]

Coffee Break

12h **Asia in a changing global order** with **Raja Mohan**, Distinguished Fellow and Korea Foundation Chair on Asian Geopolitics at the Council for Strategic and Defense Research (CSDR). [EN]

16h **Adapting to the new geoeconomic landscape** with **Michael Pettis**, Senior Associate at Carnegie Endowment for International Peace and Professor at Peking University's Guanghua School of Management; and **Martin Sandbu**, Financial Times's European economics commentator. [EN]

WEDNESDAY
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9h30 **Spain's role in shaping a competitive Europe** with **Fernando Sampedro**, State Secretary for the European Union. [ES-EN]

10h **Sources of European power** with **Enrico Letta**, Dean of IE School of Politics, Economics and Global Affairs and former Prime Minister of Italy. [EN]

Coffee Break

12h **Strengthening the European Union** with **Luuk van Middelaar**, Director of the Brussels Institute for Geopolitics; **Maryem van den Heuvel**, Director General for External Relations at the Council of the European Union; **Héctor Sánchez Margalef**, Researcher at CIDOB; and **Marcos Alonso**, Ambassador Permanent Representative of Spain to the European Union. [EN]

16h **Narratives and information in times of uncertainty** with **Marc López**, Director of Agenda Pública; **Alba Leiva**, Commentator at El Orden Mundial; and **Álvaro Imbernón**, Director of the Strategy and Foresight Division (Spanish MFA). [ES]

THURSDAY
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10h **A common agenda for the Ibero-American community** introduced by **Susana Sumelzo**, State Secretary for Ibero-America and the Caribbean and Spanish in the World, with **Andrés Allamand**, Ibero-American Secretary General; **Elisa Díaz Gras**, Director of the Global South Program at the Brussels Institute for Geopolitics; **Ángel Melguizo**, Partner en ARGIA Green, Tech & Economics; and **Carmen Fernández Torres**, Ambassador on Special Mission for the Ibero-American Summits (Spanish MFA). [ES-EN]

Coffee Break

12h **Debriefing the 4th Summit on Financing for Development** introduced by **Eva Granados**, State Secretary for International Cooperation, with **Ignacio Corlazzoli**, Resource Mobilization and Global Alliances Manager of CAF Development Bank of Latin America and the Caribbean; **Hernán Saenz**, Financing for Development Lead and EU-LAC Coordinator at Oxfam International; **Jordi Llopert**, Senior Advisor on Strategic Alliances at the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP); and **Mónica Colomer**, Ambassador on Special Mission for Development Financing (Spanish MFA). [ES-EN]

Closing session with **Carlos Andradás**, Rector of the Menéndez Pelayo International University (UIMP); **Álvaro Imbernón**, Director of the Strategy and Foresight Division; **Federico Torres Muro**, Ambassador Permanent Representative of Spain to NATO and Director of Spain in the World. [ES-EN]