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PROGRAMME

Mon. 6, Afternoon — Opening Session	
2.30 pm – 3 pm	Welcome Coffee
Chair and Introduction: <i>Prof. Paolo Passaglia</i> , Full Professor, University of Pisa	
3.15 pm – 4.15 pm	Opening Lecture – Power Relations and International Law: The Impossible Complementarity?* <i>Prof. Frédéric Encel</i> , Geopolitician, Essayist, Professor, Sciences Po – Paris
4.30 pm – 6 pm	Geopolitics and New Technologies <i>Dr. Elisabeth Hoffberger-Pippan</i> , Senior Advisor, Austrian Institute for European and Security Policy (AIES); Lecturer, Sigmund Freud Private University Vienna
Tue. 7, Morning — Law and Geopolitics in the Digital Age	
Chair and Introduction: <i>Prof. Indra Spiecker</i> , Full Professor, University of Cologne	
8.45 am – 10.15 am	Geopolitics and Digital Sovereignty <i>Dr. Luise Quaritsch</i> , Policy Fellow for EU Democracy, Jacques Delors Centre – Berlin
10.30 am – 12 pm	Cyberspace and State Sovereignty <i>Dr. Garima Tiwari</i> , Associate Professor, National Law University Delhi
12.15 pm – 1.45 pm	Law, Geopolitics and Quantum Paradigm <i>Prof. Ciro Sbailò</i> , Full Professor, University of International Studies – Rome
Tue. 7, Afternoon	
Chair and Introduction: <i>Dr. Giovanna Spanò</i> , Researcher, University of Pisa	
3 pm – 4.30 pm	Law, Geopolitics, and Hybrid Warfare <i>Dr. Anda Bologna</i> , Senior Researcher, Tech Policy Program at the Center for European Policy Analysis – Washington
4.30 pm – 6 pm	Seminar on Law, Geopolitics, and Sport Organized and Led by the Staff Members <i>Dr. Federica Camillieri</i> , <i>Dr. Elena Montagnani</i> , and <i>Mr. Matteo Vecchi</i> , University of Pisa

* The Opening Lecture will be delivered in French. Subtitles in English will be provided as well as an outline of the Lecture in English.

Wed. 8, Morning — Law and Geopolitical Issues	
Chair and Introduction: <i>Prof. Michela Ceccorulli</i> , Associate Professor, University of Bologna	
8.45 am – 10.15 am	Law, Geopolitics, and Migration <i>Dr. Zana Vathi</i> , Adjunct Professor, University College Cork; Expert of the Migration Research Hub
10.30 am – 12 pm	Law, Geopolitics, and Climate Change <i>Dr. Alessio Terzi</i> , Researcher, University of Cambridge; Adjunct Professor, Sciences Po – Paris
12.15 pm – 1.45 pm	Geopolitics of Water <i>Dr. Martina Klimes</i> , Theme Lead – Shared Waters Cooperation, Senior Manager / Advisor – Climate, Water, and Peace, Stockholm International Water Institute (SIWI)
Thu. 9, Morning — Geopolitics from a Legal Perspective	
Chair and Introduction: <i>Prof. Vittoria Barsotti</i> , Full Professor, University of Florence	
8.45 am – 10.15 am	Geopolitics and the Courts <i>Prof. Achilles Skordas</i> , Emeritus, University of Bristol; Senior Research Affiliate, Max Planck Institute for International Law – Heidelberg
10.30 am – 12 pm	Geopolitics and the Constitutions <i>Prof. Renato Ibrido</i> , Associate Professor, University of Florence
12.15 pm – 1.45 pm	Geopolitics and Human Rights <i>Dr. Giovanna Spanò</i> , Researcher, University of Pisa
Fri. 10, Morning — Law and Geopolitics in Times of Crisis	
Chair and Introduction: <i>Prof. Achilles Skordas</i> , Emeritus, University of Bristol; Senior Research Affiliate, Max Planck Institute for International Law – Heidelberg	
8.45 am – 10.15 am	Geopolitics and International Security <i>Ms. Iana Maisuradze</i> , Policy Analyst, Europe in the World Programme – European Policy Centre – Brussels
10.30 am – 11.15 am	Reconceptualizing Geopolitical Agency and Emerging Challenges on NATO's Eastern Flank <i>Dr. Māris Andžāns</i> , Director, Center for Geopolitical Studies Riga; Associate Professor, Riga Stradins University
11.30 am – 1.45 pm	Final Roundtable <i>Mr. Aaron Gasch Burnett</i> , Senior Security Policy Fellow, European Resilience Initiative Center – Berlin <i>Prof. Marie Mendras</i> , Professor, Paris School of International Affairs, Sciences Po – Paris <i>Dr. Alina Nychyk</i> , Senior Researcher, Zurich University of Applied Sciences <i>Prof. Valentina Scotti</i> , European Law and Governance School – European Public Law Organization <i>Dr. Vessela Tcherneva</i> , Deputy Director – Program Head, European Council on Foreign Relations – Sofia
2 pm – 3 pm	Farewell Lunch