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Transatlantic Security Coordination in a New International Order:
Security & Defense, Data & Cybersecurity, and Climate & Energy Policies
February 12-13, 2018



Panel I, from left to right: Brian Fonseca, Nikoloz Esitashvili, David Kramer, and Maria Lorca-Susino



Panel II, from left to right: Joaquin Roy, Maggid Sadowska, and Hannibal Travis

On February 13, four panels were held over the course of the day.

Panel I: Security & Defense was chaired by Brian Fonseca, Director of the Jack D. Gordon Institute for Public Policy of the Steven J. Green School of International & Public Affairs at FIU. The panelists were: Dr. Nikoloz Esitashvili, Visiting Professor of the Department of Politics & International Relations at FIU, who spoke of *“The Impact of the Military Technological Development on NATO Cooperation”*; Dr. Maria Lorca-Susino, Professor of the Department of Economics at the University of Miami, who spoke of *“Transatlantic Trade Policy as Geopolitical Security”*; and David Kramer, Senior Fellow of the Steven J. School of International & Public Affairs at FIU, in charge of *“Transatlantic Cooperation in Confronting the Putin Challenge”*

Dr. Lorca-Susino’s talk was centered in the data generated and accumulated by companies like Google and Facebook, and in the dangers presented in the sharing of personal and non-personal data through the virtual media; while

David Kramer underlined the international threats posed by states through cyberattacks, virtual diffusion of fake news and election interferences in various states, and the development of cyberware linked to ransomware. He stated that even though sanctions have been imposed to several states, they have had less effect than expected. Dr. Nikoloz Esitashvili emphasized the leading role played by the technological developments for military purposes and military weapon stock capacity of states that allow for global leadership in institutions like NATO.

All panelists concluded that these threats cannot be treated lightly and that for a more efficient global security and defense, a coordination among the transatlantic power states must be emphasized. Even though the US can hold the leading position due to its capabilities, other states can cooperate in confronting the danger of the global status quo.

Panel II: Data & Cybersecurity was introduced by Prof. Thiel. The panel discussion was chaired by Dr. Joaquin Roy, Professor and Chair of

the Jean Monnet Center at the University of Miami; and Director of the European Union Center in the same University and included as panelists: Professor Hannibal Travis, Professor of the School of Law at FIU, who presented on *“Taming Cyber-Aggression: Lessons from the Era of Covert Warfare”*; Dr. Maggid Sadowska, independent researcher, who introduced *“Cyber Security in a Transatlantic Context”*; and Robert Morgus, Senior Policy Analyst of New America’s Cybersecurity Initiative and International Security Program and Deputy Director of FIU-New America-C2B Partnership, who was in charge of *“Geopolitics and Cyber Governance: How the Last Five Years Have Changed the Shape of the International Cybersecurity Discussion”*.

All three panelists agreed on the increase of the number of cyberattacks that have hit hard the military, public and private institutions affecting different social services, political events, military capacities and businesses; and the lack of efficient national and international laws. Advances have been made by states and international institutions in trying

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to define the specificities of the crime, but there is still a need for international integrated laws in data security, deterrence of the crime, regulation in the use of the internet, and in agent's accountability and responsibility. NATO is a powerful international institution that can challenge the cyberattacks. There is space for research and for agreement.

Panel III: Consular Roundtable on European Security accounted for the participation of the European Consuls General in Miami; Hon Candido Creis Estrada, from Spain; Hon Catalin Ghenea, from Romania; Hon Annette Klein, from the Federal Republic of Germany; Hon Clément Leclerc, from France; and Hon Gera Sneller from the Kingdom of Netherlands. The Panel discussion was chaired by Dr. Markus Thiel. All participants reiterated the importance of multilateral work in security and of their commitment to the strong frameworks of both NATO and of the new regional structure of the Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO). This regional structure represents a closer European cooperation in security and defense,

which they consider a milestone, and a progressive alternative solution that will strengthen the EU. PESCO is currently working in medical cooperation and crisis relief.

During **Panel IV: Climate and Energy Policies**, the participants heard from Melisa Balos, PhD Student in International Relations at FIU, about the *"EU-NATO Strategic Partnership toward Energy Security: Critical Energy Infrastructure, Maritime Security, and Resource Scarcity"*; from Melanie Goergmaier, PhD Student in International Studies at the University of Miami, about the *"EU-US Energy & Climate Security Policies in view of Transatlantic Trade"*, and from Dr. Annette La Rocco, Assistant Professor of Political Science at

Florida Atlantic University, about the *"EU Securitization of Conservation Policy in Africa"*. Dr. Edward Glab, Director of FIU Global Energy Security Forum, was the chairman of the panel.

The event presented a great spectrum of international threats and challenges to the EU and US that could be dealt coordinately and in mutual cooperation for mutual benefit.

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Panel IV, from left to right: Annette La Rocco, Melanie Goergmaier, Melissa Balos, and Dr. Glab