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**The 11<sup>th</sup> Zagreb Security Forum 2025,**  
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**Call for Papers:**

**Quo Vadis Europe in 21<sup>st</sup> Century**

*Strengthening Democracy, Protecting Freedom and Society*



The world is going through a process of strong, intense, rapid and very often unexpected changes that influence the existing postulates of the international order. Strategic interests are changing, existing interstate and international organizations are facing the challenges of seeking consensual agreement and decision-making; new mini-multilaterals are being created to try to compensate for the dysfunction and uncertainty of existing organizations such as the EU and NATO; a multipolar world is being created with several clearly visible gravitational centers as well as several that try to be so but still fail due to the fact that they are not able to do so.

The EU and NATO have many points in common, a system of values on which they have built their strategies, policies and their actions. Of the 27 EU member states, 23 are also allies in NATO (which in turn has 32 allies). Both organizations face serious challenges that are no longer only security dimensions, but also political ones. As a result, the entire European continent also faces serious security, economic, social, informational, digital and political challenges. Europe is in a state of undeclared, but imposed by Russia, war in the digital and information-cognitive domain. In the physical domain, however, we are in a phase of high-level conflict given numerous sabotages, diversion, murders, espionage, incitement to violence and division, offensive actions against various targets on the territory of Europe.

What awaits Europe, i.e. the EU and NATO member states primarily, in the future? How to deal with the continuation of Russian aggression against Ukraine; attempts to impose peace agreements that have a questionable duration in view of Russia's Grand Strategy; how to deal with information operations of influence that introduce disinformation into the public information space with the aim of inducing divisions and growing distrust of the population in the institutions of the state; how the processes in the Middle East and Far East, will develop and with what consequences for Europe;



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what processes can we expect in Africa and South America that will affect the rearrangement of gravitational centers of power? How can we make our critical infrastructure more resilient to present and future threats; this applies in particular to the

production and distribution of water, food and energy, but also to the protection of identity values; special emphasis should be placed on models for the protection of maritime (coastal and marine infrastructure)? Have we identified the lessons of recognizing upcoming risks and threats and how can we apply them to future models? How quickly, and efficiently can we make decisions that will achieve positive outcomes? How can we protect our residents from harmful influence operations while protecting human rights and freedoms? What role do the media and "Media" play, and are there any experiences in the fight against disinformation that can be applicable?

**At the 11. Zagreb Security Forum, we will organize several workshops where we will discuss these topics in smaller groups of recognized experts in the presence of young scientists and experts.**

We will inform you about the selection of lecturers and participants in the workshops by 31.1.2026.

**Please submit your paper proposal abstract up to 200 words and your CV in English by email to [gakrap@yahoo.de](mailto:gakrap@yahoo.de).**

**The deadline for proposal submissions is January 23, 2026**

**Notifications of acceptance will go out by January 31, 2026**

Conference presenters are invited to submit their revised paper in form of an article to the *National Security and The Future* and *Strategos* journals.

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