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Continuing a 23-year tradition, the Menéndez y Pelayo International University (UIMP) will once again hold the course on the future of the European Union which, since 2013, adopted the generic name “Quo Vadis, Europe?”

As in previous editions, the course will be directed by Josep Borrell Fontelles, currently the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, and with Prof. Francisco Fonseca Morillo as Academic Director and Secretary.

Quo Vadis Europa? Will take place at the UIMP’s campus at the Palacio de la Magdalena, in Santander, from August 19 to 23, 2024.

In a context defined by the war in Ukraine and its consequences on the economy and global stability, and the emergence of China, the course will address the positioning of the EU as a geopolitical actor, its contribution to the security of Europe and its relations with the US, China and other regions of the world. For this purpose, political leaders from the Member States of the European Union, Ukraine and other candidate countries, MEPs, university professors and experts on the most relevant geopolitical issues will take part in the course.



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MONDAY

19

09:30

Inauguration and introduction to the course

- Carlos Andradadas, Rector of the UIMP.
- Josep Borrell, High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (HRVP) and Director of the course.

10:00–12:00

The EU as a global actor in a changing world

- Session presented/moderated by Gilles Gressani, Director of “Le Grand Continent”.
- Inaugural Conference: Loukas Tsoukalis, President of ELIAMEP, Athens.
- Debate between Josep Borrell and Loukas Tsoukalis.

12:30

The EU in times of crisis

- Ilke Toygür, Director of the Global Policy Center of the Instituto de Empresa.
- Debate with the audience moderated by Francisco Fonseca Morillo, Professor of International Public Law at the University of Valladolid and Secretary of the course.

16:00

The European political landscape after the elections

- Luisa Antonioli, Professor at the University of Trento. Former Director of its School of International Relations.
- Domènec Ruiz Devesa, President of the European Federalists. Former MEP.
- Moderator: Francisco Fonseca Morillo, Professor of International Public Law at the University of Valladolid and Secretary of the course.

18:00

Europe Africa: towards a new partnership

- Key note speech by Macky Sall, former President of Senegal.
- Moderator: Maud Arnould, Senior Advisor HRVP Cabinet.



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TUESDAY
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10:00

European economy facing the triple challenge of stability, competitiveness and economic security

- Federico Steinberg, Senior Researcher of the Real Instituto Elcano.
- Inmaculada López, Senior Economic Advisor to HRVP at the EEAS.
- Giorgios Verdi, Researcher at the ECFR in Brussels.
- Debate presenter: Josep Borrell, HRVP.

16:30

Europe between USA and China

- Yves Tiberghien, Professor at the University of British Columbia.
- Lucas Vázquez Bassats, Oxford University.
- Henry Huyao Wang, President of the Center for China and Globalization. Pending confirmation.
- Moderator: Mercedes Guinea Llorente, Professor at the Complutense University of Madrid.

WEDNESDAY
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09:30

War on EU borders and the Europe of Defense

- Pending confirmation
- Steven Everts, Director of the European Institute for Security Studies.
- Bárbara Gallo, HRVP cabinet member.
- Moderator: Cristina Manzano, Director of External Relations at the SEGIB.

16:00

The EU in the face of the invasion of Ukraine (round table)

- Borja Lasheras, HRVP cabinet advisor.
- Nicolas Gros-Verheyde, Editor-in-Chief of B2.
- Jesús Núñez Villaverde, co-Director of the Institute of Studies on Conflict and Humanitarian Action.
- Moderator: Barbara Gallo, HRVP cabinet member.



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THURSDAY

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09:30

Europe between two wars

EU and the crisis in the Middle East

- Jean Pierre Filiu, Professor of Middle East Studies at SciencesPo Paris.
- Philippe Lazzarini, Commissioner General of UNRWA.
- Dahlia Scheindlin, International Analyst, Tel Aviv.
- Fania Oz-Salzberger, University of Haifa.
- Moderator: Josep Borrell, HRVP.

16:30

Europe facing the climate and energy challenge

- Cristina Narbona, former Minister of the Environment, President of the Ecological Transition and Demographic Challenge Commission of the Congress of Deputies.
- Laurence Tubiana, CEO of the European Climate Foundation (to be confirmed).

FRIDAY

23

09:30

The Europe we have and the Europe we need

Europe in the face of the digital revolution (round table)

- Giorgios Verdi, Researcher at the ECFR in Brussels.
- Idoia Mateo Murillo, CISO Europe and Santander Group Corporate Center.
- Moderator: Ángel Melguizo, partner at ARGIA Green, Tech & Economics, and Digital Diplomacy Advisor at HRVP.

11:30

Enlargement, global confrontations and Franco-German axis. What engine for the new Europe?

- Conversation between Josep Borrell, HRVP; Celia Belin, Director of the ECFR in Paris.
- Moderator: Ignacio Torreblanca, Director of the ECFR in Madrid.

13:00

Closing ceremony and awarding of diplomas