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Great power strategies, regional dynamics and maritime security thematic symposium

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Day One

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Objectives

1. Foster forward-looking dialogue between Brazilian, German and EU experts and policy developers through strategic foresight.
2. Build a shared understanding of great and middle power strategies, regional threats, and strategic cooperation opportunities.
3. Identify areas for future collaboration that can enhance resilience and promote regional and global stability.
4. Generate actionable outputs such as inputs for war games, synthetic policy papers, and scenario development.
5. Set the stage for follow-on engagements between Brazilian partners with the Metis Institute and the German Aerospace Centre (DLR).

Time	Event
09:00–09:30	Registration and networking
09:30–09:45	Welcome and introductions <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Brazilian Navy Staff• Metis Institute, University of the Bundeswehr Munich
09:45–10:30	Panel 1: Power shifts and strategic autonomy: navigating the future global order <p>The panel examines how global power dynamics are evolving, with a focus on emerging great powers and their impact on the future world order. It contrasts different national trajectories and examines how middle powers seek independence amid the ambitions of larger nations.</p> <p>Moderation: Center for National Security Studies (India)</p> <p>09:45–10:05 Present and emerging powers: Who will shape the future global order? Metis Institute, University of the Bundeswehr Munich</p> <p>10:10–10:30 Middle power’s strategic autonomy Escola Superior de Guerra (ESG)</p>
10:30–10:45	Coffee break
10:45–11:25	Discussion and Q&A panel 1

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11:30–13:00	<p>Panel 2: Competing strategies and regional impacts: decoding great power behaviour</p> <p>The panel explores how major powers build and manage their global influence, comparing their strategies and constraints. It also examines how these approaches shape regional security and reflect the tension between global ambitions and local realities.</p> <p>Moderation: Escola Superior de Guerra (ESG)</p> <p>11:30–11:50 Present and emerging powers: Who will shape the future global order? Metis Institute, University of the Bundeswehr Munich</p> <p>11:55–12:15 Middle power’s strategic autonomy Escola Superior de Guerra (ESG)</p> <p>12:15–13:00 Discussion and Q&A panel 2</p>
13:00–14:30	Lunch
14:30–15:45	<p>Panel 3: Strategic currents in the Atlantic: regional and extra regional power projections</p> <p>The panel examines the evolving dynamics of security and cooperation across the Atlantic, focusing on regional frameworks that promote dialogue and stability. It also analyses how external and regional powers shape maritime strategies and influence the geopolitical balance in this key area.</p> <p>Moderation: Escola de Guerra Naval (EGN)</p> <p>14:30–14:50 External power plays: U. S., Russia, and China strategies in the Atlantic arena German Aerospace Center (DLR)</p> <p>14:55–15:15 The south Atlantic arena: maritime orders spillovers Escola de Guerra Naval (EGN)</p> <p>15:15–15:45 Discussion and Q&A panel 3</p>

Day Two

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Time	Event
09:00–09:30	Registration and networking
09:30–10:40	<p>Panel 4: Maritime security in the 21st century: threats, frontiers and strategic responses</p> <p>The panel examines the growing challenges of maritime security, from traditional threats to emerging hybrid tactics and hidden vulnerabilities. It also considers how collective defence strategies are adapting to protect critical infrastructure and shared maritime spaces.</p> <p>Moderation: Brazilian Navy</p> <p>09:30–09:50 Troubled waters: navigating the emerging challenges for maritime security Brazilian Navy</p> <p>09:55–10:15 Protecting critical maritime infrastructures – lessons from the Baltic German Aerospace Center (DLR)</p> <p>10:20–10:40 NATO at sea: maritime centre strategies for collective defence and deterrence Metis Institute, University of the Bundeswehr Munich</p>
10:40–10:50	Coffee break
10:50–11:30	Discussion and Q&A panel 4
11:30–12:00	Final thoughts
12:00–12:15	Official photo
12:15–14:00	Lunch

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