

# Strategic Foresight Workshop

Challenges to the rule-based international order

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# Day One

16 February 2026

## Objectives

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1. Foster forward-looking dialogue between the Metis Strategic Foresight Network partners and key defence stakeholders 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. To develop policy recommendations and strategies for enhancing regional cooperation, stability, and prosperity in light of global challenges.
6. Foster collaboration and partnerships among stakeholders, including EU and NATO, government authorities, academic institutions, transnational companies, and local communities.

Time	Event
09:00–09:30	<b>Registration and networking</b>
09:30–10:00	<b>Welcome and introductions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Metis Institute, University of the Bundeswehr Munich</li><li>• University of Plymouth</li><li>• Ambassadors DEU, UK, Brazil, India, South Korea</li><li>• Hellenic National Defence College</li></ul>
10:00–11:00	<b>Panel 1: Geopolitical reconfiguration in an era of strategic competition</b> <p>The global order is undergoing profound transformation as traditional power centres shift and new regional actors gain influence. Bipolar and multipolar dynamics are accelerating, reshaping alliances and strategic alignments across continents. Simultaneously, economic fragmentation, driven by sanctions, supply-chain decoupling, and competing regulatory spheres, creates new vulnerabilities and opportunities. Energy transitions intensify competition over critical resources, while nations race to secure technological, industrial, and energy advantages. Together, these forces are redefining the strategic landscape and demanding adaptive policy, risk management, and foresight approaches.</p> <p><b>Moderation:</b> NATO Maritime Command / University of Plymouth</p> <p><b>10:00–10:20 No hegemon in sight: strategic competition and security dynamics in a fragmenting global order</b> Metis Institute, University of the Bundeswehr Munich</p> <p><b>10:20–10:40 The geopolitical value of the eastern Mediterranean in the global security ecosystem</b> University of Plymouth</p> <p><b>10:40–11:00 Discussion and Q&amp;A</b></p>

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11:00–12:00	<p><b>Panel 2: Emerging security challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> century</b></p> <p>This panel will explore the evolving landscape of global security in the 21<sup>st</sup> century, addressing a range of critical threats from cyber warfare and terrorism to climate change and geopolitical tensions. Experts from diverse fields will discuss the implications of technological advancements, hybrid warfare, and the shifting power dynamics that challenge traditional security frameworks. This session aims to provide insights into how governments, organizations, and individuals can adapt to these emerging threats and foster resilience in an increasingly complex world.</p> <p><b>Moderation:</b> University of Piraeus</p> <p>11:00–11:20 <b>From dominance to uncertainty: three worst-cases of Western decline</b>                      Metis Institute, University of the Bundeswehr Munich</p> <p>11:20–11:40 <b>Kinetic and digital: the future of humanoid robots in conflict</b>                      Metis Institute, University of the Bundeswehr Munich</p> <p>11:40–12:00 <b>Arctic silk road? The future of maritime security in the high north</b>                      BMVg – German MoD</p> <p>12:00–12:30 <b>Discussion and Q&amp;A</b></p>
12:30–13:30	Lunch break
13:30–15:30	<p><b>Panel 3: Future regional security challenges in Asia and Latin America</b></p> <p>As global power dynamics shift, these regions face complex security challenges that will shape their future stability. From geopolitical rivalries, economic uncertainty, and technological disruptions to emerging threats such as terrorism and climate change understanding the evolving landscape is essential for crafting sustainable regional solutions. This panel focusses on thought-provoking discussions on how the future of regional security can be navigated in these pivotal regions.</p> <p><b>Moderator:</b> Centre for National Security Studies</p> <p>13:30–13:50 <b>India as systemic kingmaker: swing state power in a divided world</b>                      Centre for National Security Studies, India</p> <p>14:10–14:30 <b>Emerging powers in a polarized world: Brazil’s strategic outlook</b>                      Brazilian Defence College</p> <p>14:50–15:10 <b>Countering assertive actions by rising challengers</b>                      Korean National Defence University</p> <p>15:10–15:30 <b>Discussion and Q&amp;A</b></p>
15:30–16:00	Coffee break

# Day Two

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Time	Event
09:30–10:00	Registration and networking
10:00–10:15	Welcome and introductions
10:15–10:45	Wargaming scenario / table-top exercise briefing Chair: Metis Institute and University of Plymouth
10:45–12:00	<b>Session 1: Wargaming / table-top exercise in breakout groups</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Breakout group 1</li><li>• Breakout group 2</li><li>• Breakout group 3</li></ul>
12:00–13:00	Coffee / lunch break
13:00–14:00	<b>Session 2: Wargaming / table-top exercise in breakout groups</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Breakout group 1</li><li>• Breakout group 2</li><li>• Breakout group 3</li></ul>
14:00–14:10	Group 1 findings presentation
14:10–14:20	Group 2 findings presentation
14:20–14:30	Group 3 findings presentation
14:30–15:00	Discussion and closing remarks

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