

Europe's Search for "Strategic Autonomy"? From the late Cold War to the New Millennium: new research perspectives (23-24 February, 2026)

DRAFT PROGRAMME

23 February 2026

14:30 Panel 1: The International Context

Chair: Daniele Fiorentino (Roma Tre University)

Stephan Kieninger (Non-Resident Fellow at the German-American Institute): A Mismatched Relationship. U.S.-Russia Relations in the 1990s

Simon Miles (Duke University): US- Russia Relations and the Stabilization of Eastern Europe in the 1990s

Discussant: Leopoldo Nuti (Roma Tre University)

16:00 Coffee break

16:30: Panel 2: The European Union in the Making

Chair: Michele Di Donato (Roma Tre University)

Michael Gehler (University of Hildesheim): CFSP and CSDP with the WEU? From the Franco-German Brigade as a Starting Point for European Security and Defence Policy to the OSCE 1987-1995

Piers N. Ludlow (LSE): Moving beyond the Heroic Narrative: Delors and Widening of EC/EU Cast List

Lucia Coppolaro (University of Padua): "Mastering Globalization": The EU and Multilateral Trade Governance in the 1990s

Discussant: Laura Fasanaro (Roma Tre University)

20.00: Dinner

24 February 2026

9:30 Panel 3.1: New Research Perspectives (I)

Chair: Lucia Coppolaro (University of Padua)

Marilena Gala (Roma Tre University): Attempts at Reappropriation of European Security? Europe towards the 1990s

Leopoldo Nuti (Roma Tre University): The Heterogony of Ends or the Odd Roots of the EU Non-proliferation Policy

Giordana Pulcini (Roma Tre University): Surviving SDI: the Franco-British Debate on Missile Defense in the 1990s

Discussant: Piers N. Ludlow (LSE)

11:00: Coffee Break

11:30 **Panel 3.2: New Research Perspectives (II)**

Chair: Giovanni Mario Ceci (Roma Tre University)

Laura Fasanaro (Roma Tre University): Europe's Own Way to Sustainability in the Wake of the Earth Summit, 1992. The EU's Search for Autonomy and Leadership in the International Debate on Environment and Climate

Benedetto Zaccaria (University of Padua): The EC/EU's Search for Strategic Autonomy in the Former Yugoslavia, 1991 – 1995

David Burigana (University of Padua): The 1990s: A "New" Space Diplomacy for Europe?

Discussant: Giuliano Garavini (Roma Tre University)