

Small States and Security in Europe: Between National and International Policy-Making

Venue: Pembroke College, University of Cambridge

Thursday, 27 June 2019

9:30 – 9:45 Welcome and introduction

Geoffrey Edwards, University of Cambridge

Tomáš Weiss, Charles University and University of Cambridge

9:45 – 11:15 Research session I: Norms and strategy

Chair: Geoffrey Edwards

Jan Niklas Rolf (Rhine-Waal University): Small states and European strategic culture:
From norm breakers to norm takers to norm shapers

Tomáš Karásek (Charles University, Prague): Small and Impressionable? Strategic
Culture of the Czech Republic and Slovakia in Different Institutional Contexts
(co-author Jan Beneš)

Kenneth McDonagh (Dublin City University): Ireland and EU Security: From neutrality
to a meso-strategic approach

11:15 – 11:45 *Coffee break*

11:45 – 13:15 Research session II: Central Europe and Benelux

Chair: Sandra Fernandes

Tomáš Weiss, Lucie Kadlecová and Ondřej Ditrych (Charles University, Prague):
Facing the Pressures of Internationalization and Securitization: Cross-Policy
Comparison of the Link between Domestic and International Securitisation in
Czechia

Joachim Koops (University of Leiden): The Role of Belgium, the Netherlands and
Luxembourg in the European Union's and NATO's approach to security
governance

Olivier Lewis (College of Europe, Natolin): The Difference Size Makes: The Causes
of Luxembourgish Multilateral and Bilateral Security Cooperation

Maria Chiara Vinciguerra (University of Cambridge): The Role of Small (Member)
States in EU Policy Responses to the Migration and Refugee Crisis: The
Refugee Relocation Scheme

13:15 – 14:15 *Lunch*

14:15 – 15:45 Research session III: Scandinavia and the Baltics

Chair: Kenneth McDonagh

Silja Bára Ómarsdóttir (University of Iceland): Iceland's National Security Policy: A
Contentious Process in a Small State

Sverrir Steinsson (University of Iceland): Knights or knaves? Denmark and Iceland in
the transatlantic relationship (co-authors Anders Wivel and Baldur
Thorhallsson)

Claudia Morsut (University of Stavanger): Civil protection in Norway and Sweden:
which kind of societal security policy?

Ausra Park (Siena College): Small State Status-Seeking: Lithuania's Foreign Policy
Status Aspirations and Vilnius' Ambition to Shape EU's Eastern Neighborhood
Partnership (co-author Gerda Jakstaite) (*over skype*)



16:15 – 17:30 Further steps: Common publication, conferences, and networks

Tomáš Weiss, Charles University and University of Cambridge
Geoffrey Edwards, University of Cambridge

18:00 – 19:00 Keynote speech

Tomáš Szunyog, Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to the EU PSC
Chair: Geoffrey Edwards

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9:45 – 11:00 Research session IV: Looking beyond European borders

Chair: Tomáš Weiss

Nuno Morgado (Charles University, Prague and Corvinus University, Budapest):
Portugal as a sea power: problematizing the EU membership

Sandra Fernandes (University of Minho): The “Estonianization” of the European
Union external action: bottom-up securitization and relations with Russia (co-
author Laure Delcour)

Jean F. Crombois (American University in Bulgaria): Bulgaria’s Foreign Policy and
EU-Russia Security Relations: Europeanization, Politicization and/or Small
Country Diplomacy

11:00 *Coffee, informal debate, departure of participants*

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