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# European Sovereignty Confronted With Geopolitical Challenges



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14H30-17H30 • SALLE DES ACTES

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# Program

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## 8H30 - 9H45

### Introduction: European Sovereignty and Geopolitics

In a complex global context, the European Union faces major geopolitical challenges. Faced with these challenges, the Union has developed the concept of European sovereignty. The aim of this workshop is to provide a framework for this concept and to consider how European sovereignty stands up to other international powers, examine whether the EU is in a defensive or offensive position, and explore the tools it uses to develop its sovereignty.

**Moderators:** Adrien BATTARD, Marie-Camille CHALAL

**Speaker :** Yves BERTONCINI - Consultant in European Affairs, Affiliate Professor at ESCP Business School, Former Director of the Jacques Delors Institute

## 9h45 - 11h15

### I. The EU in the Digital Far West: How Can the EU Ensure its Digital Sovereignty in Order to Preserve its Democratic Values ?

In a context of geopolitical tensions, the European Union is committed to regulating digital platforms in order to protect its sovereignty and guarantee the integrity of its institutions in the face of foreign technology giants. Data management and control of digital infrastructures are thus becoming strategic issues, redefining the international balance of power and strengthening European resilience.

**Moderators:** Quentin DELPORTE, Aaron ROSAY

**Speakers:** Clément BEAUNE - Former Minister for European Affairs and Former Minister Delegate for Transport

Diane GALBOIS-LEHALLE - Assistant Professor of Private Law and Director of the Master's in AI Law, Catholic University of Paris

Amaelle GUITON - Journalist at *Libération*, Expert in Digital Issues

## 11h15 - 11H30

Coffee break

## 11h30 - 13H

### II. The EU's Ecological Transition: Challenges to Sovereignty in an Interconnected World

The European Union seeks to influence the global environmental transition by combining normative leadership, financing and climate diplomacy. It aspires to become a leader in the energy transition, but faces challenges linked to economic competitiveness, energy dependency and normative power in a multipolar global context. This workshop will explore these challenges.

**Moderators:** Élise DEHILLOTTE, Juliette LIJKO

**Speakers:** Diana-Paula GHERASIM - Head of European Energy and Climate Policies, Research Fellow, Center for Energy & Climate (IFFRI)

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Victor GRANDAUBERT - Assistant Professor of International and European Union Law, Paris Nanterre University

Emmanuel GUÉRIN - Fellow and Special Advisor to the CEO, European Climate Foundation

## 14H30-16H00

### III. In Search of Strategic Autonomy: What Horizon for EU's Sovereignty in Terms of Defense?

The European Union must consider sovereignty in defense by strengthening its strategic autonomy and industrial independence from the United States. This workshop bringing together experts from various fields will therefore focus on the current state of European defense, the importance of military trade for soft power, and the viability of a potential European army. In a rapidly evolving multipolar world order, Europe must reinvent its defense model to address threats that have never been as diverse and complex.

**Moderators:** Henri GRENOUILLEAU, Jules THELLIEZ

**Speakers:** Claude-France ARNOULD - Former Ambassador and Former Chief Executive of the European Defense Agency

Sophie ENOS-ATTALI - Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Relations, Catholic University of Paris and Associate Researcher, Institute of Strategic Research (IRSEM)

Pierre HAROCHE - Assistant Professor of European and International Politics, Catholic University of Lille

## 16h00 - 16H15

Coffee break

## 16H15-17H30

### IV. Migration Agreements and European Sovereignty: The Management of Buffer Zones

EU's autonomy appears to be weakened by its management of migratory flows through the relocation of migration policies beyond its borders. This externalization strategy, involving strategic agreements with transit countries, poses challenges to the EU's core values. This workshop will explore the issue from a geopolitical angle, examining the impact of these agreements on European sovereignty.

**Moderators:** Lilou KIRCHHOFFER

**Speakers:** Lucie FEUTRIER-COOK - Expert in Immigration and Asylum Law

Romain FOUCART - Assistant Professor of Public Law, University of Angers

Catherine WIHTOL de WENDEN - Emeritus Research Director at the CNRS (CERI, Sciences Po)

## 17H30

### Conclusions

**Speaker:** Jessica LARSSON - Head of the Representation of the European Commission in France