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2022 Transatlantic Policy Symposium (TAPS)
CALL FOR PAPERS

Toward a Geostrategic Europe?

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For many years, Europe has primarily looked inward, dealing with a series of economic, political, and institutional crises. This preoccupation with internal affairs has constrained European leaders' ability to develop and execute an ambitious vision for the continent's place in the world. Consequently, Europe has failed to exert a large influence on global affairs, despite its considerable economic and demographic weight.

Yet there has recently been a sense of geostrategic awakening in Europe. The COVID-19 pandemic, while presenting a formidable challenge to the European Union, ultimately resulted in a revitalization of its integration process through its "Hamiltonian moment." Meanwhile, a new era of great power competition spurred by the rise of China and lingering political instability in the United States has produced a movement toward European strategic autonomy across numerous domains such as technology, trade, and defense. Finally, a cohesive European identity continues to coalesce, increasing the continent's cultural influence and soft power in the world.

The 2022 Transatlantic Policy Symposium asks you to consider how Europe is transforming itself into a global actor and to reflect on the challenges and opportunities entailed by this process. What problems must be addressed, what are the solutions, and who must rise to act so that Europe can forge a geostrategic vision fit for the 21st century? We welcome analysis and expertise from your respective academic discipline (Political Science, Economics, History, or Cultural Studies).

Submission Requirements:

- First Stage: **submit an abstract by Friday, 19 November 2021** that clearly states your research question and your corresponding argument. Please also indicate which academic discipline(s) you are drawing from. Abstracts should be no longer than 500 words in length.
- Second Stage: If selected, your participation in the conference will be contingent on the **submission of a full paper by Friday, 7 January 2022**. Full papers should be at least 3,000 words in length.
- Both abstracts and full papers must be in English using Chicago style citations.
- Participation is open to currently enrolled Bachelor, Master and Doctoral students.
- Please include a résumé or CV in English with your abstract submission.
- We are happy to offer travel grants to individuals selected to participate in TAPS 2022! Please do not let travel costs preclude you from submitting an abstract.

There will be a **modest prize** awarded to the best presentation at the conclusion of the conference.

Deadline for submission of abstracts: 19 November 2021
Submissions should be made via email to chairs@tapsgeorgetown.com
with “Paper Submission 2022: YOUR SURNAME” as the subject line.

Questions?

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