

III SUMMER COURSE SOFIA CORRADI ON THE EUROPEAN UNION: The agendas of open strategic autonomy, democracy and energy

**Organised by the representations of the European institutions in
Barcelona and CIDOB**

17, 18 and 19 July 2023

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The European Parliament's office in Barcelona, the Representation of the European Commission and CIDOB (Barcelona Centre for International Affairs) organise the third edition of the Sofia Corradi Summer Course on the European Union. The three days will be monographic sessions with theoretical and practical perspectives. The sessions will be divided between an intervention by a keynote speaker from the European Commission or the European Parliament, followed by a dialogue with a journalist; and a roundtable with CIDOB researchers; officials of the European institutions, from either the European Parliament or the European Commission; and independent experts. The aim of this summer course is to provide participants with a complete perspective on the debates and challenges of the European Union in the short, medium and long term, and analytical tools so that they can analyse and understand the European reality and become active members in it. Those who attend the full course will receive a certificate of participation.

The course will address the domestic and international challenges the European Union is facing. On the first day and considering the objectives of the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the EU, there will be a debate on open strategic autonomy, how to articulate it and which areas of action should be the priority, from trade to the economy or security and defence policy. The second session will address the technological profile of the EU trying to respond what kind of technological power the EU wants and has to be against the priorities of other international actors. Technological rights, the digital transition, European regulatory advances, data governance and the fight against misinformation will be discussed in this session. Finally, the last session will deal with the geopolitical dimension of energy, the need for the EU to diversify its energy sources without increasing its vulnerabilities and the costs and opportunities of the energy transition in relation to the war in Ukraine and the green transition.

Programme of the course

Monday, 17 July 2023

09.30 – 10.00

Welcome and kick-off

PoI Morillas, Director, CIDOB

Sergi Barrera, Head of the European Parliament's office in Barcelona

Manuel Szapiro, Director, Representation of the European Commission in Barcelona

- 10.00 – 10.45 **Open strategic autonomy: priority areas of action and initiatives of the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the EU**
Keynote **Salvador Rueda**, Director General of Integration and Coordination of General Affairs, Ministry Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation
Dialogue with **Pol Morillas**, Director, CIDOB
- 10.45 – 11.15 **Q&A**
- 11.15 – 11.30 **Break**
- 11.30 – 12.30 **Roundtable “Open strategic autonomy: priority areas of action and initiatives of the Spanish Presidency of the Council of the EU”**
Federico Steinberg, Senior Analyst, Elcano Royal Institute
Kristina Kausch, Senior Fellow, The German Marshall Fund of the United States
Erika María Rodríguez Pinzón, Lecturer, Complutense University of Madrid; Special Advisor to HR/VP
Moderated by **Pol Morillas**, Director, CIDOB
- 12.30 – 13.00 **Q&A**
- Tuesday, 18 July 2023**
- 10.00 – 10.45 **Democracy and disinformation**
Keynote **Katarina Barley**, Vice-president and Responsible for Information Policy and Press, European Parliament (*online*)
Dialogue with **Joan Julibert**, Journalist, TV3
- 10.45 – 11.15 **Q&A**
- 11.15 – 11.30 **Break**
- 11.30 – 12.30 **Roundtable “Democracy and disinformation”**
Martyna Bildziukiewicz, Strategic Communication and Foresight - Strategic Communication, Task Forces and Information Analysis. European External Action Service (EEAS) (*online*)
Katarína Klingová, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Democracy & Resilience, GLOBSEC Policy Institute (*online*)
Carme Colomina, Senior Research Fellow, CIDOB
Moderated by **Joan Julibert**, Journalist, TV3
- 12.30 – 13.00 **Q&A**
- Wednesday, 19 July 2023**
- 10.00 – 10.45 **Europe’s energy future**
Keynote **Aleksandra Tomczak**, member of the cabinet of Vice president Timmermans responsible for energy transition and international energy issues, European Commission
Dialogue with **Miguel Ángel Patiño**, Journalist, Expansión
- 10.45 – 11.15 **Q&A**
- 11.15 – 11.30 **Break**
- 11.30 – 12.30 **Roundtable “The geopolitical dimension of energy”**
Monika Dulian, Policy Analyst, European Parliamentary Research Service, European Parliament
Marie Vandendriessche, Senior Researcher, EsadeGeo
Víctor Burguete, Senior Research Fellow, CIDOB
Moderated by **Miguel Ángel Patiño**, Journalist, Expansión
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