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CONVERSATIONS BEYOND BORDERS

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OP Jindal Global University, Sonipat,
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The CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES

The key objective of CES, under the leadership of Dr. Raffaella Puggioni, is to promote and enhance knowledge on the European societies. This will be done by organising seminars, discussion groups and public lectures on the following themes: citizenship, identity, inclusion, subjectivity, mobility, governmentality, activism, humanitarianism and border politics.

The Centre aims at investigating those thematic issues through an interdisciplinary perspective — that combines International Relations, Political Theory, Citizenship Studies, Resistance Studies and Border Studies — but also through a perspective that does not locate the European perspective at the centre of analysis. Events, debates and research on Europe, and more specifically on European Union (EU) countries, are the starting point but not the end point. In other words, the Centre will critically investigate today Europe without losing sight of its (colonial) past — a past that continues to shape the European identity, its border and security policies — and scrutinise how a post-colonial Europe might look like.



DIRECTOR *of the* CENTRE

Prof. (Dr.) Raffaella Puggioni

Raffaella Puggioni is Professor at the School of International Affairs and Executive Director of the Centre for European Studies. She has some fifteen years of teaching experience in International Studies/Political Science in countries as diverse as Italy, China, Azerbaijan and India.

She has recently completed a two-year Marie-Curie Individual Fellowship at LUISS University (Rome), where she investigated the relation between COVID-19 emergency, (im)mobility and the liberal subject. Her work is broadly situated in the disciplines of International Relations Theory, Political Theory, Resistance Studies and Border Studies, with a geographical focus on Europe. Her work has appeared in the *Journal of Refugee Studies*, *Political Studies*, *Citizenship Studies*, *Third World Quarterly*, *Global Society*, *Journal of Borderlands Studies*, *Politics and Thesis Eleven*, and a monograph, *Rethinking International Protection*, has been published by Palgrave.



DEPUTY DIRECTOR *of the* CENTRE

Prof. (Dr.) Silvia Bottega

Silvia Bottega, a political scientist with a PhD from the University of Turin, is currently serving as an Associate Professor at JSIA. Her research interests encompass regional security architectures in Africa, Asia, and Europe.

Along with the impact of wars and asymmetric conflicts on women and the general population, the ethics of refugee protection in the Middle East and in Europe. She has taught a wide range of courses including Foreign Policy Analysis, Military Alliances and Defence Diplomacy, International Relations Theory, and International Public Law. She is also teaching M.A. in International Relations, Security and Strategy programme offered through Coursera. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, Dr. Bottega has also been actively involved in international collaborations, coordinating Summer and Winter Schools and contributing/leading to the establishment of Study Abroad programmes at JSIA.

O.P. JINDAL GLOBAL UNIVERSITY



O.P. Jindal Global University offers programmes in diverse fields such as Law, Business, Liberal Arts, Psychology, Economics, Media, Journalism, Architecture, Design, Banking, Finance, Environment, Public Policy, Public Health, Languages, and International Relations. Our courses are designed to meet students' academic and professional needs through interdisciplinary learning and practical application, preparing them for the global workforce. Over the past decade, JGU has become an international institution, attracting faculty and students from around the world and forming partnerships with leading global universities to provide a rich learning environment.

Our faculty consists of experienced professionals and scholars committed to delivering high-quality education that fosters critical thinking, ethical leadership, and social responsibility. Through our innovative curriculum and modern infrastructure, we aim to develop well-rounded individuals ready to contribute meaningfully to society and their fields.

What IS AGORÁ'26 ?



About AGORÁ'26

AGORÁ 26: Conversations Beyond Borders is envisioned as one of the most significant academic and cultural flagship event organized by Centre for European Studies as part of the Jean Monnet Chair in European Borders Project. Co-funded by the European Union at Jindal School of International Affairs, O.P. Jindal Global University, the event aims to bring together European ambassadors, diplomats, scholars, and cultural representatives, fostering a dynamic dialogue between Europe and India.



Academic Engagement

AGORÁ 26 will feature interactive workshops and simulations, encouraging students to experience the frontlines of diplomacy and policy-making first-hand.



Cultural Platform

Beyond the academic dimension, AGORÁ 26 will also serve as a vibrant cultural platform. In collaboration with the Alliance Francaise and several other European cultural missions, schools and partner universities, the event will feature film screenings, art exhibitions, music and dance performances, and an Opera night, reflecting the cultural diversity of Europe's cultural heritage.

ORGANISING *body*

Ms. Grace Rose David

Ms. David is a third-year B.A. (Hons.) Diplomacy and Foreign Policy student at JSIA. She serves as the Centre Coordinator at the Centre for European Studies, where she earlier worked as a Research Intern & as the Centre Coordinator. As Events Secretary of JSIA's SGRC and Founder of Happy Planet, she brings together diplomacy, leadership, and a commitment to global sustainability.



Mr. Athin B. Paul

Mr. Paul is the Centre Coordinator at the Centre for European Studies (CES) and the Centre Coordinator at the Centre for Intelligence and Research Analysis (CIRA) at O.P. Jindal Global University. He is currently pursuing a Master's in Diplomacy, Law and Business, with a focus on international relations, geopolitics, and European affairs. His work bridges research, communications, and strategic outreach, reflecting his interest in diplomacy, intelligence, and global governance.



Ms. Devanshi Agarwal

Ms. Agarwal is a 4th Year B.Com., LL.B. (Hons) Student at the Jindal Global Law School. She has worked at the CES in the capacity of a Research Intern as well as the Events Coordinator, additionally, she is part of the Editing & Research Team at Jindal Centre for Global South. Her interests lie with the border and security policies in the Global South and Europe.



CFL Faculty



Dr. Shruti Jain
Director- CFL



Ms. Payal Kumari
Lecturer- German



MS. Deepika Teckchandani
Asst. Director- CFL



Dr. Neha Tyagi
Professor- Spanish



Mr. Mohammad Jilani
Associate Professor- Spanish



Dr. Shilpa Gupta
Associate Professor- French



Dr. Navreeti Sharma
Associate Professor- French

PROGRAMME

DAY-1

Schedule

Registrations	8.00- 10.00 AM
Panel Discussion Italy and Romania	10.30 AM- 12.30 PM Vigyan Kala Kendra
Lunch Break (External Participants)	12.30- 13.30 PM (T6)
Tour of the Constitution Museum	12.30- 13.30 PM
Departure of the Delegates from Campus	13.30 PM
Session 1 Malacca Lifeline - Sompura-SJAB (T5) Shattered Shield -Nawadip -SJAB (T5) EU Crisis Council -Vallabhi -SJAB (T5)	13.30- 15.30 PM
Break	15.30- 16.00 PM
Session 2 (Continuation of Session 1) Malacca Lifeline Shattered Shield EU Crisis Council	16.00- 19.00 PM
European DJ Night- Crossover Commons	19.00- 20.00 PM
Dispersal	20.00 PM

DAY-2

Registrations	8.00- 10.00 AM
Panel Disussion Latvia and Poland	10.30 AM- 12.30 PM Gyan Kendra
Tour of the Constitution Museum	12.30- 13.30 PM
Departure of the Delegates from Campus	BY 13.30 PM
Lunch Break (External Participation)	12.30- 13.30 PM (T6)
Session 1 Contradiction Summit- T4 M91 A Simulation Lab Russia-Ukraine Conflict (Ind.)- T1 F18	14.00- 16:00 HRS
Break	16:00- 16.30 PM
Session 1 (Continuation of Session 1) Contradiction Summit- T4 M91 A	16.30- 18.30 PM
Dispersal	20.00 PM

DAY-3

Registrations	8.00- 10.00 AM
CFL Workshop French, German, Spanish	10.30 AM- 12.00 PM Gyangriha, T4 T117, T4 T73B
Lunch Break	12.00- 13.00 PM
CFL Games	13.00- 14.30 PM Buddha Quadrangle
Poster Making Competition	13.00- 14.30 PM T1 F18
Salsa Workshop	14.30- 15.30 PM Naveen Jindal Sports Academy Dance room
Discussion- Ambassador of Ukraine	15.30- 16.30 PM Nawadeep
Closing Ceremony	16.30- 18.00 PM Gyan Kendra
Tour of the Constitution Museum	18:00-18:30PM
Departure of the Delegates from Campus	BY 18:30PM
Opera Night	18.00- 19.00 PM Shallu Jindal Performing Arts Academy

EVENT *details*

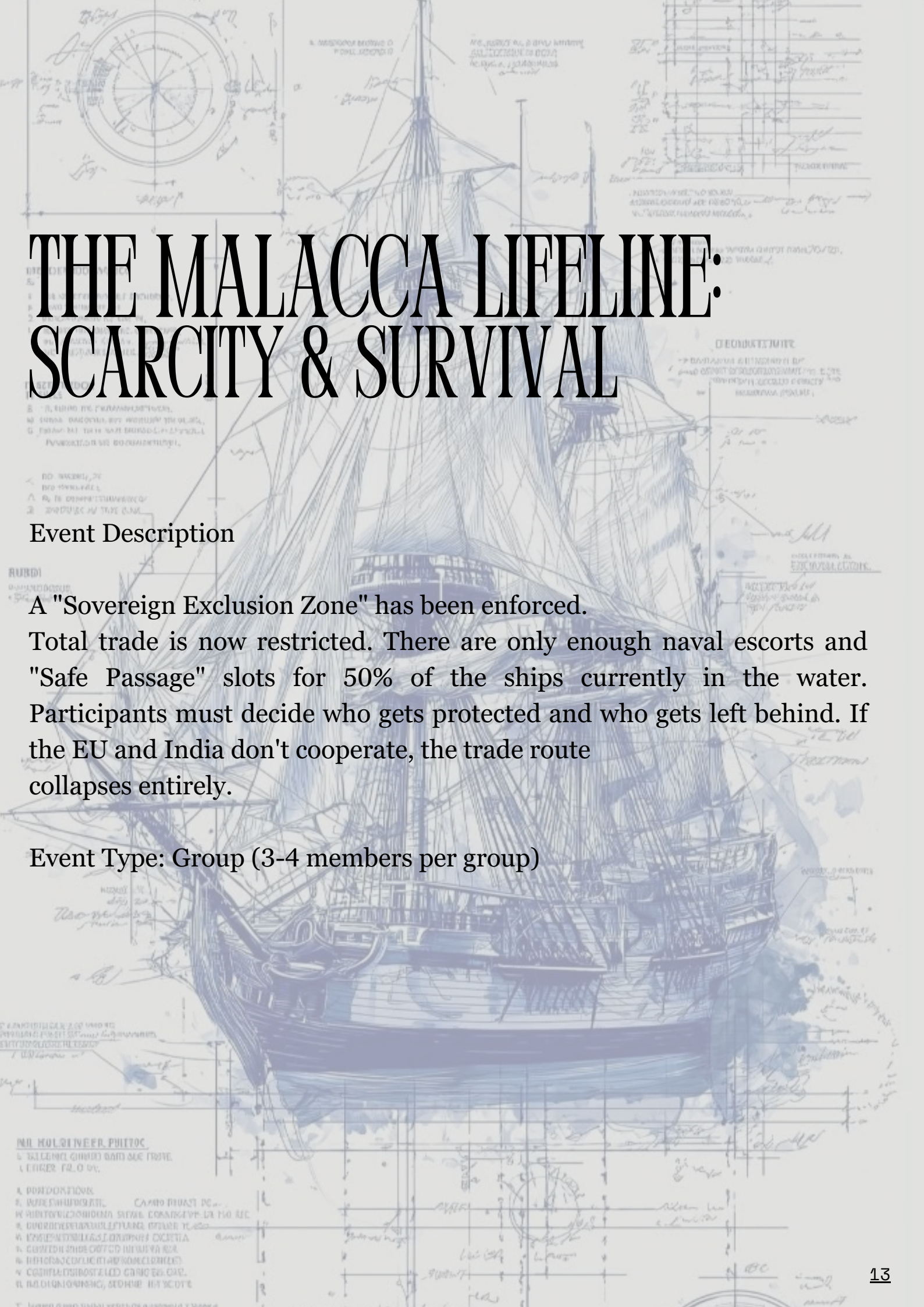
EUROPEAN CRISIS COUNCIL

Event Description

The European Crisis Council is a simulation that looks at how decisions are made within the European Union during a crisis. Each participant represents a key EU institution, an EU member state, or an external stakeholder involved in Europe's decision making process.

Participants act independently, negotiate with others, and respond to changing developments in real time. The event focuses on power, constraints, and compromise within the EU rather than speeches or bloc politics.

Event Type: Individual



THE MALACCA LIFELINE: SCARCITY & SURVIVAL

Event Description

A "Sovereign Exclusion Zone" has been enforced.

Total trade is now restricted. There are only enough naval escorts and "Safe Passage" slots for 50% of the ships currently in the water. Participants must decide who gets protected and who gets left behind. If the EU and India don't cooperate, the trade route collapses entirely.

Event Type: Group (3-4 members per group)

THE CONTRADICTION SUMMIT: *World leaders* debate against their own policies

Event Description

Welcome to The Contradiction Summit, a high-stakes global debate tournament where participants roleplay as world leaders—but with a twist:

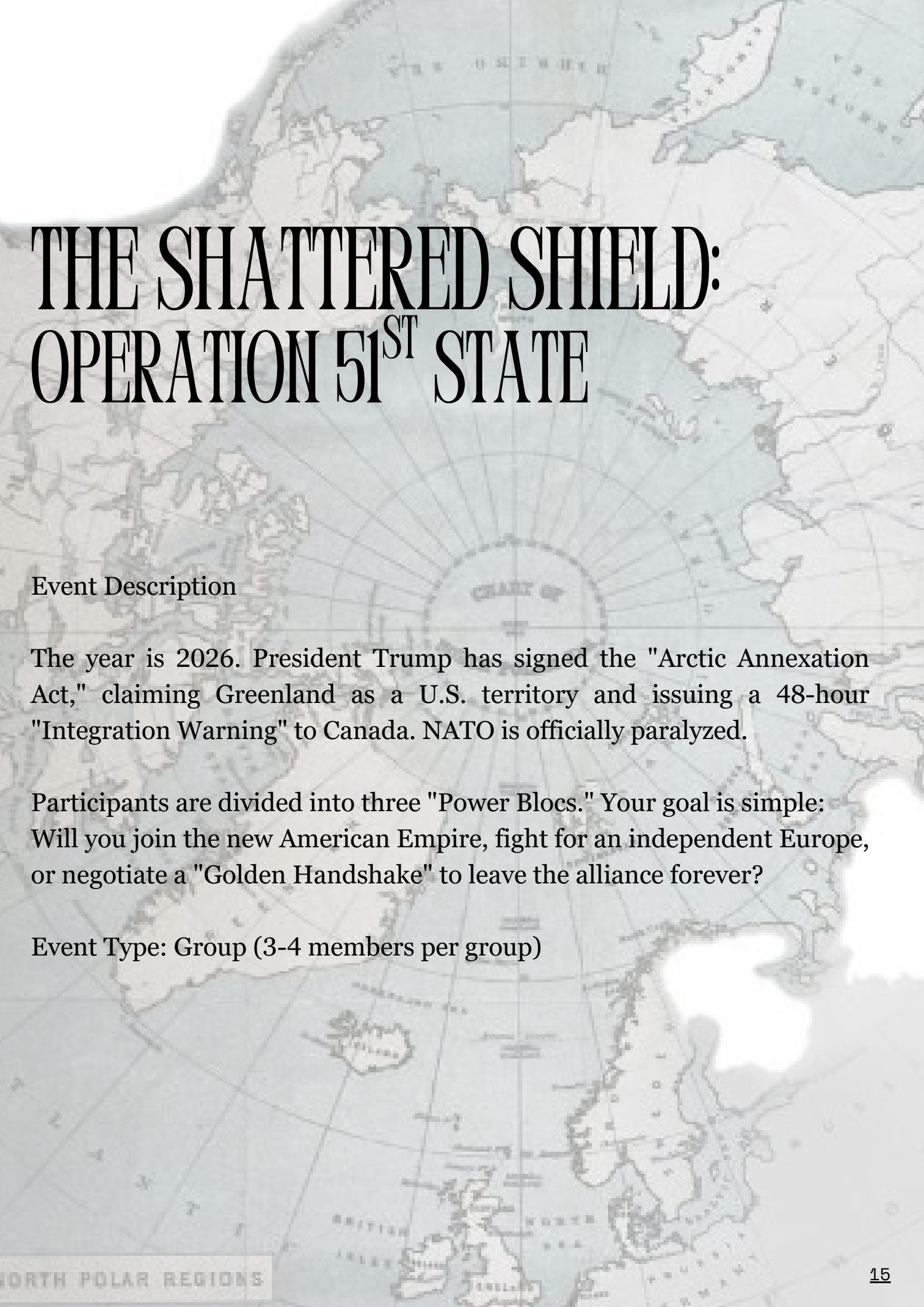
Each team represents a country leadership portfolio and must defend a controversial policy stance that *directly contradicts* their country's real-world position.

Participants must argue convincingly even when their stance is:

- politically suicidal,
- diplomatically humiliating,
- economically irrational,
- or morally controversial.

This forces real skills: strategic framing, diplomacy, damage control, and persuasion under constraints.

Event Type: Competitive Debate (Pairs)



THE SHATTERED SHIELD: OPERATION 51ST STATE

Event Description

The year is 2026. President Trump has signed the "Arctic Annexation Act," claiming Greenland as a U.S. territory and issuing a 48-hour "Integration Warning" to Canada. NATO is officially paralyzed.

Participants are divided into three "Power Blocs." Your goal is simple: Will you join the new American Empire, fight for an independent Europe, or negotiate a "Golden Handshake" to leave the alliance forever?

Event Type: Group (3-4 members per group)

SIMULATION LAB

Ukraine Russia CONFLICT

— IMMERSIVE STRATEGIC EXPERIENCE —

The Centre for Intelligence and Research Analyses will curate a flagship strategic experience built around immersive war gaming and advanced crisis simulations. Designed to mirror the complexity of contemporary geopolitical and security landscapes, the event will place participants at the heart of unfolding scenarios where intelligence interpretation, strategic planning, and rapid decision making become crucial. Through dynamic simulation rounds and competitive war game formats, participants will navigate shifting alliances, evolving threats, and high-stakes policy dilemmas in real time.



Real-Time Strategic Decision Making



Crisis Response & Intelligence
Analysis



Alliance & Conflict Scenario

Navigate volatile scenarios, shifting alliances, and high-stakes dilemmas in an intense environment that test your strategic acumen and leadership under pressure.

PANEL

details

Insecurity in a Changing EUrope: wars, borders and divergent security pressures.

PANEL 1

DAY 1 – Italy & Romania

How do Italy and Romania experience and govern their borders today - as sites of migration management, security pressure, and EU responsibility-sharing - and what does this reveal about uneven (in)security within the Union?

Borders as Filters: Migration, War, and Uneven Exposure

PANEL 2

DAY 2 – Poland & Latvia

When borders become militarised frontlines and migration is framed as a hybrid threat, how can Poland and Latvia reconcile border security with democratic norms, mobility, and EU asylum obligations?

Borders as Frontlines

PANEL 3

Day 2- Austria

Borders Without Frontlines: Transit, Neutrality, and Responsibility

Unlike many EU member states, Austria's borders are not external frontlines, nor directly adjacent to an active war zone. Yet Austria sits at the heart of Europe - geographically, politically, and as a key transit country for migration and mobility. In recent years, wars, displacement, and renewed border controls within Schengen have challenged the idea that internal borders are spaces of stability. Today's discussion explores how Austria understands border security and migration in this changing context, and what its experience reveals about responsibility, solidarity, and security within the European Union.

PANEL 4

DAY 3- Ukraine

European Borders: Real or Artificial

In a landscape of evolving global cooperation and the emergence of digital sovereignty, the concept of the 'border' remains a cornerstone of international discourse. As contemporary events continue to test the resilience of territorial integrity and the sanctity of established frontiers, the synthesis of geographical reality and diplomatic frameworks has never been more vital.

Is the modern border a reflection of the natural world, or a sophisticated instrument of international law designed to ensure collective stability?

CENTRE FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGES

presents

Poster-Making Competition

Theme:

Beyond Borders – EU: Cultural Mosaic of Europe

Topics (Choose One):

- One Continent, Many Celebrations
- Europe on a Plate
- Creative Europe: Art That Connects
- From Tradition to Trend: Europe in Style
- Europe Without Lines



Guidelines:

- Only A3-sized chart paper is allowed.
- Participants must bring their own A3 sheet and all required materials (colours, brushes, pencils, etc.).
- The poster must be completely handmade.
- The design should clearly reflect the chosen theme.
- Write your name, school, and batch on the back of the poster.
- Time limit: 1 hour (subject to confirmation).



The background of the page is a collage of various Spanish-themed illustrations. At the top left is a large, succulent shrimp. In the top center is a pink and blue travel tag with 'BCN BARCELONA SPAIN' and a skyline of the city. To the right is a tapas dish featuring a slice of ham, a cherry tomato, and lettuce on a bread base. Below these are a bowl of paella with mussels and peas, a bottle of wine, and a glass of red wine. At the bottom are more shrimp, tomato and bread slices, and the Spanish flag.

TAPAS & TALK:

Discovering Spanish Language and Culture

Inspired by the social tradition of sharing tapas, this workshop creates a relaxed and conversational space to discover Spanish language and culture.

Participants will explore key expressions, cultural practices, and everyday communication in Spanish while learning about food, social life, and traditions across the Spanish-speaking world.

Through interactive discussions and activities, the session highlights how language connects people, culture, and community.

WANDERLUST



Ever heard of the German word **Wanderlust**?

But have you ever wondered where this powerful idea –
the longing to wander – actually began?

This workshop explores the cultural and historical roots of **Wanderlust**
through the story of the **Wandervögel** movement, a group of
German youth at the turn of the twentieth century.



Workshop by **Dr. Payal Kumari** (Assistant Professor, CFL)
developed with **Prof. Dr. Shruti Jain** (Director, CFL)





CENTRE FOR FOREIGN LANGUAGES (CFL)
PRESENTS

VOICES: GLOBAL SOUNDS

STUDENT SONG PERFORMANCES IN
DEUTSCH, ESPAÑOL AND FRANÇAIS.



Join us for an unforgettable afternoon of global music.

SPEAKERS AND *Guests*



Dr. Oleksandr Polishchuk

Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of
Ukraine to the Republic of India

Oleksandr Polishchuk served at command and staff positions in units and subdivisions of the Armed Forces, the General Staff of the Armed Forces of Ukraine, and the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine. After retirement from active duty in 2010 in the rank of Major-General, he held senior civil service positions in the Ministry of Defence of Ukraine and the Office of the National Security and Defence Council of Ukraine. From June 2012 to July 2013, he worked as a state expert, and from April 2014 to October 2017 as the head of departments of the National Security and Defence Council of Ukraine. In 2018-2019, he was engaged in expert-analytical work in a non-governmental organization, as well as scientific work at the National Institute for Strategic Studies. From October 23, 2019 to July 28, 2023 — Deputy Minister of Defence of Ukraine. From December 2019 to July 2023 — Chairman of the Interagency Commission on the Policy of Military-Technical Cooperation and Export Control. In 2020-2022 — a member of the delegation in the Trilateral Contact Group, a representative in the working subgroup on security issues. From June 20, 2023 — appointed by the President of Ukraine as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to the Republic of India.



Inga Skrūzmane

Counsellor-Deputy Head of Mission of Latvia
to India

Ms Inga Skrūzmane is the Latvian diplomat with more than 30 years of international experience, she currently serves as the Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy of Latvia in India. Throughout her career, she has held various diplomatic and consular positions across Europe, Central Asia, North America, including diplomatic postings in Estonia, France, Uzbekistan, Russia and Canada. She holds M.A. in History from the University of Latvia. Her personal interests include art, literature and yoga.



H.E. Dr. Piotr A. Świtalski
Ambassador of Poland to India

Dr. Piotr Antoni Świtalski is Head of Mission of the Republic of Poland in New Delhi, a post he has held since January 2025. A senior Polish diplomat with nearly forty years of experience, he has served in leading roles across national diplomacy, European institutions, and multilateral organizations. His career includes appointments as Ambassador of Poland to the Council of Europe, Undersecretary of State (Deputy Foreign Minister) of Poland, Head of the EU Delegation to Armenia, and Head of Policy Planning at the Council of Europe. He has also held senior positions within the OSCE and represented Poland at the United Nations in Vienna and Nairobi. Dr. Świtalski holds a PhD in historical sciences and is a widely published author on international politics, European security, and globalization. His key publications include *The Hourglass and the Throne: The Time Factor in International Politics* (2020), *The Armenian Revolution: An Unfinished Cable* (2020), *Europe and the Spectre of Post-Growth Society* (2014), and *Emotions, Interests, Values: Transforming Paradigms of International Politics* (2013). He speaks Polish, English, and Russian fluently, with knowledge of French and German.



HE. Ms. Sena Latif
Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of
Romania to India

Sena Latif is a career diplomat with 20 years of experience. In the External Service, before New Delhi, she served as head of mission - Chargé d'affaires a.i. in Paris, Buenos Aires and Bogota, and as Deputy Chief of Mission in the first two. Her first posting was in the Permanent Mission to the United Nations - New York. She was always actively involved in the Francophonie, also coordinating the Francophone Ambassadors Group. In the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, she was Director for Economic Diplomacy, Deputy Director for Policy Planning, and desk officer for the Black Sea region. Previously, she worked as international relations researcher for French think-tanks, as well as project manager and trainer for European NGOs. Sena Latif studied at the University Panthéon Assas – Paris II (MA), the Bucharest Academy of Economic Sciences (BA), the Lille University of Sciences and Technologies and the Franco Romanian Management Institute/ University of Auvergne. She took courses at the New York University, the Romanian Diplomatic Institute, Ecole Nationale d'Administration – ENA and the UN Institute for Training and Research/UNITAR-Yale program. She is fluent in English, French and Spanish and has basic knowledge of Turkish. She is born in Bucharest and has a daughter.



Aurora Russi

Minister Counsellor, Embassy of Italy to India

Born in Rome on September 1, 1981, Ms Aurora Russi graduated in Economics of Public Administrations and International Institutions from Bocconi University in Milan on October 9, 2004. She joined the diplomatic service on December 18, 2007. From December 2007 to September 2008, she worked as visits officer at the Diplomatic Protocol of the Republic, organizing visits abroad of the Italian head of State and incoming visit of foreign Heads of State, Heads of Government and Ministers. On November 15, 2010, she was posted to the Embassy of Italy in Madrid as Head of the Consular section. She also was responsible for security and protocol, and the Latin American dossier. On May 5, 2014, she was appointed Consul in Belo Horizonte, Brazil, where she organised, amongst other things, the first visit ever of an Italian Minister of Foreign Affairs to the city, in spite of over 100 years since the creation of the Consulate. She returned to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Rome on June 28, 2018, serving at the Directorate General for Resources and Innovation (Office II) as Head of mobility for the over 3000 non-diplomatic staff of the Farnesina. On September 1, 2021, she was assigned to the Embassy in London as Counsellor, Head of Press and Cultural Affairs. As of March 10, 2025, she serves as Minister Counsellor/DCM at the Embassy of Italy in New Delhi.

Opera

performed by

**Ms. Aditi Jain (Soprano)
French Pianist Mr. Philippe Engel
Mr. Rueben Mathew on the Bass**

**21ST MARCH 2026 | 6 PM ONWARDS
SHALLU JINDAL PERFORMING ARTS ACADEMY**





Get Grooving with
SALSA
workshop

21ST MARCH 2026 | 2.30 TO 3.30 PM
NAVEEN JINDAL SPORTS ACADEMY DANCE ROOM

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