



University of Amsterdam - ACES Workshop
European Geoeconomics: The Political Economy of Geopolitics in Europe

14 October, 2026 (10:00-18:00)

University of Amsterdam (CREA Muziekzaal, Roeterseiland Complex)

Preliminary programme:

10:00 - 10:30 – Welcome coffee and Introduction

10:30 - 12:00 – Panel 1: Geoeconomic Frontiers: Technology, Energy, and Space

- **Jaša Veselinovič** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam), **Joscha Abels** (University of Tübingen) & **Nana de Graaff** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
Corporate Geoeconomics in Biotech: Firms and the Shaping of Technonationalism in the European Union
- **Adam Tyler & Nana de Graaff** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
The Contradictions of EU Techno-Nationalism: Extraterritorial Influence and Global Dependencies
- **Isabel Ahlers** (University of Amsterdam) *Geoeconomics of Fossil Fuel Extraction*
- **Darshan Vigneswaran** (University of Amsterdam) *From Geoeconomics to Astro-economics: How Astronauts Construct Resource Economies*

12:00-13:00 – Lunch

13:00-14:30 – Panel 2: Public Opinion and the Politics of Geopolitical Alignment

- **Ioana-Elena Oana** (University of Amsterdam) et al.
Phased to Fight: How Threat and Alliance Unreliability Shape Preferences for Defence Integration
- **Francesco Nicoli** (Politecnico di Torino) & **Brian Burgoon** (University of Amsterdam)
Retaliation and Reciprocation in International Trade and Security: Results from a Global Survey Experiment
- **Wolfgang Wagner & Patrick A. Mello** (Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam)
Voter-Party Congruence in Europe's Support for Ukraine

14:30-15:00 – Coffee Break

15:00-16:30 – Panel 3: Europe in a Changing Global Order: Power, Capacity, and Competition

- **Veronica Anghel** (European University Institute, King's College London)
Power Without Hierarchy: Relational Geopolitics, Total Defence, and International Order
- **Adina Akbik** (Leiden University) & **Mark Dawson**
Is Europe Becoming Ungovernable? Problems of Overload in the EU of the 2020s
- **Sebastian Diessner** (Leiden University) *Has Europe lost the technology race? Drivers of the knowledge economy in capitalist democracies*
- **Francesco Nicoli** (Politecnico di Torino) *Europe's Space Trilemma*

16:30–16:45 – Short Break

16:15–18:00 – Roundtable: Europe's Geoeconomic Future: Power, Autonomy, and Global Order