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**SUMMER
SCHOOL
ON EUROPEAN
AFFAIRS 2025**

From **23rd** to
27th June

Campus of
Universidad Pontificia Comillas
located in the heart of Madrid
(Alberto Aguilera, 23)

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ORGANISERS:

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The Summer School, organised by the Universidad Pontificia Comillas in collaboration with the University of Marburg and the University of West Bohemia, offers a unique opportunity for students and practitioners from across Europe to engage with the crucial topic of the EU's Neighbourhood Policy. Over the course of one week, participants will explore the foundation and evolution of the EU's relationship with neighbouring countries and how current global geopolitical changes are making it even more crucial to the security and stability of the continent.

The program will feature senior representatives from the three EU institutions, foreign and security policy practitioners and renowned academic scholars. The goal is to provide knowledge and practical insights from the EU and the national-level, both within and outside the bloc. Additionally, students will undertake field visits to some EU and Spanish institutions in Madrid.

The Summer School is a unique opportunity for students to engage in meaningful discussions and exchange of ideas, fostering collaboration and understanding among young European minds at a critical moment for our societies. With Europe facing a range of complex challenges, the course aims to deepen participants' understanding of EU policies while offering networking opportunities with peers and experts alike. The program promises to be an enriching experience for students committed to shaping the future of Europe and its relations with its neighbours.

THE SUMMER SCHOOL will take place from June 23 to June 27 at the main campus of Universidad Pontificia Comillas

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How to apply?

The application process will be coordinated through the University where the student is enrolled.

Accommodation

Comillas will provide students with a range of well-located accommodation options, offered in a half-board format.

Funding

Attendance to the course will be free of charge for students, as it will be funded through resources from the European Union. Additionally, in order to cover accommodation expenses, students will be able to apply for Erasmus mobility funds. This will provide them with financial support for their stay, ensuring they can fully participate in the program without additional costs.

DRAFT PROGRAMME

Monday 23 June	Tuesday 24 June	Wednesday 25 June	Thursday 26 June	Friday 27 June
9.00-9.30 <i>Registration</i>	9.00-10.30 EU Energy Policy in Action. A New Era in European Energy Coordination	9.00-10.30 Political instability in the Eastern Balkans: the case of Kosovo	9.00-10.30 The new political arithmetic in the European Parliament and its impact in the block's foreign policy strategy	Visit to an EU institution
9.30-10.00 <i>Welcome and presentation</i>	Break (15 minutes)	Break (15 minutes)	Break (15 minutes)	
10.15-11.45 Rethinking Europe's Security Borders: What's at Stake in the East?	10.45-12.15 Europe in the new global (dis)order	11.45-12.15 Post-war scenario: the EU's future relationship with Russia	10.45-12.15 The EU's foreign policy institutional design and the path to communitarisation	12.00-14.00 Europe's Foreign Policy in the Age of Realpolitik
Break (15 minutes)	Break (15 minutes)	Visit to a spanish institution	Break (15 minutes)	
12.30-14.00 The US & the EU: Allies, Rivals or Both?	12.30-14.00 Europe and Iran in the emerging global landscape		12.30-14.00 The Eastern and Southern flanks of European security: a Spanish perspective	

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