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Final Agenda

Desecuritization: Theory, Practices, and Global Futures

Online Workshop / Symposium

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Co-editors: Dr Georgia Dimari, Adjunct Lecturer in Security Politics, University of Crete, and Professor George Karyotis, Professor of Security Politics, University of Glasgow

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Part I: Opening Plenary

Time	Session	Speaker(s)
11:00–11:05	Institutional greetings	Professor Elias Georgantas, Professor of Political Science, Local Politics and the State, University of Crete, Head of Department
11:05–11:10	Institutional greetings	Professor Nikos Papadakis, Professor of Public Policies in Education, Training and Employment, University of Crete, Director of KEPET
11:10–11:15	Opening and welcome	Professor Dimitris Xenakis, Professor of International Politics, Mediterranean, University of Crete, Director of the Centre for European Politics and Regional Development
11:15–11:25	Co-editors' opening: Purpose of the workshop and the volume	Dr Georgia Dimari, Adjunct Lecturer in Security Politics, University of Crete, and Professor George Karyotis, Professor of Security Politics, University of Glasgow
11:25–11:40	Round of contributor introductions	All contributors

Keynote Address

Time	Session	Speaker
11:40–11:55	Desecuritization: The Theory, the Concept and the Ideal	Professor Rita Floyd, Professor of International Security and Ethics, University of Birmingham, Keynote Speaker

11:55–12:05 Break

Part II: Plenary Workshop Sessions

All contributors remain in the same plenary room. Each chapter contribution is limited to 8 minutes, followed by collective synthesis and discussion.

Session 1: Pathways to Desecuritization: Actors, Practices and Mechanisms

Time	Chapter / Intervention	Contributor(s)
12:05–12:07	Session framing	Co-editors

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12:07–12:15	Desecuritisation through Riskification: Case Study of the Long-Term Migration-Security Nexus of Ukrainian Immigrants and Refugees in Poland	Dr Paulina Polko, Assistant Professor and Head of the Department of Security Studies, WSB University
12:15–12:23	Securitization and Digital Technologies in EU Migration Governance: Which Options to Desecuritize?	Professor Chiara Graziani, Assistant Professor of Comparative Public Law, Bocconi University, and Nils Hultgaard-Czernich, Bocconi University, Uppsala University
12:23–12:31	International Regimes and Desecuritization	Professor Dimitris Xenakis, Professor of International Politics, Mediterranean, University of Crete
12:31–12:39	Desecuritization by Design: Fundamentals, Methods and Experience with Senior National Security Practitioners	Dr Philippe Beaulieu-Brossard, Associate Professor, Canadian Forces College, Co-President, Archipelago of Design
12:39–12:47	Desecuritisation of Climate Change: India’s Climate Policy and the United Nations Security Council	Professor Anjan Kumar Sahu, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Allahabad, Dr Justin Joseph, Assistant Professor of Climate Change and Sustainability, South Asian University, and Dr Surinder Mohan, Associate Professor of International Relations, University of Delhi
12:47–12:55	Doomsday as a Distraction: Macrosecuritization and Macrodesecuritization Dynamics and the Regulation of Artificial Intelligence	Dr Juha A. Vuori, Senior University Lecturer in Political Science, University of Turku
12:55–13:40	Synthesis and collective discussion	All participants

13:40–13:50 Break

Session 2: Desecuritization in Practice: Conditions, Consequences and Limits

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13:50–13:52	Session framing	Co-editors
13:52–14:00	Can AI Desecuritize? Technology, Bias, and the Future of Minority Politics	Dr Andrea Carlà, Senior Researcher in Minority Rights, Eurac Research, and Dr Roberta Medda-Windischer, Senior Researcher and Research Group Leader in Minority Rights, Eurac Research
14:00–14:08	Embedded Climate Securitisation and the Global Energy Transition	Dr Andrew Judge, Senior Lecturer in Politics and International Relations, University of Glasgow
14:08–14:16	De-securitizing Temporariness? Refugee Agency, Protection Norms, and the Politics of Time in Europe	Professor Michelle Pace, Professor in Global Studies, Roskilde University
14:16–14:24	Desecuritisation under stress: Scotland, Immigration and fragmentation of the self	Dr Ian Paterson, Senior Lecturer in International Relations, University of Glasgow, Dr Ben Rosher, Postdoctoral Researcher in Global Studies, University of Gothenburg, Affiliate Researcher, University of Glasgow, and Dean Ross, Doctoral Researcher in Politics and International Relations, University of Glasgow
14:24–14:32	The Political Psychology of Desecuritization: Reimagining the Greek Migration Crisis	Dr Dionysios Stivas, Assistant Professor, International Relations and Public Policy, Hong Kong Metropolitan University
14:32–14:40	De-securitization Amidst War: Protecting Prisoners of War and International Laws	Dr Faye Donnelly, Lecturer in International Relations, University of St Andrews
14:40–15:25	Synthesis and collective discussion	All participants

Closing Synthesis and Next Steps

Time	Session	Speaker(s)
15:25–15:55	Editorial synthesis: conceptual agreements and tensions, cross-cutting themes, and priorities for chapter development	Dr Georgia Dimari, Adjunct Lecturer in Security Politics, University of Crete, Professor George Karyotis, Professor of Security Politics, University of Glasgow, with all contributors

