

NATO at 75: Challenging Times

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In July 2024 NATO will mark its 75th anniversary at a summit in Washington, DC. NATO's longevity is remarkable and it has emerged from the first eighteen months of the Ukraine war with a renewed sense of purpose. Yet NATO faces continued uncertainty and serious challenges. These include: the evolution and eventual endpoint of the war in Ukraine; the possible re-election of a NATO-sceptic US President (Donald Trump) in November 2024; long-term uncertainties about the balance and relationship between NATO and the EU; the issue of whether and how a more stable long-term relationship with Russia might be constructed; the issue of whether and how NATO may be relevant to the strategic challenge posed by China's rise and Sino-American geo-strategic competition; and the question of what role (if any) the alliance may have in addressing the global problem of climate change. This round-table will explore these issues, addressing both policy challenges and how IR and political science concepts and theories can help us think through NATO at 75.

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