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## **Wargames, Peacegames: The increasing relevance of 'Serious Games'**

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The resurgence in the use of wargames for exploring and informing the conduct of international relations has sparked renewed interest within the field of IR. While traditionally associated with military strategy, the concept of “serious games” has evolved to encompass a broader range of applications, including “peacegaming” and other simulations that focus on diplomacy, conflict prevention, and post-conflict reconstruction. This panel brings together experts who have applied serious games in both research and policymaking contexts. Through their diverse experiences, the panelists will explore the methodological and practical challenges of using these games as a research tool and as a bridge between theory and practice in international relations.

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