

## Reflecting on 50 years of security scholarship

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The 50 years since BISAs inauguration have seen significant changes in the security landscape. In some ways, approaches to 'national security' have remained consistent. In other ways, conceptualisations of, and approaches to, security have evolved significantly. Security strategies, concepts and frameworks have adapted to keep pace with an era of health emergencies, climate breakdown and geopolitical confrontation. Over the past decades, security studies has developed into a bustling disciplinary space, where new approaches, such as human security, securitisation, vernacular security and intersectionality sit alongside more conventional understandings of conflict and defence. This roundtable invites a reflection on the evolution of security studies across the last 50 years, and asks:

- How has security studies changed since the inauguration of BISA 50 years ago?
- Are the concepts and insights of security studies capable of addressing the social, political and ecological challenges of the present time?
- How can security studies scholarship facilitate better policymaking going forward? (And is this something to which it should be concerned?)

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