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## The Russo-Ukrainian War and Beyond

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This panel explores the multifaceted impact of the Ukraine war, examining its psychological, political, and technological dimensions and the broader implications for global security. Through four interlinked studies, we investigate the profound psychological trauma experienced by soldiers and civilians on the front lines, shedding light on the long-term effects of conflict on mental health. Additionally, we analyse the rise of private military contractors within Ukraine, questioning their influence on warfare dynamics and ethical accountability. Expanding beyond Ukraine, we assess how the conflict reshapes geopolitical interests in the High North, where security concerns intersect with strategic resource competition. Finally, we delve into the weaponisation of artificial intelligence within the war, addressing its immediate battlefield applications and the ethical dilemmas posed by autonomous systems in combat. Together, these papers provide a comprehensive perspective on how the Ukraine war redefines warfare and regional stability.

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