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## New Directions in Discourse Analyses of Foreign and Security Policy

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This panel takes up the conference theme of “new thinking, new directions” to discuss how discourse analytical approaches to foreign policy analysis may be revitalised and pushed towards more rigorous analyses that are consistent with its assumptions. The papers build on recent calls for including discourse analysis in the canon of FPA work, yet at the same time claim that there is already a lot of work that we can build on in this endeavour. While clarifying the scope of such an undertaking and situating their approaches in the broader field, they take different avenues in the formulation of discursive approaches, from pursuing explanatory analyses to pushing critical interrogations. All panelists have previously contributed to discourse analysis in IR, and as such their papers also reflect critically on their own work.

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