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Preparing for war in the 21st century: Lessons from Ukraine

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Friedrich Merz stated that the West was neither at war or peace with Russia and war at the sub-threshold level appears to be ongoing between the West and parts of what John Ikenberry has referred to as the Global East. This roundtable looks to consider what this might mean for the West. As part of this it will consider amongst other things the following questions:

1. Is the West a useful prism?
2. To what extent is technology transforming the battlefield?
3. What does the Russia's illegal war in Ukraine tell us about the future of war?
4. What is the future for NATO and European security under a Trump Presidency?
5. Is the nuclear taboo at an end?

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