

CURSO DE VERANO ~ ESPAÑA EN EL MUNDO 2026

UNIVERSIDAD INTERNACIONAL MENÉNDEZ PELAYO. SANTANDER
20 AL 24 DE JULIO DE 2026



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DIRECTOR: Federico Torres Muro, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of Spain to NATO (MAUC).

ACADEMIC SECRETARY: Álvaro Imbernón, Director of the Strategy and Foresight Division (MAUC).

TECNICAL SECRETARY: Jonatan Arcas, Head of Service, Strategy and Foresight Division (MAUC).

PROGRAMA

09h30 Welcome with **Ángel Pelayo González-Torre**, Rector of the Menéndez Pelayo International University; **Federico Torres Muro**, Ambassador Permanent Representative of Spain to NATO and Director of Spain in the World; **Diego Martínez Belío**, State Secretary for Foreign and Global Affairs. [Spanish language (ES) to English language (EN)]

10h Diego Martínez Belío, State Secretary for Foreign and Global Affairs. [EN-ES]

10h15 Global Affairs with **Bruno Mações**, Senior Advisor at Flint Global and ECFR; **Pol Morillas**, Director of the Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB). [EN-ES]

Coffee Break

12h Dialogue on conflicts con **Comfort Ero**, Presidenta del International Crisis Group; **Andrea Rizzi**, Corresponsal de asuntos globales de El País. [EN]

16h Middle East with **Alberto Ucelay**, Director General for Foreign and Security Policy (MAUC); **Ali Vaez**, Director of the Iran Project at the International Crisis Group; **Maha Yahya**, Director of the Malcolm H. Kerr Carnegie Middle East Center. [EN]

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09h30 *International Security* with **Kristina Spohr**, Professor in the Department of International History at LSE; **Federico Torres Muro**, Ambassador Permanent Representative of Spain to NATO. [EN]

11h15 *Lecture on Global Democratic Trends* with **Steven Wilson**, Director of the V-Dem Institute. [EN]

Coffee Break

13h *Opening Session and Ministerial Dialogue* with **José Manuel Albares**, Minister of Foreign Affairs, European Union, and Cooperation. [EN-ES]

16h *Lecture on Technology and International Relations* with **José Ignacio Torreblanca**, Distinguished Policy Fellow at the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR). [ES]

09h30 Fernando Sampedro, State Secretary for the European Union. [ES-EN]

10h *Panel on the Future of the European Union* with **Marcos Alonso**, Ambassador Permanent Representative of Spain to the European Union; **Jeremy Cliffe**, Editorial Director and Senior Fellow at ECFR; **İlke Toygür**, Director of the Global Policy Center. [EN-ES]

Coffee Break

12h *Dialogue on Geoeconomics* with **Henry Farrell**, Professor at the SNF Agora Institute, Johns Hopkins University; **Federico Steinberg**, Prince of Asturias Chair Professor at Georgetown University and Senior Fellow at the Elcano Royal Institute. [EN]

16h *EU Geoeconomics and Competitiveness* with **Silvia Merler**, Non-resident Fellow at Bruegel and Head of Policy Research at Algebris; **Fabian Zuleeg**, Chief Executive of the European Policy Centre (Brussels). [EN]

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09h Susana Sumelzo Jordán, State Secretary for Ibero-America and the Caribbean and Spanish in the World. [ES-EN]

09h30 *The XXX Ibero-American Summit* with **Andrés Allamand**, Ibero-American Secretary-General; **Francisco Javier Gassó**, Director General for Ibero-America and the Caribbean (MAUC); **Marta Lagos**, Founding Director of the Latinobarómetro Corporation. [ES-EN]

10h30 *The Other Summits: The Role of Latin American Civil Society* with **Mónica Colomer**, Director-General for the Spanish Language Worldwide (MAUC); **Valeria Moy**, Director General of the Mexican Institute for Competitiveness (IMCO); **Gina Riaño**, Secretary-General of the OISS; **Carmen Fernández Torres**, Ambassador on Special Mission for the Ibero-American Summits (MAUC). [ES-EN]

Coffee Break

12h *Plural Dialogue on the Global South* with **Samir Saran**, President of the Observer Research Foundation; **Elizabeth Sidiropoulos**, Chief Executive of the South African Institute of International Affairs (SAIIA); **Matias Spektor**, Professor of Politics and International Relations at FGV. [EN]

16h *Policy Planning and Foresight* with **Tristan Aureau**, Director of the Centre for Analysis, Planning and Strategy (CAPS), Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs of France; **Carne Colomina**, Senior Research Fellow at CIDOB, specializing in the EU, disinformation and global politics; **Mauricio Fernando Dias Favero**, Head of the Special Advisory Unit for Diplomatic Planning, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Brazil; **Álvaro Imbernón**, Director of the Division for Strategy and Foresight (MAUC). [EN]

09h30 Eva Granados, State Secretary for International Cooperation. [ES-EN]

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10h *Cooperation and Multilateralism: The Seville Plan* with **Quique Bassat**, Director General of ISGlobal; **Sergio Colina**, Directorate-General for Sustainable Development Policies (DGPOLDES); **María del Pilar Garrido Gonzalo**, Director for Development Co-operation, OECD; **Marta Pajarín García**, Independent consultant and research associate at the Gender Unit of the School of Government at the Complutense University of Madrid (UCM). [ES-EN]

Coffee Break

12h *Closing Session*, with **Ángel Pelayo González-Torre**, Rector of UIMP; **Álvaro Imbernón**, Director of the Division for Strategy and Foresight (MAUC); **Federico Torres Muro**, Ambassador Permanent Representative of Spain to NATO and Director of Spain in the World. [ES]