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Between Peace and War Economic Statecraft and the Geoeconomics of Conflict

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About the CELIS Institute

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Call for Papers

The evolving global security environment is increasingly characterized by the blurring of boundaries between peace and war. Of course, economic blockades have always been an important component of conventional warfare. However, the 20th century saw the increasing embrace of a broad array of economic statecraft policies as a more humane alternative to military force. In the 21st century, these tools and tactics are now often deployed alongside, and in interaction with, conventional operations and military conflict. Sanctions, export controls, investment screening, and broader economic security measures function as tools of strategic competition, as mechanisms of conflict escalation, and as an integrated component of military strategy. As such, geoeconomic and economic security mechanisms face pressure to adapt to contemporary military realities, yet at their core are administered by sticky institutions designed for operation in peacetime.

Indeed, military conflict, or the belief that military conflict may be possible, may well effect how governments and firms alike utilize and respond to economic security tools and respond to them and how scarce resources are allocated.

The CFIS 2026 Academic Workshop, hosted jointly by *Law & Geoeconomics*, the CELIS Institute, and the Royal Military Academy, invites submissions that examine the changing role of economic statecraft tools in contemporary conflict. The workshop will bring together an interdisciplinary group of scholars from international relations, political science, international political economy, economics and finance, and law to explore how economic security tools are being reimagined in a world marked by intensifying geopolitical tensions and increasingly integrated forms of conflict.

We particularly welcome contributions that engage with, but are not limited to, the following themes:

- Economic statecraft and economic warfare, including coercive and destructive use of economic instruments, in contexts of military conflict, including the interaction between economic measures, escalation options, and conventional warfare operations.
- Continuity and change in geoeconomic practices amidst conflict escalation.
- Emerging legal issues deriving from use of economic tools in active conflict situations.
- Developments in the defence industrial base and dual-use sectors and others, especially with development and deployment of technology, and their implications for law and political economy.
- Shifting intra governmental institutional balances amidst a growing need to infuse economic security tools with key military and geopolitical security considerations.

Workshop Format and Practical Details

The workshop is designed as an interactive, discussion-oriented forum with a limited number of participants (approximately 12–15 scholars). Selected papers will be grouped into thematic panels, with dedicated time for in-depth discussion. Participants are expected to read all papers in advance and actively engage in discussion.

In line with the workshop's interdisciplinary focus, we particularly encourage submissions from junior scholars, who will have dedicated opportunities to present their work and receive feedback from senior academics.

Submission Guidelines

Interested applicants should submit via the **application portal**: <https://forms.office.com/e/4x9wectcC7>

- A professional/academic bio (200-250 words)
- An abstract (200-250 words)

Abstracts should clearly outline the research question, and contribution. Special attention will be paid to the methodological approach of papers. ***Please note that the application portal will be closed promptly at 22:45 CEST on Monday 1 June. Submissions received by after this deadline or via email will not be considered.***

Timeline

- **Abstract submission deadline:** 1 June 2026 by 22:45 CEST
- **Notification of acceptance:** 18 June 2026
- **Full draft paper submission:** 27 September 2026
- **Workshop date:** 6 October 2026

Draft papers should be in an advanced stage of development but not yet under review.

Practical Information

Please note that participants are expected to cover their own travel and accommodation costs. Participants are invited to join the opening reception and opening panel for CFIS 2026 on 7 October, with the possibility to attend CFIS 2026 at a reduced rate.

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