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Ifri, leading think tank on international questions

Ifri is the premier French institute for research and debate on contemporary international relations. In 40 years, Ifri became a leading institute, sought out by decision-makers and recognized by its peers.

Created in 1979 and led by Thierry de Montbrial, Ifri is consistently ranked among the top most influential think tanks in the world by the University of Pennsylvania’s Global Go To Think Tank Index Report.

Ifri’s governance, the diversity of its funding, its ethical framework as laid out in its mission statement, and the quality of its work guarantee its independence and protection of its core values.

Research: Analyze, Predict

As a multidisciplinary research institute, Ifri is composed of a team of more than 30 full-time researchers and a community of associated researchers in France and abroad. Its researchers are perfectly positioned within influential international networks and regularly on the ground conducting field research. Ifri’s research is spread over a number of research units, covering:

- **Regional questions**: Europe, Russia/NIS, Asia, North America (United States and Canada), Sub-Saharan Africa, Turkey/Middle East
- **Topical questions**: Security and strategic affairs, geopolitics of technology (new program in 2020), energy and climate, migrations and citizenship, space

Transversal and policy-oriented by nature, Ifri’s work feeds into four spheres: political, economic, academic, and the media. From an analysis and forecasting perspective, the research is designed to aid public and private decision-makers and to support Ifri’s partners and the organizations with which it interacts.

Ifri disseminates its analyses in multiple languages, including French, English, German, and Russian. In 2020, Ifri’s experts published more than 160 policy papers, studies, and online editorials.

Debates: Ifri as a Space for Connection, Dialogue and Exchange

Research at Ifri is carried out hand-in-hand with debate; through mutual enrichment they combine to provide a realistic and pragmatic approach to addressing international questions. Ifri’s debates are conducted within an informal and non-partisan framework that promotes exchange between experts and public- and private-sector decision-makers.

In 2020, Ifri provided a diverse offering of more than 120 online videoconferences, workshops, and seminars. Ifri’s researchers participated in more than 40 international events.
In 2020, Ifri adapted its intellectual agenda

Following the April 22, 2020 meeting of its Board of Directors, Ifri embarked on an adaptation of its intellectual offer, focusing on the first consequences of Covid-19 on international relations. The reflection process carried out by the Institute took into account the needs expressed by its various stakeholders, especially companies and national authorities.

A new intellectual agenda has been launched, based on a transversal approach to framing and guiding future research as we approach 2021-2023.

With the health crisis, globalization is entering a new phase. Ifri’s working hypothesis is that of an amplification of interdependence, not only via environmental, demographic, health, sociological and technological constraints, but also through a multiplication and a shifting of dependencies.

The Covid-19 crisis is operating as a catalyst for trends identified by Ifri well before lockdown. Taking into account its already visible effects, the crisis presents a moment to reflect deeply on France’s international positioning and all of its actors and decision-makers on the one hand, and on the nature of globalization post-Covid on the other.

From an analysis and forecasting perspective, Ifri designs its research and expertise work to aid public and private decision-making. It also seeks to shed light on hidden issues and identify “black swans”. This approach is manifested through three main types of tools:

- **Analysis of the Géo³**: Geopolitical, Geoeconomic. With the Covid-19 crisis, Ifri is particularly focused on developing the latter.
- **Identification of Opportunities to Use Political Capital.**
- **Management of Interdependence** through analysis of relations between economies and power, states and markets, and states, societies, and individuals.

Furthermore, in 2020-2021, Ifri is structuring its research around 3 pillars:

- **Power Hierarchies**
- **Critical Issues of Globalization**
- **The Trajectory of the EU and France**
Ifri, integral member of a high-level international network

**IFRI IS AN ESSENTIAL ACTOR IN THE ANALYSIS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS**

❖ VIDEO CONFERENCES

**22 May – COUNCIL OF COUNCILS FIRST VIRTUAL CONFERENCE**


*Speaker/Ifri participant:* Thomas Gomart, Director, Ifri

**23 June – EUROPE IN A POST-COVID-WORLD**

*Think Tanks and MoFA Policy Planners virtual discussion in a PostCOVID-19 World*

*With Riccardo Alcaro, IAI; Rosa Balfour, Carnegie Europe; Sławomir Dębski, PISM; Janis Emmanouilidis, EPC; Mark Leonard, ECFR; George Pagoulatis, Eliamep; Charles Powell, Elcano; Kirsti Raik, Estonian FP Institute; Daniela Schwarzer, DGAP; Nathalie Tocci, IAI; Armando Barucco, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Italy; Hervé Delphin, EEAS Policy Planning; Sebastian Groth, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Germany; Manuel Lafont Rapnouil, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, France; José Sabadell, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, Spain; Liane Saunders, Foreign and Commonwealth Office, UK*

*Speaker/Ifri participant:* Thomas Gomart, Director, Ifri

**9 July – EU-ASIA PACIFIC RELATIONS**

*Think Tanks and MoFA Policy Planners virtual discussion in a PostCOVID-19 World*

*With Armando Barucco, Head of Policy Planning Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy; Sarah Bernardy, Deputy Head of Policy Planning Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Germany; Michael Fullilove, Executive Director, The Lowy Institute, Australia; Frédéric Grare, Policy Planning Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France; Mikko Huotari, Executive Director, Mercator Institute for China Studies (MERICS), Germany; Sasae Ken’ichiro, President, Japan Institute of International Affairs, Japan; Laura Krug, Chief of Staff to the Director, DGAP, Germany; Stefano Marguccio, Deputy Head of Policy Planning Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy; Jing Men, Director of the EU-China Research Centre, Collège d’Europe, Belgium; Robin Niblett, Director & CEO, Chatham House, UK; John Nilsson-Wright, Senior Research Fellow, Asia-Pacific Programme, Chatham House, UK; Haksoon Paik, President, The Sejong Institute, Republic of Korea; Siswo Pramono, the DG of Policy Planning MoFA, Indonesia; Gareth Price, Senior Research Fellow, Asia-Pacific Programme, Chatham House, UK; Liane Saunders, Head of Policy Planning Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UK; Daniela Schwarzer, Director & CEO, DGAP, Germany; Nigel Stanier, Assistant Secretary, Strategic Policy, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT), Australia; Nathalie Tocci, Director, Institute of International Affairs, Italy; Philips Vermonte, Executive Director, Centre for Strategic and International Studies, CSIS, Indonesia; Shigeo Yamada, Deputy Minister for Foreign Policy, Foreign Policy Bureau, Japan*

*Speaker/Ifri participant:* Thomas Gomart, Director, Ifri
8 September – COUNCIL OF COUNCILS SECOND VIRTUAL CONFERENCE
Issues addressed: The United Nations at Seventy-Five; COVID-19 Update: Strengthening International Cooperation on Vaccine Production and Distribution
Speaker/Ifri participant: Thomas Gomart, Director, Ifri

10 September – GROWING TENSIONS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN
Think Tanks and MoFA Policy Planners virtual discussion in a Post-COVID-19 World
With Armando Barucco, Head of Policy Planning Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy; Yann Braem, Political Counsellor (External relations), Embassy of France in Egypt, France; Félix Buttin, Policy Planning Staff, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France; Silvia Colombo, Head of Italy’s Foreign Policy Program, Senior Fellow in the Mediterranean and Middle East Program, IAI, Italy; Luca Franz, Head of the Energy, Climate and Resources Program, IAI, Italy; Sebastian Groth, Head of Policy Planning Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Germany; Karim El Aynaoui, President, Policy Center for the New South, Morocco; Muhammad Kamal, Advisory Board Member, Manager of International Relations Program, Egyptian Center for Strategic Studies (ECSS), Egypt; Memduh Karakullukçu, former Vice-Chair and former President of Global Relations Forum (GRF), Turkey; Manuel Lafont Rapnouil, Head of Policy Planning Staff, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France; Robin Niblett, Director & CEO, Chatham House, UK; Christophe Prazuck, former Chief of Staff of the French Navy, Ministry of Armed Forces, France; Abderahman Salaheldin, Ambassador (Ret.) and former Egyptian Assistant Foreign Minister, Egypt; Guillaume Saragoni, French Navy, Ministry for the Armed Forces, France; Liane Saunders, Head of Policy Planning Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UK; Günter Seufert, Head of CATS, SWP, Germany; Daniela Schwarzer, Director & CEO, DGAP, Germany; Nathalie Tocci, Director, IAI, Italy; Dmitri Trenin, Director, Carnegie Moscow Center, Russia
Speaker/Ifri participant: Thomas Gomart, Director, Ifri; Marc-Antoine Ely-Mazzega, Director, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri; Tatiana Kastoué-Jean, Director, Russia/NIS Center, Ifri; Léa Carty, Project Officer to the Director, Ifri; Lea Metke, Project Officer to the Director, Ifri

30 October – 2020 EUROPE VIRTUAL THINK TANK SUMMIT
Issues addressed: The public health, social, economic and political impacts of the COVID-19 crisis on Europe; Presentation of Relevant Recommendations and Action Plans to Save Lives and Livelihoods in Europe; Assessment and Call to Action
Speaker/Ifri participant: Thomas Gomart, Director, Ifri

5 November – US-EUROPEAN RELATIONS AFTER THE US ELECTION
Think Tanks and MoFA Policy Planners virtual discussion in a Post-COVID-19 World
With Riccardo Alcaro, Research Coordinator and Head, Global Actors Program, IAI, Italy; Luca Argenta, Scientific Advisor, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Rome Office, Italy; Emma Ashford, Senior Fellow, New American Engagement Initiative, ACUS, USA; Armando Barucco, Head of Policy Planning Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy; Marzia Benini, US Embassy to Italy; Benedetta Berti-Alberti, Head of Policy Planning, North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO); Susan Corke, Senior Fellow and Director, Transatlantic Democracy Working Group, GMF, USA; Hervé Delphin, Head of Division, Strategic Planning, European External Action Service (EEAS), EU; Anthony Gregory, Professor, Department of History, Brown University, USA; Sebastian Groth, Head of Policy Planning Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Germany; Barbara Keys, Professor, Department of History, Durham University, UK; Hans Kundnani, Senior Research Fellow, Europe Programme, Chatham House; Manuel Lafont Rapnouil, Head of Policy Planning Staff, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France; Robin Niblett, Director & CEO, Chatham House, UK; Nicolò Russo Perez, Head, Governance & International Relations, Compagnia di San Paolo, Italy; Liane Saunders, Head of Policy Planning Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UK; Claudia Schmucker, Head, Geo-Economics Program
Germany; Daniela Schwarzer, Director & CEO, DGAP, Germany; Nathalie Tocci, Director, IAI, Italy
Speaker/Ifri participant: Thomas Gomart, Director, Ifri; Eric André Martin, Secretary General, Study Committee on Franco-German Relations, Ifri; Léa Carty, Project Officer to the Director, Ifri; Lea Metke, Project Officer to the Director, Ifri

9-10 November – COUNCIL OF COUNCILS 9th ANNUAL CONFERENCE
Issues addressed: Discussion on the US Election; Great Power Relations and the Future of Global and Regional Order; The State of Global Governance; Reforming Global Health Governance; The Future of Climate Change Beyond the Paris Agreement
Speaker/Ifri participant: Thomas Gomart, Director, Ifri; Carole Mathieu, Research Fellow, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri

13 November – VIRTUAL GLOBAL THINK TANK SUMMIT
Issues addressed: The public health, social, economic and political impact of the COVID-19 crisis on Europe; Ideas and action in the face of the pandemic; How COVID-19 accelerated change and what think tanks must do to survive
Speaker/Ifri participant: Thomas Gomart, Director, Ifri

7 December – QUAD MEETING
With Melinda Bohannon, Director, FCDO; Renata Dwan, Deputy Director, Chatham House; Susanne Fries-Gaier, Director, Department of International Affairs/UN/Africa, Federal Chancellery of Germany; Creon Butler, Head of the Global Economy and Finance Programme, Chatham House; Laura von Daniels, Director, Americas Center, SWP; Marc Lyall Grant, Advisor, Chatham House; James Dobbins, Research Fellow, RAND Corporation; Sebastian Groth, Director of Strategic Planning, German Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Angus Lapsley, Director General, Strategy and International, Ministry of Defence, UK; Gitta Lauster, Assistant to the Director, SWP; Volker Perthes, Advisor, SWP; Stefan Mair, Director, SWP; Miranda Priewe, Director, Center for Analysis of US Grand Strategy, RAND Corporation; Claudia Major, Director, International Security Division, SWP; Hans Pung, President, RAND Corporation; Michael Rich, President and Director

General, RAND Corporation; Mike Mazarr, Political Scientist, RAND Corporation; Charles Ries, Vice-President, RAND Corporation; Robin Niblett, Director, Chatham House; Liane Saunders, Director of Strategy and Strategic Programmes Coordinator, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UK; Roland Paris, Director, Center of International Politics Studies, University of Ottawa, Canada; Henri-Schrircke, Military Representative of France to the EU and NATO, Ministry of the Armed Forces; Ailsa Terry, Director, Department of International Affairs, UK Cabinet Secretariat
Speaker/Ifri participant: Thomas Gomart, Director, Ifri; Corentin Brustlein, Director, Security Studies Center, Ifri; Eric-André Martin, Secretary General, Study Committee on Franco-German Relations, Ifri; Alice Pannier, Head of the Geopolitics of Technology Program, Ifri

10 December – WRAP-UP SESSION
Think Tanks and MoFA Policy Planners virtual discussion in a Post-COVID-19 World
With Armando Barucco, Head of Policy Planning Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Italy; Sebastian Groth, Head of Policy Planning Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Germany; Manuel Lofont Rapnouil, Head of Policy Planning Staff, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France; Robin Niblett, Director & CEO, Chatham House, UK; Liane Saunders, Head of Policy Planning Unit, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, UK; Daniela Schwarzer, Director & CEO, DGAP, Germany; Nathalie Tocci, Director, IAI, Italy
Speaker/Ifri participant: Thomas Gomart, Director, Ifri; Léa Metke, Project Officer to the Director, Ifri
Notable guests in 2020

EXCHANGING ON ALL ASPECTS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, PROMOTING DIALOGUE BETWEEN EXPERTS, PUBLIC AND PRIVATE-SECTOR DECISION-MAKERS, AND OPINION LEADERS.

In 2020, Ifri adapted to the health crisis by diversifying its debate offerings. More than 120 events were organized — online conferences, workshops and seminars (92), in-person events (28) and hybrid events (2), all while respecting hygiene rules and regulations.

Ifri welcomed more than 80 French and foreign public figures to its events.

Christophe Arend, Member of French National Assembly and Moselle representative, President of the French-German Parliamentary Friendship Group
Alexander Baum, Head of the EU Delegation to Botswana, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels
Sylvie Bermann, former French Ambassador to China, UK and Russia
Xavier Chen, President, Beijing Energy Club
Matthew Cheung, Chief Secretary for Administration of the Hong Kong SAR Government

Meeting with Fahad Almubarak, Secretary General of the Saudi Secretariat to the G20 (Sherpa) with Dorothee Schmid and Thomas Gomart, Ifri

Meeting with Mohamed Bazoum, Minister of State, Interior Minister (elected President of Niger in March 2021). With Alain Antil and Thierry de Montbrial, Ifri.
Thierry Burkhard, Army Chief of Staff
Vincent Cochetel, Special Envoy for the Central Mediterranean Situation, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
Bard College, Columnist for the “Global View”, Wall Street Journal
Julie Cerqueira, Executive Director, US Climate Alliance
François Chih-chung Wu, Representative, Taipei Representative Office in France
Nicolas de Rivières, Ambassador, Permanent Representative of France to the United Nations
François Delattre, Secretary General of the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs
Kathrin Deschauer, Spokesperson of the permanent representation of Germany to the United Nations in New York
El Dionne, Professor at Georgetown and Harvard, Research Fellow, Brookings Institution, and Columnist at the Washington Post
Andréï Dmitriev, Co-President of the “Govori Pravdu” movement and opposition candidate in the 2020 Belarusian presidential election
Robert Dölger, Ambassador, regional representative of the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs for sub-Saharan Africa and the Sahel
Christophe Fleurence, Vice-President, Business Development, Africa, Total Eren
Christopher Fox, Head of Europe & Offshore at Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS)
Pierre-Etienne Franc, Vice-President, Hydrogen Energy, Air Liquide, Secretary of the Hydrogen Council
Benjamin Haddad, Director of the Future Europe Initiative, Atlantic Council, Expert on European policy and transatlantic relations
Michael Hinterdöbler, Head of European Policy and International Relations, Bavarian State Chancellery
Adam Guibourge-Czetwertynski, Under-Secretary of State, Republic of Poland
Junichi Ihara, Ambassador of Japan in France
Jean-Michel Jacques, Deputy, Vice-President of the Defense Committee, French National Assembly
Pierre Jacquet, President of the Global Development Network (GDN) and member of the Circle of Economists
Fabienne Keller, MEP, European Parliament
Ivan Korčok, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Slovakia
Zaki Laïdi, Special Adviser to the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
Pascal Lamy, former Director General of the World Trade Organization, President of the Paris Peace Forum
Nico Lange, Chief of Executive Staff, German Defense Ministry
Cédric Le Bousse, Director of Marine Renewable Energy for France, EDF
Alexander Lennon, Editor-in-Chief, The Washington Quarterly
Christoph Matschie, Member of the German Bundestag (MdB), President of the Africa Discussion Group, Deputy Member of the Commission on Economic Cooperation and Development, Member of the Commission of Foreign Affairs
Mihoko Matsubara, Chief Cybersecurity Strategist, NTT Corporation in Tokyo
Thomas Maurisse, Vice-President, LNG, Total
Anthony Mburu, Director General and founder, Enerstore Africa
Dinner-debate with Louise Mushikiwabo, Secretary General of the International Organization of La Francophonie

Arrmanatha Nasir, Ambassador of Indonesia in France
François-Xavier Olivier, Executive Vice-President, Hydrogen Business Unit, Engie
Marta Pardavi, Co-President, Hungarian Helsinki Committee
Christoph Rauh, Head of Africa Sub-Division, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Bonn
Bernard Rogel, former Chief of Staff for the President of the Republic
Nils Schmid, Member of the German Bundestag (MdB), Foreign policy spokesman for the SPD parliamentary group

Oumar Sylla, Executive Director, Regional Office for Africa, UN-Habitat
Audrey Tang, Digital Minister, Taiwan
Tomohiko Taniguchi, former Special Adviser to the Cabinet and chief editor of foreign policy speeches of Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe
François Villeroy de Galhau, Governor, Banque de France
Pierre Vimont, Diplomat, Special Representative of the President of the Republic for Strategic dialogue with Russia

Conference with Wang Yi, State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China
Conference with Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Foreign Secretary, Minister of External Affairs, India

Video conferences, webinars and dinner-debates
Ifri’s publications in 2020

In 2020, IFRI published a special issue of Politique Étrangère titled “The Future of Europe in the Context of Sino-American Competition”. The issue focuses on the proceedings of the conference organized at the Sorbonne in celebration of IFRI’s 40th anniversary.

IFRI also published more than 160 policy papers, reports and digital editorials, 6 books and more than 40 articles and contributions.

The majority of IFRI’s research is freely available on IFRI’s website.

Digital Publications

“Notes de l’IFRI” (Policy Papers), “Études de l’IFRI” (Reports), and “Éditoriaux de l’IFRI” (Editorials).

Thematic Collections

Asie Visions, Notes du Cerfa, Visions franco-allemandes, Potomac Papers, Russie.Nei.Visions, Focus stratégique, Proliferation Papers...

IFRI publishes analyses in French, English, German and Russian.

Two flagship publications

Politique Étrangère

Editors-in-chief: Dominique David and Marc Hecker

A space for deep analysis and debate, Ifri’s quarterly journal, Politique étrangère, provides a guide for decoding international events. Articles, current event-related debates and historical analyses can be found online at politique-etrangere.com.


Ramses 2021: At the Edge?

Annual report on the global economic system and strategies.
Co-Directors: Thierry de Montbrial, Dominique David

Opening with Thierry de Montbrial’s “Perspectives”, an original synthesis of the trends of the past year, this issue covers the whole field of international relations of the past year. The three thematic sections are Health and climate: COVID-19, what now? / Europe: redo or undo / Middle East: 10 years after the false spring. In 2020 Ramses also covered the economic and technological consequences of COVID-19, security and migration challenges, and the strategic issues specific to each continent.

Ramses 2021 includes 8 videos of Ifri’s researchers providing concise analyses of the most critical issues in international affairs. The Repères section presents an indispensable documenting tool, with statistics, chronology and original maps.
In 2020, Ifri adapted its partner events to meet social distancing requirements resulting from the COVID-19 crisis. Video conferences and webinars were organized at a particularly high frequency for a number of months, in response to numerous requests from the Institute’s partners. Ifri’s ability to quickly adapt its services allowed it to maintain an uninterrupted focus on the concerns of its stakeholders.

The value of company membership lies in the access to Ifri’s network and the opportunities for exchange with different stakeholders. Through membership, companies actively participate in Ifri’s debates and events, alongside the foremost experts and observers on the international scene, and contribute to the influence of French expertise in international relations.

In 2020, the following companies pledged or increased their support for the Institute:

Air Liquide, Capgemini, Crédit Mutuel Equity, Dassault Systèmes, Edmond de Rothschild Asset Management, Equinor, La Fabrique de la Cité, JICA and Orange.

We thank them warmly for their support.

There are two ways to support Ifri:

- Become a member
- Support a specific research program

Tax advantages are available for both forms of patronage.

François Villeroy de Galhau, Governor of the Banque de France, Thierry de Montbrial, President of Ifri.

Stéphane Honig, Strategy Director, Natixis, Yann Roland, Director of Development, Ifri.

➢ “Ifri is ideally placed to support strategy and planning for business leaders. For the Institute’s teams, it is all about helping our partners develop a more global vision of risk, and geopolitical risk in particular, to inform long-term decision-making.” Yann Roland, Director of Development, Ifri.
Meetings reserved for Ifri’s members and partners

**Breakfasts, Lunches and Dinner-Debates**

**Chaired by: Thierry de Montbrial**

- **17 February** - François Villeroy de Galhau, Governor of the Banque de France
- **22 June** - Zaki Laidi, special adviser to the High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy
- **10 July** - Pierre Jacquet, President of the Global Development Network (GDN) and member of the Circle of Economists
- **30 September** - Louise Mushikiwabo, Secretary General of the International Organization of La Francophonie

**Les Mensuelles Ifri/Les Jeudis de l’Ifri**

**Debates with one of Ifri’s researchers or a guest expert**

**Chaired by: Thomas Gomart**

Les Mensuelles Ifri are organized with the support of Société Générale


These weekly meetings are dedicated to examining the evolution of international affairs, bringing together Ifri’s researchers and high-level guest experts, including many international think tank directors (18 meetings between April and December 2020).

An unmissable experience for Ifri’s corporate members and partners, Les Jeudis de l’Ifri transitioned to a monthly schedule from September 2020.

- **25 February** - Why is the Franco-German Motor Slipping?
  Daniela Schwarzer, Director, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)

- **25 March** - What is Turkey Seeking in the Middle East?
  Dorothée Schmid, Head of the Turkey/Middle East Program, Ifri

- **9 April** - Will Coronavirus Get Trump Reelected?
  Laurence Nardon, Head, North America Program, Ifri

- **2 April** - Will Covid-19 Contaminate Energy and Climate Policies?
  Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazzega, Director, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri

- **16 April** - Russia in the Triple Storm: Constitutional Reforms, Economic Crisis, Pandemic Management
  Tatiana Kastouëva-Jean, Director, Russia/NIS Center, Ifri
Meetings reserved for Ifri’s members and partners (cont.)

23 April - HAS COVID-19 CONTAMINATED VALUE CHAINS IN EAST ASIA?
Les Jeudis de l’Ifri (video conference)
Françoise Nicolas, Director, Center for Asian Studies, Ifri

30 April - HOW CAN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICAN COUNTRIES COPE WITH COVID-19?
Les Jeudis de l’Ifri (video conference)
Alain Antil, Director of the African Studies Center, Ifri

7 May - HAS COVID-19 CONTAMINATED THE FRANCO-GERMAN RELATIONSHIP?
Jeudis de l’Ifri (video conference)
Eric André Martin, Secretary General, Study Committee on Franco-German Relations, Ifri

14 May - BETWEEN OBVIOUS RISKS AND BLACK SWANS: STRATEGIC ISSUES AFTER COVID-19
Jeudis de l’Ifri (video conference)
Corentin Brustlein, Director, Security Studies Center, Ifri

28 May - THE EU AFTER KARLSRUHE AND THE FRANCO-GERMAN INITIATIVE ON EU DEBT: IS IT A HAMILTONIAN MOMENT?
Jeudis de l’Ifri (video conference)
Guntram Wolff, Director, Bruegel

4 June - WHERE IS DONALD TRUMP TAKING THE UNITED STATES?
Jeudis de l’Ifri (video conference)
James M. Lindsay, Senior Vice-President and Director of Studies, Council on Foreign Relations

11 June - UNITED STATES – EUROPE RELATIONS AND THE NOVEMBER 2020 ELECTIONS
Jeudis de l’Ifri (video conference)
Charles Ries, International Vice-President, Rand Corporation

18 June - THE BELT & ROAD INITIATIVE (BRI) IN SOUTHEAST ASIA: RESHUFFLING THE CARDS AFTER COVID-19?
Jeudis de l’Ifri (video conference)
Sophie Boisseau du Rocher, Associate Research Fellow, Center for Asian Studies, Ifri

25 June - CHINA IN AFRICA: FROM POLITICAL PRESENCE TO ENVIRONMENTAL FOOTPRINT
Jeudis de l’Ifri (video conference)
Thierry Vircoulon, Associate Research Fellow, African Studies Center, Ifri

2 July - POLITICAL CONSEQUENCES OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS ON THE TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONSHIP
Jeudis de l’Ifri (video conference)
Rawi Abdelal, Professor, Harvard Business School

9 July - COVID-19 IN LATIN AMERICA: CATALYST OF CRISIS
Jeudis de l’Ifri (video conference)
Francisco de Santibañes, Secretary General, Argentine Council for International Relations (CARI)

17 September - CHINA, A NEW ENGINE FOR EUROPEAN INTEGRATION?
Jeudis de l’Ifri (video conference)
Marc Julienne, Research Fellow, Head of China Research, Center for Asian Studies, Ifri

8 October - HOW CAN ESCALATION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN BE AVOIDED?
Jeudis de l’Ifri (video conference)
Dorothée Schmid, Research Fellow, Head of Contemporary Turkey and Middle East Program, Ifri

5 November - AMERICAN PRESEDEENTIAL ELECTION, TWO DAYS AWAY
Jeudis de l’Ifri (video conference)
Laurence Nardon, Head, North America Program, Ifri

17 December - AFTER BREXIT, WHAT WILL THE RELATIONSHIP BE BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN UNION AND THE UNITED KINGDOM?
Jeudis de l’Ifri (video conference)
Claude-France Arnould, Advisor on European Affairs, Ifri

Thomas Gomart, Director, Ifri; Dorothée Schmid, Head of Turkey/Middle East Program, Ifri
THE AMBASSADORS TABLE
LUNCH-DEBATES WITH FOREIGN AMBASSADORS IN FRANCE

Presided by: THIERRY DE MONTBRIAL

21 January - Arrmanatha Nasir, Indonesian Ambassador to France

CONFERENCES RESERVED FOR IFRI MEMBERS

12 May - COVID-19 IN THE MIDDLE EAST: IMMUNITY IN THE CHAOS? (video conference)
Members-only conference
With Dorothée Schmid, Head of Turkey/Middle East Program, Ifri
Moderator: Thomas Gomart, Director, Ifri

15 October - HOW CAN ELECTRICAL NETWORKS IN AFRICA BE STRENGTHENED? (video conference)
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With Hugo Le Picard, Research Fellow, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri
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In 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic shifted the balances among global powers. Ifri was called on by numerous French and foreign press outlets to provide an understanding of new geopolitical issues and Europe’s challenges. In addition to the many articles, panels and interviews with researchers, Ifri contributed to more than 460 television and radio appearances and was cited over 4,250 times, including 2,530 times in the foreign press.

In 2020, Ifri was strongly present in the national daily press, in particular in Le Monde (more than 65 contributions), Le Figaro (more than 50), Les Échos (more than 30), La Tribune, and Liberation with a total of more than 50 bylined columns and interviews. Ifri’s researchers were particularly present on television and radio platforms, including interviews in the news reports of France 2, France 24, ARTE, Euronews, CNN, more than 26 participations in “C dans l’air” on France 5; a regular presence on news channels (BFM and BFM Business, CNews, LCI, LCP-Public Senate), excellent collaboration with France Culture (more than 110 contributions) and RFI, as well as with national radio stations such as France Inter, France Info and Europe 1. Ifri’s researchers and work have been cited in The New York Times, The Financial Times, Newsweek, Bloomberg, CNN, The Washington Post and Euronews, as well as in Russian, Chinese, Arabic, African and European press outlets...
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In a time of “fake news”, the role of a think tank such as Ifri is to provide sound, reliable expertise to web and social media users.

In 2020, Ifri strengthened its online presence through 6 platforms (see below).

• **The website:** www.ifri.org

Pre-eminent resource covering all major international questions, Ifri’s website saw more than 1.6 million visits in 2020. Available in 4 languages (French, English, German, Russian), it allows visitors to keep up with Ifri and easily access its most recent publications.

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• **Video**

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• **Infographics**

  In 2020, Ifri published more than 40 infographics intended to highlight key points of important studies and research, and increase accessibility to the general public.

**IFRI increases its visibility in the blogosphere with three blogs:**

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WPC – Health does not attempt to be yet another industry health conference. Its purpose is to focus on medium- and long-term perspectives of crucial global health issues with the objective of raising awareness of their essential political, social, economic and ethical dimensions. It is destined for a public whose major concerns are the policy implications of nation-state interdependence. Although the seed of its creation germinated long before the start of the COVID-19 pandemic, the launch of this annual meeting could not have happened at a more relevant time, as the world faces a shock of such magnitude.

The first edition of WPC – Health was held online. The conference was kicked off with an introduction by Thierry de Montbrial, and a video message from Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, Director General of the World Health Organization.

Three plenary sessions covering 1. The lessons of COVID-19, 2. Technology, Economics, Health Ethics, and 3. Mental Health and Addiction followed, sparking discussion on the consequences and lessons to be drawn from the COVID-19 crisis from a global governance perspective, on economic and ethical questions in light of technological revolutions in the health sector, and on mental health issues that have emerged in public discourse throughout the pandemic. Among the speakers who shed light on these issues were Michel Kazatchkine (Special Advisor to the Joint United Nations Program on HIV/AIDS for Eastern Europe and Central Asia; Senior Fellow at the Global Health Center of the Graduate Institute of International and Development Studies in Geneva), Antoine Flahault (Director of the Institute of Global Health at the University of Geneva), Alexandre de Germay (Senior Vice-President, Global Head of Cardiovascular and Established Products, Sanofi), Jean Kramarz (Health Business Line Director, Axa Partners), Elhadj As Sy (Co-President of the Global Pandemic Preparedness Monitoring Board of the WHO and the World Bank, Chair of the Board of Directors of the Kofi Annan Foundation), Juliette Tuakli (Medical Director, CEO of CHILDAccra Medical Group, Ghana; Chair of the Board of Directors of United Way Worldwide), Patrick Nicolet (Chief Technology Officer of Capgemini), Daniel Andler (Professor emeritus at Sorbonne University, member of the Académie des sciences morales et politiques), Jacques Biot (Senior consultant in the field of telecommunications and AI, former President of the Ecole Polytechnique de Paris), Carlos Moreira (Founder and CEO of WiSeKey, former cybersecurity expert for the United Nations), Alexandra Prieux (President of Alcediag, founder of SkillCell), Arthur Stril (Chief Business Officer and member of the board of directors for Cellectis), Michael van den Berg (Policy Analyst, Department of Health, Directorate for Employment, Labor and Social Affairs, OECD), Roberto Burioni (Professor of microbiology and virology at Vita-Salute San Raffaele University in Milan), Jean-Pierre Lablanchy (Psychiatrist, member of the supervisory board of EDEIS).

This first edition of WPC – Health shed light on several key issues, more clearly revealing the characteristics and scope of the many challenges that health poses to global governance.

At the end of the one-day meeting, a report was produced and a digital version was made available on the WPC website: https://www.worldpolicyconference.com/2020-report/
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Notes du Cerfa

Alternative für Deutschland (AfD), an extreme right party?, Fabian Virchow, n° 152, March 2020.
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The German Healthcare System in the Face of the Coronavirus Crisis, Patrick Hassenteufel, n° 156, November 2020.


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Breakthrough for Decentralized Franco-German cooperation? Perspectives after the Aachen Treaty, Andreas Marchetti, n° 30, June 2020.


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Three times two for Europe. How a strengthening of France-Germany, Germany-Poland and France-Poland bilateral relations can move the EU forward, Groupe Daniel Vernet, Groupe Copernic, March 2020.

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Germany, thirty years after its reunification, Hans Stark, Allemagne d'aujourd'hui, n° 232, June 2020.

The defense policy of a unified Germany: from a priority to crisis management to the return of territorial defense, Michel Drain, Allemagne d'aujourd'hui, n° 232, June 2020.


The eviction of Europe from the Middle East, *Eric-André Martin*, Questions internationales, n° 103, October 2020.


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**DEBATES**

17 June – GERMANY’S DEFENSE POLICY FACING ATLANTIC SOLIDARITY (video conference)
In partnership with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation
With *Nico Lange*, Cabinet Director at the Ministry of Defense of the Federal Republic of Germany; *Eric André Martin*, Secretary General, Study Committee on Franco-German Relations, Ifri
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With *Michael Hinterdobler*, Head of European Policy and International Relations, Bavarian State Chancellery; *Vincent Muller*, Member of the Center for Analysis, Forecasting and Strategy (CAPS) at Quai d’Orsay.
Moderator: *Paul Maurice*, Research Fellow, Cerfa, Ifri.

30 June - EU-CHINA RELATIONS: WHAT IS THE STATUS WITH COVID-19? (video conference)
With *Eric André Martin*, Secretary General, Study Committee on Franco-German Relations (Cerfa), Ifri; *Mikko Huotari*, Executive Director, Mercator Institute for China Studies (MERICS); *John Seaman*, Research Fellow, Center for Asian Studies, Ifri; *Paul Maurice*, Research Fellow, Study Committee on Franco-German Relations (Cerfa), Ifri

7 September - FRENCH AND GERMAN AFRICA POLICY (video conference)
In partnership with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, the Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungspolitik (DIE) and the African Studies Center, Ifri
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2 December - THE GERMAN PRESIDENCY OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL (video conference)
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With Christophe Arend, Member of French National Assembly and representative of Moselle, President of the French-German Parliamentary Friendship Group; Kathrin Deschauer, Spokesperson of the permanent representation of Germany to the United Nations in New York; Marie Krpata, Research Fellow, Study Committee on Franco-German Relations, Ifri; Alexandra Novosseloff, Expert on international organizations, Research Fellow, International Peace Institute, Centre Thucydide, Université Panthéon-Assas

9 December - A RESILIENT EUROPE? CRISES AND CLIMATE CHANGE AS MODERNIZING FACTORS IN THE EU (video conference)
In partnership with the Konrad Adenauer Foundation
With Pascal Lamy, former European Commerce Commissioner, former Director General of World Trade Organization, President of the Paris Peace Forum; Roland Freudenstein, Director of Research, Wilfried Martens Center for European Studies, Brussels; Paul Maurice, Research Fellow, Study Committee on Franco-German Relations, Ifri
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28 May THE END OF AMERICAN LEADERSHIP? CHALLENGES AND IMPLICATIONS FOR EUROPE AND THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM (video conference)
With Eva Nowotny, President of the University Council of the University of Vienna, Vice-President of the Bruno Kreisky Forum in Vienna, former Austrian Ambassador to the United States; Laurence Nardon, Research Fellow and Director of the North America Program, Ifri
Moderator Hans Dietmar Schweisgut, Secretary General, Austro-French Center for Rapprochement in Europe (FAC)

16 June - AFTER COVID-19: CHALLENGES FOR THE EUROPEAN UNION (video conference)
In partnership with GLOBSEC Policy Institute and the EUI School of Transnational Governance
With Ivan Korčok, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of Slovakia; Robert Vass, President of GLOBSEC
Moderator Alexander Stubb, Director of the EUI School of Transnational Governance

27 October - TRADE, INVESTMENT, TECHNOLOGY, CLIMATE CHANGE, HUMAN RIGHTS: HOW SHOULD THE EUROPEAN UNION NEGOTIATE WITH CHINA? (video conference)
With Dominique David, President, Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe (FAC), Advisor to the President of Ifri, Paris; Claudia Crawford, Director, Konrad Adenauer Foundation Multilateral Dialogue, Vienna; Dietmar Schweisgut, Secretary General, Austro-French Centre for Rapprochement in Europe (FAC), Vienna
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A regime in turmoil: Belarus’ internal and external security system, Andreï Paratnikau, n° 32, August 2020.


The Outsider: Russia in the Race for Artificial Intelligence, Julien Nocetti, n° 34, December 2020.

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Transformation of Russian Strategic Culture: Impacts from Local Wars and Global Confrontation, Pavel Baev, n° 118, June 2020.


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Soft power in Russian foreign policy: denigration and promotion, Maxime Audinet, Questions internationales, n° 101, January 2020.


Global Order in the Shadow of the Coronavirus: China, Russia and the West, Bobo Lo, Lowy Institute Analysis, July 2020.


Putin’s Russia in 100 questions, Tatiana Kastouéva-Jean, Paris, Éditions Tallandier, September 2020 (reissue with update).


Why comparing RT to France 24 does not make sense, Maxime Audinet, INA, La Revue des médias, 23 November 2020.
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24 June - UKRAINE, WHAT IS THE EVALUATION OF VOLODYMIR ZELENSKY’S FIRST YEAR AS PRESIDENT? (video conference)
With Olexiy Haran, Professor of Comparative Politics, National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Director of Research at the Democratic Initiatives Foundation and Leo Litra
Moderator: Tatiana Kastouéva-Jean, Director, Russia/NIS Center, Ifri

8 July - EPIDEMIC, ECONOMY, CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM: VLADIMIR PUTIN’S THREE BATTLES IN 2020 (video conference)
With Marlène Laruelle, Professor at George Washington University, Director of the Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies; Julien Verchuel, University Professor, Vice-President of INALCO
Moderator: Tatiana Kastouéva-Jean, Director, Russia/NIS Center, Ifri

29 September - BELARUS, WHAT OUTCOME FROM THE POLITICAL CRISIS? (video conference)
With Andreï Paratnikau, Founder and Director, Belarus Security Blog; Andreï Dmitriev, Co-President of the “Govori pravdu” movement and opposition candidate in the 2020 Belarussian presidential election
Moderator: Tatiana Kastouéva-Jean, Director, Russia/NIS Center, Ifri

22 October - THE SINO-RUSSIAN STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIP: WHAT PERSPECTIVES IN THE POST-COVID ERA? (video conference)
With Alexandre Gabouiev, Director of the Asia-Pacific Program at the Carnegie Center in Moscow and Vassili Kachine, Research Fellow, Center for European and International Studies of the High College of Economics, Moscow; Marc Julienne, Research Fellow, Center for Asian Studies, Ifri
Moderator: Tatiana Kastouéva-Jean, Director, Russia/NIS Center, Ifri

With Thomas Gomart, Director, Ifri; Alice Guitton, Director General of International Relations and Strategy (DGRIS), Ministry of the Armed Forces; Tatiana Kastouéva-Jean, Director, Russia/NIS Center; Andreï Kortounov, Director General, Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC), Moscow; Pierre Vimont, Diplomat, Special Representative of the President of the Republic for strategic dialogue with Russia; Stefan Meister, Head of the South Caucasus Office (Tbilisi), Heinrich Böll Foundation, Associate Researcher, German Society for Foreign Policy (DGAP), Berlin; Marianna Belenkaïa, Journalist specializing in the Middle East, Kommersant, Moscow

With Madeleine Courant, Policy Officer for Eastern Europe, Russia, Caucasus, Central Asia and Western Balkans, CAPS, Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs; Valeria Kostiugova, Political Analyst, Editor-in-chief of Nashe Mnenie, Minsk; Sergiy Solodkyy, Vice-President, New Europe Center, Kiev; Régis Genté, Journalist and independent consultant, Tbilisi

With Céline Marangé, Research Fellow, Historical Defense Service, Permanent consultant to CAPS on Central and Eastern Europe; Andreï Baklitski, Consultant, Pir-Center, Research Fellow, MGIMO Institute for International Studies, Moscow; Florian Vidal, Research Fellow, Russia/NIS Center, Ifri, Paris; Igor Delanoë, Deputy Director, Franco-Russian Observatory, Moscow; Julien Nocetti, Associate Researcher, Russia/NIS Center, Ifri, Lecturer/Researcher, Écoles de Saint-Cyr Coëtquidan

With Sergei Guriev, Professor and Scientific Director of the master’s and PhD programs in Economics at Sciences Po, Paris; Vladimir Ryzhkov, Professor at the Faculty of International Economics and Politics at the High College of Economics, Moscow; Andreï Kolesnikov, Director of the Domestic Politics and Political Institutions Program at the Carnegie Center in Moscow.
THE EMERGENCE OF EASTERN AND SOUTHERN ASIA ON THE INTERNATIONAL SCENE HAS INTENSIFIED THE COMPLEX ECONOMIC, POLITICAL AND SECURITY ISSUES THAT THE VAST REGION FACES. THROUGH ITS RESEARCH, PARTNERSHIPS WITH IMPORTANT INTERNATIONAL RESEARCH CENTERS, AND THE EVENTS ORGANIZED THROUGH COLLABORATION AND SYNERGY WITH OTHER IFRI RESEARCH PROGRAMS, THE IFRI CENTER FOR ASIAN STUDIES AIMS TO OFFER IN-DEPTH INSIGHT AND ANALYSIS, INPUT IN DECISION-MAKING, AND A FORUM FOR DIALOGUE ON CRUCIAL ISSUES.

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Areas of expertise: Economic integration of Asia Pacific, Trade and investment dynamics
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Areas of expertise: Japanese foreign and defense policy, Indo-Pacific geostrategy
John Seaman, Research Fellow
Areas of expertise: China, Energy issues, Geo-economic dynamics
Marc Julienne, Research Fellow, Head of China research
Areas of expertise: Chinese foreign policy, Chinese security and defense policy (modernization of the army, naval strategy, deterrence, fight against terrorism), Domestic policy and evolution of the security apparatus, Industrial framework and defense technology

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Asie.Visions
The Belt and Road: China’s “Community of Destiny” for Southeast Asia?, Sophie Boisseau du Rocher, n° 113, June 2020.
Japan’s Space Program: Shifting Away from “Non-Offensive” Purposes?, Lionel Fatton, n° 115, July 2020.
Editorials

Lettre du Centre Asie


The East Asia and COVID-19: the return of the menace of poverty, Françoise Nicolas, n° 81, April 2020.


Contrasting outcomes of the Abe era: domestic tensions, diplomatic successes, Céline Pajon, n° 83, September 2020.

Towards Tougher Bilateral Relations Between the EU and China, Marc Julienne, n° 84, September 2020.

Protests in Thailand: The youth takes on the system, Sophie Boisseau du Rocher, n° 85, September 2020.

Ambitious New Climate Goals Shouldn’t Let China off the Hook, John Seaman, n° 86, September 2020.

Should We Forget about the Asia-Africa Growth Corridor?, Takuya Taniguchi, n° 87, October 2020.


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Europe in the Face of US-China Rivalry, John Seaman et al., European Think-Tank Network on China (ETNC), January 2020.


External contributions and articles


Dollar against Renminbi: (premature) history of an impending demise, Françoise Nicolas, Questions internationales, n° 102, July 2020.


China in the Middle East: a growing economic engagement, political neutrality under pressure, Marc Julienne, Questions internationales, n° 103, October 2020.


France’s incoherent China policy confuses partners, Françoise Nicolas, East Asia Forum, October 2020.


DEBATES

12 February - FROM EAST ASIA TO INDO-PACIFIC: STRATEGIC RISKS, POWER SHIFT AND NEW ORDER IN THE MAKING (video conference)
With Thierry de Montbrial, President, Ifri; JunichI Ihara, Ambassador of Japan in France; Barry Deskcr, Distinguished Fellow at the S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore; Masashi Nishihara, President, Research Institute for Peace and Security; Céline Pajon, Head of Japan Research, Center for Asian Studies, Ifri; Patrick Cronin, Asia-Pacific Security Chair, Hudson Institute; Hugo Meijer, CNRS Research Fellow, Sciences Po (CERI), France; Hiroyuki Akita, Editorial Staff Writer, The Nikkei, Japan

1st July - WHAT FUTURE FOR HONG KONG? (video conference)
With Sebastian Veg, Director of Studies at the Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales, Honorary Professor at the University of Hong Kong; Pierre Haski, Journalist, France Inter
Moderator: Marc Julienne, Research Fellow, Head of China research, Center for Asian Studies, Ifri

21 July - HONG KONG AFTER THE NEW SECURITY LAW (video conference)
With Matthew Cheung, Chief Secretary for Administration of the Hong Kong SAR Government; Marc Julienne, Research Fellow, Head of China Research, Ifri; Alicia Garcia-Herrero, Senior Fellow, Bruegel
Moderator: Françoise Nicolas, Director, Center for Asian Studies, Ifri

15 September - JAPAN’S CYBERSECURITY STRATEGY: FROM THE OLYMPIC GAMES TO THE WORLD (video conference)
With Jacopo Bellasio, Senior Analyst, Defense, Security and Infrastructure, RAND Europe; Mihoko Matsubara, Chief Cybersecurity Strategist, NTT Corporation in Tokyo; Kavé Salamatian, Professor of Computer Science, University of Savoie
Moderator: Françoise Nicolas, Director, Center for Asian Studies, Ifri

12 October - JAPAN AFTER SHINZO ABE: WHAT DIPLOMATIC LEGACY? (video conference)
With Tomohiko Taniguchi, Former Special Advisor to the Cabinet and Principal Writer of Foreign Policy Speeches for Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe; Céline Pajon, Research Fellow, Head of Japan research, Center for Asian studies, Ifri
29 October - CONFERENCE WITH HARSH VARDHAN SHRINGLA, FOREIGN SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF INDIA (video conference)
With Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Foreign Secretary, Ministry of External Affairs, India
Moderator: Thomas Gomart, Director, Ifri

17 November - A NEW ACTOR IN THE INDO-PACIFIC? THE NEW SOUTHERN POLICY OF SOUTH KOREA (video conference)
With Choong-Ryeol Lee, Professor, Korea University; Françoise Nicolas, Director, Center for Asian Studies, Ifri; Wongi Choe, Head of Center for ASEAN-India Studies, Korea National Diplomatic Academy (KNDA); John Nilsson-Wright, Research Fellow, Korea Foundation, Research Fellow, Chatham House, Lecturer, University of Cambridge
Moderator: Christophe André, Economist, OECD; Antoine Bondaz, Director, Korea Program, Foundation for Strategic Research

24 November - TECHNOLOGY AND POLITICS: CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR GOVERNANCE AND DEMOCRACY (in the series TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTION AND REGIONAL ORDER IN EAST ASIA) (video conference)
With Françoise Nicolas, Director, Center for Asian Studies, Ifri; François Chih-chung Wu, Representative, Taipei Representative Office in France; John Lee, Analyst, Mercator Institute for China Studies; Yeali Sun, Professor, Department of Information Management, National Taiwan University, Member of the National Communication Commission of Taiwan; Yumin Joo, Associate Professor, KDI School of Public Policy and Management
Moderator: John Seaman, Research Fellow, Center for Asian Studies, Ifri

25 November - TECHNOLOGY AND ECONOMICS: TECHNO-NATIONALISM VS TECHNO-GLOBALISM IN EAST ASIA (in the series TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTION AND REGIONAL ORDER IN EAST ASIA) (video conference)
With Alex Capri, Research Fellow, National University of Singapore Business School; Clara Gillispie, Advisor, National Bureau of Asian Research; Huong Le Thu, Analyst, Australian Strategic Policy Institute
Moderator: Françoise Nicolas, Director, Center for Asian Studies, Ifri

26 November - TECHNOLOGY AND SECURITY: ADAPTING TO CHANGING CYBER-SECURITY THREATS IN EAST ASIA (in the series TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTION AND REGIONAL ORDER IN EAST ASIA) (video conference)
With Jun Osawa, Research Fellow, Institute for International Policy Studies, Tokyo; Benjamin Ang, Research Fellow and Deputy Director, Centre of Excellence for National Security, S Rajarathnam School of International Studies
Moderator: Marc Julienne, Research Fellow, Head of China research, Center for Asian Studies, Ifri

30 November - A CONVERSATION WITH AUDREY TANG, DIGITAL MINISTER, TAIWAN (in the series TECHNOLOGICAL REVOLUTION AND REGIONAL ORDER IN EAST ASIA) (video conference)
With Audrey Tang, Digital Minister, Taiwan; Alice Pannier, Research Fellow, Head of Geopolitics of Technology Program, Ifri; Marc Julienne, Research Fellow, Head of China research, Center for Asian Studies, Ifri
Moderator: Thomas Gomart, Director, Ifri

8 December - RETHINKING ECONOMIC SECURITY IN THE (POST) COVID ERA (video conference)
With Thibaud Moulin, Associate, KYU; Shin Oya, Senior Consultant, Asia Pacific Initiative, Tokyo, Representative for strategic research, JBIC Japan; Lurong Chen, Economist, ERIA, Jakarta
Moderator: Françoise Nicolas, Director, Center for Asian Studies, Ifri
NORTH AFRICA/MIDDLE EAST/MEDITERRANEAN

CONTEMPORARY TURKEY

The Contemporary Turkey Program, established in 2007, has two main objectives:

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Areas of expertise: Turkey, political and economic governance, foreign policy; Conflicts in the Middle East; Regional Mediterranean issues; French Middle East policy

Cécile de Cordier, Assistant, Turkey/Middle East Program

DIGITAL PUBLICATIONS

Reports

Turkish Airlines: An International Strategic Instrument for Turkey, Julien Lebel, April 2020.

Policy papers

France and the Modernization of the EU-Turkey Customs Union: Interests and Obstacles, Dorothée Schmid, Aurélien Denizeau, July 2020.

Editorials


External contributions and articles

Is Escalation Between France and Turkey in the Middle East and Beyond Inescapable?, Dorothée Schmid, Geneva Center for Security Policy, Syria Transition Challenges Project, Syria Discussion Paper (16), 11 November 2020

DEBATES

24 June - LIBYA, EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, SYRIA: WHY TURKEY IS OPENING NEW FRONTS (video conference)
With Galip Dolaş, Richard von Weizsäcker Research Fellow, Robert Bosch Academy, Associate Researcher, Ifri; Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazzega, Director, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri; Dorothée Schmid, Head, Turkey/Middle East Program, Ifri
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DIGITAL PUBLICATIONS

**Policy papers**


*The consequences of COVID-19 for Israel and the Palestinian Territories. Quickening the pace of history?*, Antoine Michon, June 2020.

**Editorials**


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22 February - NORTH AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST: 2020 PERSPECTIVES
With Adel Bakawan, Associate Researcher, Ifri, Director, Iraq Sociology Center; Arnaud Kalika, Security Officer, Meridiam; Delphine Minoui, Reporter and Middle East correspondent, Le Figaro; Gurvan Le Bras, Deputy Director, Center for Analysis, Forecasting and Strategy, Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs
Moderator: Dorothée Schmid, Research Fellow, Head, Turkey/Middle East Program, Ifri

14 December - THE GULF, NEW CENTER OF THE MIDDLE EAST (video conference)
With Dorothée Schmid, Head, Turkey/Middle East Program, Ifri; Emma Soubrier, Doctor of Political Science, Visiting Scholar, Arab Gulf States Institute in Washington, Associate Researcher, Centre Michel de l’Hospital; Clément Therme, Specialist on Iran, Research Fellow, CERI (Sciences Po) and Ecole des hautes études en sciences sociales

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Japan’s Economic Diplomacy in Africa: Between Strategic Priorities and Local Realities, Céline Pajon, December 2020.

DEBATES

3 February - 4X4 DIRECTORS FORUM 2020
African-European Think Tank Dialogue
With Guntram Wolff, Director, Bruegel; Yonas Adeny Adeto, Director, IPSS; Thomas Gomart, Director, Ifri; Paolo Magri, Executive Vice-President and Director, ISPI; Karim El Aynaoui, Managing Director, Policy Center for the New South; Jonathan Eyal, Associate Director, Strategic Research Partnerships, RUSI

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Sina Schlimmer, Research Fellow (since May 2020)
Areas of expertise: Urban governance; Border policy; Kenya, Tanzania, East Africa; Nation-building, analysis of public policy
Victor Magnani, Project manager (until August 2020)
Areas of expertise: South Africa, Southern Africa, Election issues

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The ecosystem of armed groups in the Central African Republic, Thierry Vircoulon, April 2020.


Russian economic and security strategy in Mozambique, Tristan Coloma, May 2020.

Education and power in the Anglophone conflict in Cameroon, Cynthia Petrich, June 2020.


Editorials

L’Afrique en questions

Focus on Africa for the UK in Brexit time, François Gaulme, n° 51, February 2020.


Contributions to Politique étrangère


External contributions and articles


Unending Violence in the Sahel, Alain Antil, Etudes, September 2020.

Anticipate, adapt and correct public policies. The Integrated Policy Monitoring Strategy (IPMS), a tool for policy mapping and multifactor analysis, Dominique Darbon, Rozenn Nakanabo Diallo, Olivier Provini and Sina Schlimmer, n°63, Technical reports from the AFD, November 2020.

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DEBATES
23 January - MOZAMBIQUE IN CRISIS
With Domingos do Rosario, Eduardo Mondlane University; Corinna Jentzsch, Leiden University; Sergio Chichava, Institute of Social and Economic Studies; Salvador Forquilha, Institute of Social and Economic Studies; Eric Morier-Genoud, Queen’s University Belfast; Regio Conrado, Sciences Po Bordeaux; Nikkie Weigink, Utrecht University; Michel Cohen, Sciences Po Bordeaux; Marc-Antoine Pérouse de Montclos, IRD; Mathias de Alencastro, Brazilian Center of Analysis and Planning; Benjamin Augé, Ifri; Alex Vines, Chatham House

7 September - FRENCH AND GERMAN AFRICA POLICY (video conference)
In partnership with the Friedrich Ebert Foundation, the Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungs-politik (DIE), and Cerfa
With Manfred Öhm, Director of the Sub-Saharan Africa Section, International Cooperation Division, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES); Eric-André Martin, Secretary General, Cerfa, Ifri; Benedikt Erforth, Research Fellow, Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungs-politik (DIE); Alain Antil, Director, African Studies Center, Ifri; Sina Schlimmer, Research Fellow, African Studies Center, Ifri; François Gaulme, Associate Researcher, African Studies Center, Ifri; Kirsten Schönefeld, Sub-Saharan Africa Section, International Cooperation Division, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES); Christoph Rauh, Head of Sub-Division, Africa, Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), Bonn; Jean-Michel Jacques, Vice-President of the Defense Committee at the French National Assembly; Robert Dölger, Ambassador, Regional representative of the Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Sub-Saharan Africa and the Sahel; Jean-Pierre Bat, Africa Policy Officer, Center for Analysis, Forecasting and Strategy (CAPS) of the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs; Nils Schmid, Member of the German Bundestag (MdB), Spokesperson of the SPD parliamentary group for foreign policy; Christine Hackenesch, Director of the research program “Inter and transnational cooperation”, Deutsches Institut für Entwicklungs-politik (DIE); Christoph Matschie, Member of the German Bundestag (MdB), Chairman of the discussion group on Africa, Deputy member of the Committee for Economic Cooperation and Development, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs; Alexander Baum, Principal advisor for Post-Cotonou, European External Action Service (EEAS), Brussels.
NORTH AMERICA

UNITED STATES PROGRAM

The circumstances under which Donald Trump’s presidential term ended in January 2021 show the extent to which the work of monitoring and analyzing the changes in the American political landscape is necessary—not to mention the fact that the victory of this populist and nonconformist candidate in 2016 resonated with similar events in Europe and throughout the world.

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Areas of expertise: History of American political ideology, American foreign policy and transatlantic relations, Trade policy of the Trump administration.

DIGITAL PUBLICATIONS

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Potomac Papers

Minnesota: understanding national issues through the prism of territories, Cynthia Ghorra-Gobin, Martine Azuelos, n°39, September 2020.

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Chroniques américaines


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DEBATES

10 November - TECHNOLOGICAL STRATEGIES IN CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES: WHAT CHALLENGES FOR EUROPEAN COMPANIES? (video conference)
With Jean-François Bureau, President of IOConseil; Eric-André Martin, Secretary General, Study Committee on Franco-German Relations, Ifri; John Seaman, Research Fellow, Center for Asian Studies, Ifri
Moderator: Laurence Nardon, Head, North America Program, Ifri

10 December - AMERICAN DOMESTIC POLICY AFTER THE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS (in the series “JOE BIDEN’S AMERICA: CALM AFTER THE STORM?”) (video conference)
With EJ Dionne, Professor at Georgetown and Harvard Universities, Research Fellow, Brookings Institution, Columnist, Washington Post, NPR, MSNBC; Henry Olsen, Research Fellow, Ethics & Public Policy Center; Célia Belin, Guest Researcher, Brookings Institution; Ramesh Ponnuru, Research Fellow, American Enterprise Institute
Moderator: Laurence Nardon, Head, North America Program, Ifri

11 December - THE FOREIGN POLICY OF THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION (in the series “JOE BIDEN’S AMERICA: CALM AFTER THE STORM?”) (video conference)
With Stephen Wertheim, Co-founder and Deputy Director of Research and Policy, Quincy Institute; Kristin Diwan, Research Fellow, Arab Gulf States Institute, Washington; Benjamin Haddad, Director of the Future Europe Initiative, Atlantic Council, Expert on European policy and transatlantic relations; Alexander Lennon, Editor-in-Chief, The Washington Quarterly, Lecturer, George Washington University, Specialist in foreign and defense policies of the great powers; Laurence Nardon, Head, North America Program, Ifri
Moderator: Walter Russell Mead, Research Fellow, Hudson Institute, Professor, Bard College, Columnist, “Global View”, Wall Street Journal
TOPICAL UNITS
SECURITY STUDIES CENTER / DEFENSE RESEARCH UNIT (LRD)

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Areas of expertise: American strategic debate, military interventions and foreign operations, coercive diplomacy, strategic competition between the great powers

Alice Pannier, Research Fellow, Security Studies Center, Head, Geopolitics of Technology (since October 2020)
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Michel Pesqueur, Army Officer, Seconded Colonel, Research Fellow, Defense Research Unit
Areas of expertise: Prospective and military doctrine, tactical and operative analysis

Laure de Rochegeonde, Research Fellow, Security Studies Center (since March 2020)
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Areas of expertise: Military interventions and foreign operations, irregular warfare and hybrid strategies
**BOOKS**


**DIGITAL PUBLICATIONS**

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Editorials


The European Equation of Nuclear Deterrence, Variables and Possible Solutions, Quentin Lopinot, July 2020.

Contributions to Politique étrangère


External contributions and articles


Alice Pannier, “Beyond Brexit: a necessary cooperation re-boot”, Revue Défense nationale, n° 834, November 2020

Alice Pannier, “Strategic suspense: British foreign and defense policy at a crossroads”, War on the Rocks, 14 August 2020

Michel Pesqueur and Elie Tenenbaum, “The challenges of ‘high intensity’: strategic or capability issues?”, Cahier de la Revue Défense Nationale, October 2020, p. 11-17.

DEBATES

21 January - ANNUAL STUDY DAY OF THE FUTURE CONFLICTS OBSERVATORY
With Corentin Brustlein, Ifri; Isabelle Facon, FRS; Philippe Gros, FRS; Morgan Paglia, Ifri; Nathalie Ruffié, FRS; Elie Tenenbaum, Ifri; Vincent Tourret, FRS;

10 March - FUTURE LAND ENGAGEMENT: CONSTANTS AND BREAKTHROUGHS
Brown Bag Seminar Series
With Thierry Burkhard, Army Chief of Staff; Jean-Dominique Merchet, Journalist, Defense specialist, L’Opinion; Elie Tenenbaum, Research Fellow, Security Studies Center, Coordinator, Defense Research Unit (LRD), Ifri
Moderator: Thomas Gomart, Director, Ifri

29 May - THE EVOLUTION OF LONG-RANGE ARMS THROUGH TO 2035 (video conference)
Future Conflicts Observatory Breakfast
With Philippe Gros, FRS; Stéphane Delory, FRS
Moderator: Corentin Brustlein, Ifri
9 June - DEFENSE INNOVATION: LESSONS FROM THE ISRAELI MODEL
With Meir Finkel, Research Director of the IDF Dado Center for Interdisciplinary Military Studies and former Director of the Department of Concept and Doctrine, Land Forces Command in Israel
Moderator: Elie Tenenbaum, Ifri

16 June - THE NEW CHALLENGES OF INTEROPERABILITY (video conference)
Future Conflicts Observatory Breakfast
With Philippe Gros, FRS; Aude Thomas, FRS; Vincent Tourret, FRS
Moderator: Elie Tenenbaum, Ifri

30 June - SECURITY AND DEFENSE SERVICE COMPANIES: NEW DYNAMICS AND IMPLICATIONS FOR OUR ARMIES (video conference)
Future Conflicts Observatory Breakfast
With Philippe Gros, FRS; Aude Thomas, FRS; Vincent Tourret, FRS
Moderator: Elie Tenenbaum, Ifri

16 September - OPERATIONS IN THE CBRN ENVIRONMENT: WHAT ADAPTATIONS FOR ARMIES?
With Jean-Christophe Le Roux, Division Chief of Army Staff for Arms Control
Moderator: Elie Tenenbaum, Ifri

17-18 September - NUCLEAR NETWORK AND STRATEGY SUMMER SCHOOL
With Corentin Brustlein, Ifri; Tiphaine de Champchesnel, IRSEM; Benjamin Hautecouverture, FRS; Emmanuelle Maître, FRS; Bruno Tertrais, FRS

30 September - OPERATIONAL PREPARATION FOR A TIME OF MULTI-DOMAIN COMBAT
Future Conflicts Observatory Breakfast
With Morgan Paglia, Ifri
Moderator: Corentin Brustlein, Ifri

28 October - IS FRANCE SAFE?
Brown Bag Seminar Series
With Bernard Rogel, former Chief of Staff for the President of the Republic; Jean-Dominique Merchet, Journalist, Defense specialist, L'Opinion; Corentin Brustlein, Director, Security Studies Center, Ifri
Moderator: Thomas Gomart, Director, Ifri

10 November - NEUTRALIZATION OF ADVERSARIAL AIR DEFENSES (video conference)
Future Conflicts Observatory Breakfast
With Philippe Gros, FRS
Moderator: Corentin Brustlein, Ifri

23 November - INAUGURAL CONFERENCE OF THE NUCLEAR STRATEGY NETWORK (video conference)
With François Geleznikoff, former Director of Military Applications at the Atomic Energy Commission
Moderator: Corentin Brustlein, Ifri

27 November - ARMIES AND DEPENDENCE ON SPACE
With Philippe Steininger, CNES Military Advisor, former Commander of the Strategic Air Forces (FAS)
Moderator: Corentin Brustlein, Ifri

2 December - “CYBER-INFLUENCE” OPERATIONS (video conference)
Future Conflicts Observatory Breakfast
With Laure de Rochegonde, Ifri; Elie Tenenbaum, Ifri
Moderator: Philippe Gros, FRS
CENTER FOR ENERGY AND CLIMATE

The Center for Energy and Climate aims to inform public and private decision-makers about geopolitical developments in global energy markets and to analyze both their economic, political and environmental implications and their effects on European policy.

The center’s work focuses on subjects such as the geopolitics of fossil fuel, European energy policies, the electricity sector, climate policies, and energy transitioning.

TEAM
Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazega, Director
Areas of expertise: Oil and gas, Russia, Ukraine, Sub-Saharan Africa, the European Union
Carole Mathieu, Head of EU policy, Center for Energy and Climate
Areas of expertise: Climate change governance, European energy policy, electricity markets, France
Hugo Le Picard, Research Fellow
Areas of expertise: Energy economization, access to electricity, Sub-Saharan Africa, environment
Olivier Appert, Advisor
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28 February - SPAIN, THE GREEN DEAL AND THE ENERGY TRANSITION
Closed seminar
With Olivier Appert, Advisor, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri; Gonzalo Escríbano, Director, Energy Program, Elcano Royal Institute; Juan Ignacio Del Castillo Campos, Energy and digital agenda advisor, Embassy of Spain in France’ Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazegha, Director, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri

11 March - WHAT HYDROGEN STRATEGY FOR THE EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL?
Closed seminar
With Cédric Philibert, Associate Researcher, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri’ Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazegha, Director, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri

22 April - DECARBONIZING THE EU’S ECONOMIES: A HYDROGEN STRATEGY FOR THE GREEN DEAL (video conference)
Ifri Green Deal Virtual Lunch Series
With Cédric Philibert, Associate Researcher, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri; François-Xavier Olivier, Executive Vice-President, Hydrogen Business Unit, Engie; Kilian Crane, Senior Expert, Mobility, Alternative Fuels, German Energy Agency (Dena); Pierre-Etienne Franc, Vice-President, Hydrogen Energy, Air Liquide, Secretary of the Hydrogen Council; Diana Warnecke, Senior Manager for Energy and climate policy, BASF Group; Christian Weinberger, Senior Advisor, Advanced industrial technologies, Coordinator for Hydrogen at the European Commission – DG Grow
Moderator: Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazegha, Director, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri

29 April - THE IMPACT OF CORONAVIRUS ON THE CHINESE ENERGY SECTOR (video conference)
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With Xavier Chen, President, Beijing Energy Club; Françoise Nicolas, Director, Center for Asian Studies, Ifri; Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazegha, Director, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri

14 May - INVESTING IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF SOLAR ENERGY IN SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA TO ACHIEVE FULL POTENTIAL (video conference)
Closed seminar, in partnership with Paris Dauphine University
With Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazegha, Director, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri; Jan Martin Witte, Director Central Africa and regional funds, KfW; Stefan Rajaonarivo, Senior investment officer, World Bank; Christophe Fleurence, Vice-President, Business Development, Africa, Total Eren; Xavier Mallet, Strategy and ESR Director, Engie Africa
Moderator: Hugo Le Picard, Research Fellow, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri

17 June - THE GREEN RECOVERY, GERMANY’S ENERGY TRANSITION AND THE COORDINATION OF FRENCH AND GERMAN POLICIES (video conference)
With Éric André Martin, Secretary General, Study Committee on Franco-German Relations (Cerfa), Ifri; Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazegha, Director, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri; Felix Matthes, Energy and climate policy research Coordinator, Öko-Institut; Sven Roesner, Director, Franco-German Office for Energy Transition (OFATE)
Moderator: Carole Mathieu, Head of EU policy, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri

With Oumar Sylla, Executive Director of Africa Regional Office, UN-Habitat; Nat-Sy Missamou, Energy Director, Orange Middle East and Africa; Moussa Bagayoko, Director General, Yélé Consulting; Shawn Papi, Senior Advisor, Smart metering, Eskom; Anthony Mburu, Director General and Founder, Enerstore Africa
Moderator: Hugo Le Picard, Research Fellow, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri

9 September - POLAND AND THE EUROPEAN GREEN DEAL: IN OR OUT? (video conference)
Ifri Green Deal Virtual Lunch Series
With Adam Guibourge-Czetwertyński, Under-Secretary of State, Republic of Poland; Aleksandra Gawlikowska-Fyk, Energy Project Manager, Energii Forum; Jos Delbeke, Former European University Institute, KU Leuven, former Director General, Action for the climate, European Commission; Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazegha, Director, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri
Moderator: Carole Mathieu, Head of EU policy, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri

30 September - THE EU STRATEGY FOR ENERGY SYSTEM INTEGRATION: WHAT NEXT? (video conference)
Ifri Green Deal Virtual Lunch Series
With Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazegha, Director, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri; Marine Binet, European Bureau Chief, RTE; Malte Nyenhuis, Senior Advisor on European energy policy, German Association of Energy and Water Industries (BDEW); Pierre Loaëc, Project Manager, DG ENER, European Commission
Moderator: Carole Mathieu, Head of EU policy, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri
7 October - CHINA’S ENERGY AND CLIMATE POLICIES POST COVID-19 (video conference)
Closed seminar
With Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazzega, Director, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri; Kevin Tu, Associate Researcher, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri; Sylvie Carnot-Gandolphe, Associate Researcher, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri; Olivier Appert, Advisor, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri

5 November - HOW TO LEVERAGE THE NORTH SEA’S OFFSHORE WIND POTENTIAL? (video conference)
Ifri Green Deal Virtual Lunch Series
With Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazzega, Director, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri; Christopher Fox, Head of Europe and Offshore, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS), United Kingdom; Cédric Le Bousse, Director, Marine Renewable Energies, France, EDF; Thierry Kalfon, Director General, International renewable activities, ENGIE; Jasper Vis, Project manager, North Sea Wind Power Hub, TenneT
Moderator: Carole Mathieu, Head of EU policy, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri

17 November - LNG AND GAS-TO-POWER IN AFRICA: OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES (video conference)
With Olu Verheijen, Founder and Director General, Latimer Energy; Thomas Maurisse, Vice-President LNG, Total; Paul Eardley-Taylor, Director, Oil and Gas, South Africa, Standard Bank; Olivier Mussat, Director of Investment, Global Energy IFC; Hugo Le Picard, Research Fellow, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri
Moderator: Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazzega, Director, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri

2 December - THE GAMBLE ON CLEAN ROAD TRAVEL IN EUROPE (video conference)
With Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazzega, Director, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri; Carole Mathieu, Head of EU policy, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri; Christophe Hug, Deputy Director General, Maîtrise d’ouvrage, Vinci Autoroutes; Cécile Maisonneuve, President, La Fabrique de la Cité
Moderator: Camille Combe, Mobility Project Manager, La Fabrique de la Cité

9 December - US ENERGY & CLIMATE POLICIES UNDER THE BIDEN ADMINISTRATION: ASSESSING THE INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL DIMENSIONS (video conference)
Closed seminar
With Julie Cerqueira, Executive Director, US Climate Alliance, Carole Mathieu, Head of EU policy, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri; Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazzega, Director, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri

15 December - CARBON PRICING WITHIN THE EUROPEAN UNION (video conference)
Closed seminar
With Dora Iakova, Assistant Director, European Department, IMF; Ian Parry, Principal Environmental Fiscal Policy Expert, Fiscal Affairs Department, IMF; Jiaqian Chen, Senior Economist, Strategy, Policy and Review Department, IMF; Carole Mathieu, Head of EU policy, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri; Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazzega, Director, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri
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**TEAM**

**Alice Pannier**, Program Head

*Areas of expertise*: Defense and security policies in Europe; Critical technologies and infrastructure; EU, NATO and transatlantic relations

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**CENTER FOR MIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP**

**THROUGH THE CREATION OF THE MIGRATION PROGRAM IN 2005 AND THEN THE CENTER FOR MIGRATIONS AND CITIZENSHIP IN 2011, IFRI WAS THE FIRST INSTITUTE TO ANALYZE THE MIGRATION PHENOMENON AND CITIZENSHIP PRACTICES AS SUBJECTS OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS. FACED WITH COMPLEX, POLARIZING QUESTIONS, THE CENTER FOR MIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP SEeks TO BETTER STRUCTURE DEBATE AND RESEARCH WITHIN AN INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL FRAMEWORK. THE WORK OF THE CENTER IS ADDRESSED TO ALL ACTORS IN MIGRATION WHETHER POLITICAL, INSTITUTIONAL, ASSOCIATIVE OR ECONOMIC AT LOCAL, NATIONAL, EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL LEVELS. THE CENTER OFFERS A UNIQUE APPROACH IN FRANCE TO ADDRESSING ISSUES OF MIGRATION AND CITIZENSHIP:**

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**TEAM**

**Christophe Bertossi**, Director  
*Areas of expertise:* Populism, nativism and nationalism; “Living together” in companies and unions; Islam and secularism in public institutions, theories of international migration; global governance of migration  

**Matthieu Tardis**, Research Fellow  
*Areas of expertise:* European asylum and immigration policies; global governance of migration, reception and integration of refugees and migrants in France; actors in asylum and immigration policies (cities, associations, private sector, etc)

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18 February - DIALOGUE FOR AN INCLUSIVE SOCIETY: HOW TO CONTRIBUTE POSITIVELY TO LOCAL DYNAMICS OF ACCEPTANCE?
With Eric Recoura, Director of international action, City of Grenoble; Nadine Camp, Founder and Consultant, Approches Migrations – Droits Humains; Sophie Bilong, Consultant, Christophe Bertossi, Director, Center for Migration and Citizenship, Ifri; Matthieu Tardis, Research fellow, Center for Migration and Citizenship, Ifri

23 June - AMERICAN AND EUROPEAN BORDERS: SIMILAR MIGRATION POLICIES? (video conference)
With Clara Long, Senior Research Fellow, United States Program, Human Rights Watch; Tom K Wong, Associate Professor, Director, US Immigration Policy Center, University of California San Diego; Veronica Ortiz Ortega, Director General, Mexican Council for International Affairs; Vincent Cochetel, Special envoy for the situation in the central Mediterranean, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR); Juan Fernando Lopez Aguilar, MEP, Chairman of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs, European Parliament
Moderator: Christophe Bertossi, Director, Center for Migration and Citizenship, Ifri

23 September - POPULISM AND RECEPTION OF MIGRANTS IN EUROPE AND THE UNITED STATES (video conference)
With Fabienne Keller, MEP, European Parliament; Gregory Maniatis, Director of the International Migration Initiative, Open Society Foundations; Els de Graauw, Associate Professor, City University of New York (CUNY); Marta Pardavi, Co-President, Hungarian Helsinki Committee; Vincent Warren, Executive Director, Center for Constitutional Rights
Moderator: Christophe Bertossi, Director, Center for Migration and Citizenship, Ifri
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TEAM
Eric-André Martin, Secretary General, Study Committee on Franco-German Relations
Claude France Arnould, Special Advisor to the President for European Affairs
Iorian Vidal, Research Fellow, Russia/NIS Center
Marc Julienne, Research Fellow, Head of China research, Center for Asian Studies

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Conference series with BPI and Politique étrangère
With Joël Hubrecht, Program Leader, International Criminal Justice, IHEJ; Marion Leblanc-Wohrer, former Editor-in-Chief, Agefi Hebdo
Moderator: Dominique David, Advisor to the President of Ifri, Co-editor of Politique étrangère

19 May
(video conference)

WILL THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM KNOW HOW TO DEFEND ITSELF AGAINST THE VIRUS?
With Thierry de Montbrial, Executive Chairman and founder of Ifri, Member of the Académie des sciences morales et politiques
Moderator: Isabelle Lasserre, Deputy Editor-in-Chief, Foreign Service, Le Figaro

30 August

CONFERENCE WITH WANG YI
With Wang Yi, State Councilor and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the People’s Republic of China
Moderator: Thierry de Montbrial, Executive Chairman and founder of Ifri, Member of the Académie des sciences morales et politiques

24 September
(Hybrid conference)

AT THE EDGE?
RAMSES 2021 Presentation
With Marc-Antoine Eyl-Mazega, Director, Center for Energy and Climate, Ifri; Eric André Martin, Secretary General, Study Committee on Franco-German Relations (Cerfa), Ifri; Dorothée Schmid, Head, Turkey/Middle East Program, Ifri; Marc Hecker, Director of Research and Development, Ifri; Thierry de Montbrial, Executive Chairman and founder of Ifri, Member of the Académie des sciences morales et politiques; Alain Frachon, Columnist, Le Monde

12 October
BPI, Paris

THE POST COVID-19 WORLD: FROM AN AMERICAN CENTURY TO A CHINESE ONE?
Conference series with BPI and Politique étrangère
With Laurence Nardon, Head, North America Program, Ifri; Alice Ekman, Research Fellow, European Union Institute for Securities Studies
Moderator: Dominique David, Advisor to the President of Ifri, Co-editor of Politique étrangère

29 October
(Hybrid conference)

CONFERENCE WITH HARSH VARDHAN SHRINGLA, FOREIGN SECRETARY OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OF INDIA
With Harsh Vardhan Shringla, Foreign Secretary of the Ministry of External Affairs, India
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| Accounts - 31 December 2020 |
## Balance sheet - 31 December 2020

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