



# PANEUROPA

*„In necessariis unitas, in dubiis libertas, in omnibus caritas“*



Universidad  
Rey Juan Carlos

**The geopolitical dimension of European unification. International understanding beyond our own continent.**

**Conference organized by Paneuropa Spain in cooperation with Paneuropa Austria and the support of „Otto von Habsburg Stiftung“**

**Date: March 28th-30th, 2025, friday to sunday**

**Location: Madrid, Spain, on Friday at the Rey Juan Carlos University (Plaza de Manuel Becerra, 14, 28928 Madrid, and on Saturday 29th March, at the Rey Juan Carlos University, conference room, C/ Quintana, 21, Moncloa-Aravaca, 28008, Madrid.**

**Friday march 28th.**

Venue: Rey Juan Carlos University, conference room, Plaza de Manuel Becerra, 14, 28928, Madrid. Metro: Manuel Becerra, lines 2 red and 6 grey.

18:00 Opening of the conference

**Carlos Uriarte Sanchez**, General Secretary of Paneuropa Spain

**Walburga Habsburg Douglas**, vice president Paneuropa-Union

**Ana de Palacio**, minister of foreing affairs of Spain (Ana de Palacio) and Otto von Habsburg Prize

**Ihor Zhaloba**, president of Paneuropa Ukraine

18.30 Panel 1 :

**Can the European Union develop its own foreing and security policy?**

Panelist:

**Javier Rupérez Rubio**, fomer ambassador of Spain to USA and former president of the Parliamentary Assemmby of NATO and former president of the Parliamentary Asambley of OSCE

**Nicolás de Pedro**, Senior fellow, The Institute for Statecraft, UK

**Andrew Smith Serrano**, lecturer and analyst of the Security International Centre for the Global Common Good and professor of European Security at Francisco de Vitoria University

**Pavo Barisic**, president of the International Paneuropean Union and former minister of education of Croatia

Moderator: **Ignacio Molina**, Senior Analyst at the Elcano Royal Institute and lecturer at the Department of Politics and International Relations at Autonomous University of Madrid

20:00 Reception

**Saturday march 29th.**

09:30 Panel 1

**From the paneuropean concept to the beginning of the european unification as a western european concept to the geopolitical dimension of EU**

Panelists:

**Josephine Staron**, president of Paneuropa Youth France, member of the Council of the Presidency of the International Paneuropean Union and director of Synopia

**Genc Pollo**, president of Paneuropa Albania, deputy prime minister (2008-2009) and minister of innovation, technology and communication (2009-2013).

Ruben García Servert,

**Florentino Portero**, presidente de Paneuropa España

**Walburga Habsburg Douglas**, vicepresident of the International Paneuropean Union and member of the Swedish Parliament (2006-2014).

Moderator: **Rainhard Kloucek**, president of Paneuropa Austria

11:00 coffee break

11:30 Panel 2

**Partners on the other side of the ocean - the future of transatlantic partnership and the partnership with latin America**

Panelists:

**Karl von Habsburg**, honorary president of Paneuropa Austria

**Solomon Passy**, minister of foreign affairs of Bulgaria (2001-2005), president and founder of the Atlantic Club Bulgaria

Paneuropa Spain,

**Arber Prenaj**, president of Paneuropa Kosovo

**Adolfo Ménéndez**, president of the Spanish Atlantic Association and secretary general of the Princess of Asturias Foundation

Moderator: **Carlos Uriarte Sánchez**, secretary general of Paneuropa Spain

13:00 Lunch break

14:30 Panel 3

**Europe, the continent of freedom, liberty, democracy, market economy and the rule of law**

Panelist:

**Rubén García-Servert**, Lieutenant General of the Spanish Air Force (r) and former Commander of NATOS' s Combined Air Operations Centre South

**Ricardo Ruíz de la Serna**, lecturer of history at CEU-San Pablo University

**Javier Morillas Gómez**, conselor of the Spanish Court of Auditors

Moderator: **Lupicinio Rodríguez**, president of Scevola Asociacion for Quality and Ethics in the Advocaty and CEO of Lupicinio International Law Firm

16:00 Coffee break

## 16:30 Panel 4

### Different geopolitical perspectives in Europe: how can we create paneuropean geopolitics in Europe?

Panelists:

**Gerardo Bugallo**, ambassador of Spain (r) to the Vatican State and to Ukraine

**Andrej Lepavcov**, president of Paneuropa Macedonia, former ambassador of North Macedonia to the EU and member of the Council of the Presidency of the International Paneuropean Union

**Gergana Passy**, president of Paneuropa Bulgaria, minister of European Affairs of Bulgaria (2007-2009), founder and president of Digital National Alliance of Bulgaria

**Ihor Zhaloba**, president of Paneuropa Ukraine and member of the Council of the Presidency of the International Paneuropean Union. Senior Research Fellow at the Institute of History of Ukraine, National Academy of Science of Ukraine

Moderator:

18:00 Final remarks and conclusions of the conference by Rainhard Kloucek, Carlos Uriarte Sánchez, Walburga von Habsburg Douglas and Pavo Barisic.

Cultural programme

Dinner: 20:30 horas

## Saturday march 30th

09.00 Holy Mass

10.00 Internal discussion on the Future of the defence and security in Europe

13.00 Lunch

15.00 End of conference



Universidad  
Rey Juan Carlos



Paneuropa España