



Minerva Research Initiative Virtual Policy Meetings – Fall 2021

October 12, 14, 19, 21, 26, and 28

Start time: 1:00 ET (10:00 PT)

NB: Held under the Chatham House Rule

Tuesday, October 12	Session I – Conference Opening & Lessons from Long Wars
Thursday, October 14	Session II – Logics of Deterrence
Tuesday, October 19	Session III – Asymmetric Competition
Thursday, October 21	Session IV – Frontier Technologies and Emerging Domains
Tuesday, October 26	Session V – Hegemonic Shifts in Global Power
Thursday, October 28	Session VI – Environment and Climate Risk & Conference Closing

Session Overview

Lessons from Long Wars: This session is not a reassessment of past long wars, but more aimed at using past long wars as heuristics to guide thinking about structural insights we may draw from these engagements, and apply to thinking about future engagements.

Logics of Deterrence: This session explores different domains of deterrence, especially in relation to great power efforts.

Asymmetric Competition: This session explores the challenges of irregular and unconventional warfare as well as possible approaches to those challenges.

Frontier Technologies and Emerging Domains: This session explores the role disruptive technologies may have on national security and social cohesion more broadly.

Hegemonic Shifts in Global Power: This session looks at changes to international order and our relation to it in a dynamic, as opposed to “maintaining-the-status-quo” way.

Environment and Climate Risk: This session focuses on the social and societal implications of climate and environmental risk, especially as they may influence DoD activities.