

8th AEGES Congress

Lille, 28-29-30 june 2027

Call for Thematic Panel Proposals

General presentation

The Association for War and Strategic Studies (AEGES) is organising the 8th edition of its biennial congress in Lille on 28, 29 and 30 June 2027. The congress will be hosted at Sciences Po Lille and co-organised in partnership with several research centres from the University of Lille and the Catholic University of Lille.

The AEGES congress provides a space for scientific exchange, networking, and discussion for researchers working on war and strategy, regardless of disciplinary background.

The programme will be built in two stages:

1. **Selection of thematic panels** (current call).
2. **Call for papers** (November–January), aimed at completing the selected panels.

Scientific objectives of the panels

Panels must articulate a clear research question capable of bringing together several papers around a coherent scientific theme. The scientific committee will pay particular attention to:

- the relevance of the theme for war and strategic studies, understood in a broad sense;
- the internal coherence of the panel and the strength of its research question;
- the ability to attract diverse contributions;
- disciplinary openness (history, political science, sociology, law, philosophy, geography, etc.);
- originality or contribution to contemporary debates;
- co-leadership by an early-career researcher.

Panel format

Each panel will be allocated one or two 2-hour time slots. Each slot may include 3 to 4 presentations. Presentations should not exceed 20 minutes, in order to preserve substantial time for discussion.

Panels may be held in French and/or English.

A written version of each presentation must be submitted no later than 11 June 2027 to allow for in-depth discussion.

Practical information

The congress will begin on Monday 28 June in the early afternoon and end on Wednesday 30 June in the mid-afternoon.

To facilitate the participation of early-career researchers, AEGES may provide financial support for travel and accommodation through a system of grants (upon application).

Timeline

Friday 16 October: deadline for panel proposal submissions

Late October: selection of proposals by the scientific committee

Monday 9 November: launch of the call for papers

Friday 15 January: deadline for paper proposals

Late January: selection of paper proposals by each panel convenor

Friday 11 June: deadline for submission of written papers

28–29–30 June: congress

Submission procedure

Thematic panel proposals must be sent in Word format before Friday 16 October to: congres@aeges.fr.

Each proposal must include:

- Name, affiliation, position, and email address of the panel convenor(s);
- Panel title;
- Five keywords;
- Scientific presentation of the panel, which will also serve as the basis for the subsequent call for papers (4,000 characters including spaces; in French and/or English);
- Short bio-bibliographical note of the panel convenor(s).

An acknowledgement of receipt will be sent systematically.

The scientific committee of the congress is composed of: Julien Ancelin, Anne Bazin, Elsa Bernard, Karima Bouaiss, Charlotte Escorne, Sonia Le Gouriellec, Sébastien Jakubowski, Sami Makki, Audrey Pietrzak-Gratadour, Adrien Schu, Charles Tenenbaum, and Mathias Thura.