

## XXIII COURSE

### “COURSE ON CURRENT SPANISH FOREIGN POLICY”

### (2025 EDITION)

#### **Presentación:**

The twenty-third edition of *Curso Sobre la Actualidad de la Política Exterior Española* aims to analyse and assess, from a double perspective, applied and academic, one of the major issues on the current foreign relations agenda of Spain and the European Union: the challenges of trade policy in a multipolar world.

The course has a dynamic structure based on round tables open to the participation of academics and diplomats, as well as those attending. It analyses Spanish and European foreign policy and the state of academic debate in relation to the opportunities but also the growing tensions and uncertainties regarding the future of the European Union's trade relations with Mercosur, the United States and Asia, from the perspective of Spain's economic interests. This is a highly topical issue marked by, among other events, the possible ratification of the Association Agreement between the EU and Mercosur, the prospect of the imposition of tariffs on the EU by the United States and the differences between the EU and China regarding the imposition of tariffs on electric vehicles from the latter.

#### **Calendar and Registration:**

Dates: 3 sessions, from 28 to 30 April 2025  
Time: 16:30h. – 18:15h.  
Place: Agustí Pedro i Pons Estate, Av. Vallvidrera 25, Barcelona  
Organisation: *CEI International Affairs and Diplomatic School - Ministry of Foreign Affairs, European Union and Cooperation*  
Price: Free of charge  
Places: Face-to-face: limited - Online: currently sold out  
Director: Dr. Gastón Medici-Colombo, Professor CEI International Affairs.

## PROGRAMME

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***\*\*Participants can register for the full course or for individual sessions. Please select your option on the registration form.***

### 28th April, Monday

16:30h. **Presentation.**

**Mr. Joaquim Llimona**, Director of CEI International Affairs.

**Dr. Gastón Medici-Colombo**, Course Director, Professor CEI International Affairs

**Mr. Xavier Martí Martí**, Undersecretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs,  
European Union and Cooperation.

16:50h. **Round table and debate: 'The future of trade relations between Spain and the European Union and MERCOSUR'.**

**Mr. José Luis García Galán**, Deputy Director General for MERCOSUR countries and Ibero-American Multilateral Organisations, at the Secretariat of State for Ibero-America and the Caribbean and Spanish in the World (SEPICEM).

**Dr. Anna Ayuso Pozo**, Senior Researcher for Latin America at the Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB), and Associate Professor at the Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI).

18h. **Coffee with the speakers.**

### 29 April, Tuesday

16:30h. **Round table and debate: 'The future of trade relations between Spain and the European Union and the United States during the second Trump administration'.**

**Mr Ricardo Sánchez-Blanco Codorniú**, Deputy Director General RELEX and EU Trade Affairs, State Secretariat for the European Union (SEUE).

**Dr. Patricia García-Duran Huet**, Associate Professor in the Department of Economic History, Institutions, Politics and World Economy, University of Barcelona (UB), and Associate Researcher at the Barcelona Centre for International Affairs (CIDOB).

18h. **Coffee with the speakers.**

**30 April, Wednesday**

**16:30h. Round table and debate: 'The future of Spanish and EU trade relations with Asia'.**

**Mr. Alejandro Salesa Cotaina**, Deputy Director General for Bilateral Economic Relations and Economic Diplomacy, Directorate General for Economic Diplomacy.

**Dr. Pablo Pareja Alcaraz**, Serra Húnter Professor of International Relations, Universitat Pompeu Fabra, and Co-Coordinator of the ERASMUS MUNDUS Master in Public Policy at the Institut Barcelona d'Estudis Internacionals (IBEI).

**18h. Coffee with the speakers.**