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**Panel 2: E-Diplomacy - How the digital age shape international and security affairs**

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Interconnectivity and the pervasion of digital technologies in the social, economic and political sphere lead to a constantly growing reliance on the internet as well as different information and communication technologies (ICTs). As communication technology has always been a key driver with a transformational impact on politics, especially in terms of international relations, this panel refers to these developments by focussing on a discussion on how and to which extent the diplomatic world is shaped by the digital age. Therefore, the current developments, often subsumed under the term E-Diplomacy shall be discussed in an open manner, to analyse effects on political communication and language as well as power relations. Therefore, the use of E-Diplomacy capacities and tools as a mode of observing the world comes into play, especially in terms of security policy developments. In this sense, a secure cyberspace and the interaction of different actors in cyberspace as a subject matter of diplomacy shall be discussed as well.

Therefore, the developments in this field shall be discussed by addressing the following topics:

- (1) Mapping the diplomatic landscape in the Digital Age: concepts and implementation approaches in a comparative perspective.
- (2) Digital diplomats and the rise of a new diplomatic tongue? Digital communication via social media.
- (3) E-Diplomacy as a changing mode of observation through the lens of the electronic eye:  
How the use of digital tools & smart grid technology shape security policy and diplomatic relations.
- (4) Cyber Security & Cyberspace as a diplomatic field.
- (5) E-Diplomacy beyond social media: Digitalization of bureaucracy.

**Paper Proposals:**

Since we have the possibility to integrate up to two more papers, we would like to invite you to submit paper proposals till the **14<sup>th</sup> of February (at noon)** by contacting the organizers Jasmin Siri and Madeleine Myatt via e-mail by submitting the following:

- Title (no more than 20 words)
- Abstract (no more than 250 words)
- E-Mail address of the author and – if applicable co-author. Please make sure you use the e-mail address which is registered in you MyECPR-Account.
- 3-5 key words