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6 JUNE 2025

10:00 – 12:00 /
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DISCUSSING THE GEOPOLITICS OF NUCLEAR ENERGY

A DAY OF ROUNDTABLES

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GeoNuFE
Critical Geopolitics of Nuclear Fuel Supply in Europe



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PROGRAM



9:30
AM

REGISTRATION



10:00
AM

OPENING

Virginie MANFRONI

R&I, Universities, Digital Advisor of Grand Est-Europe

Prof. Teva MEYER

Professor of Political Geography
Université de Haute-Alsace (France)

10:30
AM

FIRST SESSION

INNOVATIONS AND THE GEOPOLITICS OF
NUCLEAR POWER

Prof. Pami AALTO

Jean Monnet Professor in international relations
Tampere University (Finland)

Maxence CORDIEZ

Head of Nuclear Fuel Cycle (France)
HEXANA

Dr. Ulla Engelmann

EU Joint Research Center (JRC), Director

11:45
AM

LUNCH



PROGRAM



1:00
PM

SECOND SESSION

NUCLEAR GEOPOLITICS IN A NEW STRATEGIC
CONTEXT

Prof. Martin JIRUSEK

Associate Professor in international relations
Masaryk University (Czechia)

TBC
EDF

Thibaut CONSTANS

French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs

02:15
PM

BREAK



02:45
PM

THIRD SESSION

NUCLEAR FUEL AND THE GEOPOLITICS OF
NUCLEAR POWER

Darya DOLZIKOVA

Research Fellow in nuclear policies
Royal United Services Institute (UK)

Dr. Franco MICHEL-SENDIS

Nuclear Technology and Fuel Cycle Specialist
NEA

Pierre JOLY

Vice President Front End Strategic Marketing, Orano

04:00
PM

CONCLUDING REMARKS



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GeoNuFE is an ambitious five-year research project funded by the European Research Council (ERC).

It aims to critically analyze how the renewed interest in nuclear energy is reshaping global geopolitics, focusing on the strategic roles played by nuclear fuel, technology transfers, and international cooperation.

Moving beyond Western-centric perspectives, GeoNuFE investigates emerging nuclear players and examines how nuclear exports can be leveraged as instruments of geopolitical influence.