

ENTER WEEK

COST Action ENTER Week Half-Time Conference

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

18:00 – 19:30 (CEST) Public Event online

Working Group 4 – Round Table

“Partnerships in Crisis: The European Union’s Strategic Partnerships in a Turbulent World Arena”

This virtual round table is presented by Working Group 4 of the ENTER project, which is focused on changes and challenges in the EU’s key global relationships. Its starting point is the network of strategic partnerships established by the EU in the first fifteen years of the 21st century, which is often seen as one of the EU’s claims to global engagement and leverage. Despite the more or less formal agreements between the EU and its major international interlocutors, the evidence that this gives the EU global reach and diplomatic clout is patchy, and many of the key partnerships have been thrown into doubt by the development of successive international crises – most recently, those relating to the COVID pandemic and the retreat from Afghanistan. Contributors will focus on key EU strategic partnerships, including those with the United States, Brazil and China, and where appropriate on the broader nature of the EU’s strategic diplomacy. The discussion will draw upon work conducted for a recent volume: Laura C. Ferreira-Pereira and Michael Smith (eds) *The European Union’s Strategic Partnerships: global diplomacy in a contested world*. Palgrave Macmillan, 2021.

Speakers will include:

- **Michael Smith** (University of Warwick)
- **Laura Ferreira-Pereira** (University of Minho)
- **Andrew Cottey** (University College Cork)

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