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Call for Papers
Re-writing Security in Fractured Times

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We live in what many describe as an *age of fracture* (Rodgers 2011) or *emergency time* (Chakrabarty 2021), where the accelerating concatenation of wars, genocides, climate collapse, democratic erosion, and systemic inequality exposes the fragility of contemporary global order. The intertwined crises of capitalism (Fraser 2022), patriarchy (Tickner and True 2018), and environmental degradation (Dalby 2020; Clapp and Dauvergne 2011) reveal not merely geopolitical instability but deeper ontological ruptures in how security itself is imagined and enacted. This workshop, *Re-writing Security in Fractured Times*, takes these ruptures as a starting point to ask how security might be reconceptualised for a world that is no longer adequately explained—or protected—by the paradigms that once anchored it. To do so, the workshop aims to bring together scholars from political science, international relations, international law, environmental studies, anthropology, and cultural studies. Our aim is to rethink security beyond Western-Eurocentric, anthropocentric, and disciplinary boundaries by fostering dialogue between theoretical innovation and empirical inquiry.

Instead of paper submissions, participants are invited to nominate key publications for the thematic cluster they wish to join, accompanied by a brief justification of their relevance. These selections will shape four reading-group sessions during the workshop, through which participants will collectively map debates, identify conceptual and methodological crossovers, and develop a shared research plan which we will present at the wrap up roundtable. The workshop will be organised around four thematic clusters that invite participants to rethink both the conceptual foundations and methodological possibilities of security:

1. **Norms:** How are global security norms reshaped under conditions of prolonged crisis? What normative orders emerge from below—through solidarity, resistance, and care (Zarakol 2022; Robinson 2011)? Whose security is privileged and whose insecurity normalised (Barkawi & Laffey 2006), and what new forms of legitimacy emerge as existing regimes falter (Koskenniemi 2005)?
2. **Environment:** How do planetary transformations and changing ecological cycles reshape the referents and instruments of security? What does it mean to "secure" the environment in the age of anthropocene, and who benefits from emergent forms of green securitisation and sustainability (Brauch 2009; Burke et al. 2016; Swilling 2020)?
3. **Aesthetics:** How do artistic and visual practices render (in)security sensible, and how might aesthetic interventions challenge dominant imaginaries of threat and protection (Bleiker 2018; Lisle 2021)?
4. **Emotions:** How do fear, anxiety, and grief circulate as affective infrastructures of (in)security (Hutchison and Bleiker 2014; Ahmed 2014)? Can affective methodologies help us map the embodied and emotional dimensions of crisis?

Next steps: The workshop forms the foundation of a longer-term collaborative research programme, with follow-up meetings planned for Leiden (January 2027) and Kyoto (May 2027). These gatherings will culminate in a joint grant application and collective publication examining how security can be re-written for fractured times—both as an analytical framework and as an ethical practice of coexistence.