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Speaker: **Dr. Michael Cserkits**

Topic: ***European Endeavors in Northern Africa - A Strategic Assessment with the Case Example of Mali***

Date: **Thursday, April 22nd, 2021**

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## **ABOUT THE SPEAKER**

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## **ABOUT THE TALK**

In this presentation I will introduce the audience towards the political and strategic relevance of Northern Africa in the context of the EU Security Strategy 2003 and the revised EU Global Strategy 2016. After presenting the relevance of this area for Europe, I will briefly introduce the main European actors in Mali, where the EU Training Mission (EUTM Mali) is being deployed. Then I will show the transition of policy papers dealing with the subject of Mali from 2013 to 2018, where a shift can be traced from a discourse that initially sought to end crimes against humanity during the Tuareg uprising, but finally ended in a containment-policy that aimed in keeping migrants away of European shores.