Global and regional trends

The European Union’s key institutions held a joint conference on 28-29 November entitled ‘Global trends to 2030: Shaping the future in a fast-changing world’. The annual event was organised under the auspices of the European Strategy and Policy Analysis System (ESPAS), which is a framework for cooperation between the administrations of the European Parliament, the European Commission, Council of the European Union, European External Action Service and other bodies to work together on medium- and long-term trends facing or relating to the European Union.

This note brings together commentaries, analyses and studies by major international think tanks and research institutes on longer term trends – global and regional, with a focus on Europe. Some reports listed here were presented at the conference, some others can be found in the ESPAS repository of strategic studies, named Orbis.

Digital revolution

Global trends to 2030: The future of work and workplaces
European Political Strategy Centre, for the European Strategy and Policy Analysis System (ESPAS), November 2018

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Révolutions en orbite: L’espace au XXIème siècle
Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique, November 2018

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Institut français des relations internationales, November 2018

The future of jobs report 2018
World Economic Forum, September 2018

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Institut français des relations internationales, September 2018

The digital enterprise: Moving from experimentation to transformation
World Economic Forum, September 2018

The European answer to the digital revolution: How to ensure Europe’s competitive advantage?
Jacques Delors Institute, September 2018
The future of work: Robots cooking free lunches?
Wilfried Martens Centre, July 2018

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European Policy Centre, July 2018

No middle ground: Moving on from the crypto wars
European Council on Foreign Relations, July 2018

Living with uncertainty: Social implications of precarious work
TASC, April 2018

The Internet and jobs: Opportunities and ambiguous trends
Centre for European Policy Studies, February 2018

Stealing thunder: Cloud, IoT and 5G will change the strategic paradigm for protecting European commercial interests
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Global Trends to 2035: Economy and Society
Centre for European Policy Studies, for the European Parliamentary Research Service, November 2018

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What is globalization? And how has the global economy shaped the United States?
Peterson Institute for International Economics, November 2018

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Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale, November 2018

Are sound democratic and legal institutions necessary for growth?
Peterson Institute for International Economics, November 2018

The quality of democracy is declining in many industrialized states
Bertelsmann Stiftung, October 2018

Is globalisation dying?
European Centre for International Political Economy, October 2018

Migration and the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development
Oversees Development Institute, October 2018

Regime change? The European economy to 2030
Centre for European Reform, October 2018

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Institut français des relations internationales, October 2018
**A vision of Africa’s future**
Istituto per gli Studi di Politica Internazionale, October 2018

**New trends in identity politics in the Middle East and North Africa and their impact on state-society relations**
Barcelona Centre for International Affairs, October 2018

**Harnessing the fourth industrial revolution for water**
World Economic Forum, September 2018

**The future of international trade and investment**
European Political Strategy Centre, for the European Strategy and Policy Analysis System (ESPAS), September 2018

**The nature of democratic backsliding in Europe**
Carnegie Europe, July 2018

**In Eurasia new financial centers are in offing: Is Shanghai ready for prime-time?**
European Centre for International Political Economy, July 2018

**How the baby boomers’ retirement wave distorts model-based output gap estimates**
Kiel Institute for the World Economy, June 2018

**Africa’s future is urban: Implications for EU development policy and cooperation**
Overseas Development Institute, June 2018

**How the US lost: China’s growing foothold in Africa**
Cingendael, June 2018

**The digital revolution is transforming energy: Whether it slows climate change is up to policymakers**
Council on Foreign Relations, June 2018

**10 trends shaping innovation in the digital age**
European Political Strategy Centre, May 2018

**Digital Australia: An economic and trade agenda**
Brookings Institution, May 2018

**Can Europe save the world order?**
European Council on Foreign Relations, May 2018

**The future of Arctic cooperation in a changing strategic environment**
Rand Europe, May 2018

**The phase zero digital toolbox: Visualizing global security, state instability, climate change, and vulnerability of natural resources**
New America Foundation, May 2018

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