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### Research Topics

Transnational history of nuclear categories, Theory of international security, Intellectual history of defence and security issues in France, the UK, the US or among transnational communities

### Ongoing research

I am currently working on a transnational history of nuclear categories based on correspondence of early nuclear experts worldwide and on a project on the consequences of the so-called "Cuban Missile Crisis" worldwide (with Professor Carlo Patti) and I am completing essays on : - the legacy of Thomas C. Schelling in the nuclear realm ; - attitudes of EU citizens under 30 years old about nuclear weapons ; - US nuclear force structure modernization (with Dr Ryan Snyder). I am interested in supervising research on theory of international security, intellectual history of defence and security issues in France, the UK, the US or among transnational communities

### Teaching

Dilemmas of a nuclear-armed world, Sciences Po (licence) 2017 - present

Security in a Nuclear-Armed World, Ecole des affaires internationales (master) 2017 - present

### Languages

French

English

Spanish; Castilian

## Publications

### Books

Pelopidas, Benoît, Didier Chaudet and Florent Parmentier. 2009. *When Empire Meets Nationalism: Power Politics in the US and Russia*. updated and extended version with a new afterword. Aldershot: Ashgate Publishing.

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### Editorships

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Pelopidas, Benoît. 2008. "["Effective Multilateralism" in Non-proliferation Issues : a Comparative and Prospective Look at the EU Non-proliferation Policy](#)." In *Europe Facing Nuclear Weapons Challenges*, 181-202. Bruxelles: Éditions Bruylant.

## Articles in Peer-reviewed Journals

Feldmann, Magnus and Benoît Pelopidas. 2019. "[Moderation as Courage: The Legacy of Stanley Hoffmann as Scholar and Public Intellectual](#)." *La Revue Tocqueville: The Tocqueville Review* 39 (2): 77-91.

Pelopidas, Benoît. 2017. "[The unbearable lightness of luck: Three sources of overconfidence in the manageability of nuclear crises](#)." *European Journal of International Security* 2 (2): 240-262.

Pelopidas, Benoît. 2016. "[Nuclear Weapons Scholarship as a Case of Self-Censorship in Security Studies](#)." *Journal of Global Security Studies* 1 (4): 326-336.

Pelopidas, Benoît. 2015. "[Pour une histoire transnationale des catégories de la pensée nucléaire](#)." *Stratégie* 2015/1 (108): 109-121.

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Pelopidas, Benoît. 2012. "[Arrogance et catastrophe](#)." *Critique: a journal of socialist theory* no. 783-784:710-717.

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Pelopidas, Benoît. 2010. "[La prolifération est-elle inéluctable ?](#)" *Revue internationale et stratégique* no. 79:131-136.

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## Articles in Non Peer-reviewed Journals

Pelopidas, Benoît, Grey Anderson and Roberto Cantoni. 2017. "[Les enjeux nucléaires du prochain mandat présidentiel](#)." *Les Dossiers du CERI*.

## Interviews

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## Reports

Lewis, Patricia, Heather Williams, Benoît Pelopidas and Sasan Aghlani. 2014. *[Too Close for Comfort: Cases of Near Nuclear Use and Options for Policy](#)*. London: Chatham House - Royal Institute of International Affairs.

## Working Papers

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## Website Contributions

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