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★ FOREWORD

In 2023, as the war between Russia and Ukraine threatened to extend indefinitely, the world was surprised by Hamas' terrorist military incursion against Israel, unleashing a conflict in Gaza whose ramifications today extend to the Red Sea, compromising international maritime traffic.

The positive international news was the relative stabilisation of relations between the United States and China, following the meeting of Presidents Joe Biden and Xi Jinping in San Francisco (despite warnings about the inevitability of the annexation of Taiwan), and the agreement reached at COP28, which calls for progressively abandoning the use of fossil fuels. The decline in inflation at a global level could also be included.

Latin America had its own surprise with the triumph of libertarian Javier Milei, who became President of Argentina promising to fix and open the economy, thus ending a long Peronist cycle of clientelist statism. With shock policies in place, it will be a case to watch closely.

In turn, Nicolás Maduro's controversial regime created the conditions for an armed crisis in the

region by mounting a referendum to annex a large part of neighbouring Guyana, in further proof that declaring "zones of peace" is a futile exercise. The limits on the actions of irresponsible states must be clear. For now, the support of the United States for Georgetown and the mediation efforts of some countries seem to have served to calm the waters.

Organised crime, on the other hand, continued to flourish in all its manifestations, such as drug and human trafficking, illegal mining, kidnappings and other crimes, thus turning Latin American criminal organisations into some of the most powerful in the world.

In the case of Chile, 2023 was marked by a constitutional process that led to the rejection of a second proposed constitution, the 50th anniversary of the coup d'état (which did not exactly reduce polarisation), the lack of economic growth, and an increase in homicides with firearms.

All of these topics were addressed by AthenaLab through different activities, a summary of which is provided in this report.

Sincerely,



Juan Pablo Toro V.
Executive director of AthenaLab



The background of the image is a wide-angle aerial photograph of a city, likely Santiago, Chile. In the foreground, there are several modern residential buildings, some with green roofs. A prominent red brick building with a tall, thin tower is visible in the lower center. The city is set against a backdrop of numerous hills and mountains under a clear blue sky.

AthenaLab celebrated 5 years since its legal establishment on December 26, 2018. During this intense period, it has been true to its missions, which include contributing to the country's public policies, actively participating in an informed debate and supporting the cultivation of young people.

ACTIVITIES



This year, AthenaLab published five working documents, the preparation of which required visits to the northern border and the extreme south. Topics such as the war in Ukraine and the importance of controlling the ocean and its resources were also addressed. Of course, we launched our 4th annual survey – Perceptions on Foreign Policy and National Security, which this time included polls from Argentina, Bolivia and Peru. Finally, we republished Óscar Pinochet de la Barra's benchmark book “The Chilean Antarctica”, with the participation of Minister of Foreign Affairs Alberto van Klaveren.

As is tradition, we held our two training workshops in Jahuel, where dozens of young people were able to learn about security, defense and international relations, while becoming part of the AthenaLab alumni network. In addition, an Antarctic leadership seminar was held in conjunction with Universidad San Sebastián. In turn, a student from Universidad Alberto Hurtado joined us as an intern.

Members of the AthenaLab team also taught classes and gave talks at Pontificia Universidad Católica de Chile, Universidad Adolfo Ibáñez, Universidad de Chile, Pontificia Universidad Católica de Valparaíso, Universidad de los Andes, Academia de Guerra del Ejército, ANEPE, Escuela Militar, Academia de Guerra Naval, Georgetown University (United States) and UCEMA (Argentina).

In addition, AthenaLab specialists were consulted on various topics ranging from the war in Gaza to the expansion of organised crime, by media outlets such as El Mercurio, La Tercera, Diario Financiero, La Segunda, El Mercurio de Valparaíso, El Comercio de Lima, Estadão de São Paulo, El Líbero, El Mostrador, Ex-Ante, Radio Agricultura, La Clave, El Conquistador, T13, TVN, T13, Chilevisión, Mega, CNN Chile and CNN Internacional. Likewise, articles were published in specialised magazines such as Política Exterior (Spain), Diálogos (Brazil), and the RUSI website (United Kingdom). We thank all these press channels for contacting us.

In 2023, AthenaLab organised multiple in-person activities, including the seminars “Climate Change and Regional Security in Latin America” (with Columbia University); “Latin America and the European Union: a look at one another”, along with the Real Instituto Elcano and the Spanish Embassy in Chile; “Japan’s new strategic posture”, with the Embassy of Japan; “The Brazilian border protection model”, with the Brazilian Sovereignty and Climate Center; “Latin America versus Asia-Pacific/ Indo-Pacific: perspectives, narratives and opportunities”, with CEIUC and CEI-UCA; and “Chile against the advancement of illicit markets”, with the National Prosecutor’s Office.

We also conducted in-depth interviews with figures such as US strategist Edward Luttwak; Canadian historian Margaret MacMillan; former vice president and former head of the National Police of Colombia, general (ret) René Naranjo; Australian Army General (ret) and author Mick Ryan; general (ret) of the Spanish Army and member of Fundación Alternativas’ European Affairs panel, José Ayala; and Arturo Valenzuela, academic and former US government official.

In a new kind of activity, we convened a private screening of the film “Napoleon” by Ridley Scott, with historical commentary by AthenaLab.

In 2023, AthenaLab expanded its network with other think tanks (which already included the Real Instituto Elcano and the Royal United Services Institute, RUSI, in the United Kingdom), by signing a memorandum of understanding with the Soberanía e Clima centre of Brazil, with whom activities were immediately carried out. There was also active collaboration with institutions such as CEP, ICARE, Fundación Dignidad, Sernapesca and the Embassy of South Korea.

Internationally, AthenaLab members were speakers at the Center for a Secure Free Society (SFS) Conference in Washington, D.C.; RUSI Conference

on the United Kingdom and Latin America, in London; Schuman Security and Defense Forum of the European Union, in Brussels (where we were the only Latin American think tank); 1st International Conference on Sovereignty and Climate, in Brasilia; the 4th Ibero-American Congress of Naval Engineering, in Seville; and the Conference of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine on reform of the United Nations Security Council (online).

As guests, we attended the program “Building a Multi-layered Network of Japan Experts”, organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan; to

the First Sea Lord's Conference of the Royal Navy; and to the RUSI Land Warfare Conference.

Finally, at the AthenaLab offices we welcomed the ambassadors of Germany, New Zealand, China, the Kingdom of the Netherlands, South Africa, Spain, Singapore, Finland and Israel; representatives of Foreign Ministries and Governments of Canada, the United States, Japan and Taiwan; and parliamentarians, Constitutional Council members, Armed Forces officers, academics, researchers and economic analysts.

On behalf of AthenaLab's Board of Directors, Advisory Council and team, we thank everyone who has supported us in these 5 years, participating in our activities, reading our publications and contributing with their knowledge and friendship.

All for a free, prosperous and safe Chile.







★ LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS AND ACADEMIC ACTIVITIES



ATHENALAB ACADEMY: CONTEXT AND CHALLENGES OF THE INTERNATIONAL SYSTEM

EXHIBITOR	AthenaLab Team and guest professors
ORGANISER	AthenaLab
ATTENDANTS	Students between 20 and 30 years old from different careers, universities and regions of the country.
LOCATION	Termas de Jahuel
DATE	04 January 2023



INTERNATIONAL, NATIONAL AND OPERATIONAL SCENARIO AND THE CHALLENGES FOR THE USE OF THE LAND FORCE

EXHIBITOR	Marcelo Masalleras
ORGANISER	Military Academy
LOCATION	Military Academy
DATE	24 April 2023



SECURITY AND INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

EXHIBITOR	Juan Pablo Toro, John Griffiths, Marcelo Masalleras
ORGANISER	Center for International Studies UC (CEIUC)
LOCATION	Army War College at UC
DATE	23 May 2023



REGIONAL SECURITY CONTEXT

EXHIBITOR	Marcelo Masalleras
ORGANISER	National Academy of Political and Strategic Studies ANEPE
LOCATION	International Doctoral Seminar on Security and Defense ANEPE
DATE	06 July 2023



ATHENALAB ACADEMY: UNDERSTANDING SECURITY

EXHIBITOR	AthenaLab team and guest professors
ORGANISER	AthenaLab
ATTENDANTS	Students between 20 and 30 years old from different careers, universities and regions of the country.
LOCATION	Termas de Jahuel
DATE	10 July 2023



THE ROLE OF THE INDO-PACIFIC NARRATIVE

EXHIBITOR	Juan Pablo Toro
ORGANISER	“International Relations in Asia” Program of the IEI Winter School of the University of Chile
LOCATION	Institute of International Studies of the University of Chile (IEI)
DATE	23 July 2023



LEADERSHIP SEMINAR: WHY ANTARCTICA?

EXHIBITOR	John Griffiths, Julio Leiva
ORGANISER	AthenaLab and San Sebastián University (USS)
LOCATION	AthenaLab and San Sebastián University (USS)
DATE	30 August 2023



MARITIME MANAGEMENT AND LEADERSHIP COURSE: ORGANISED CRIME

EXHIBITOR	Pilar Lizana
ORGANISER	Naval Academy (ACANAV)
LOCATION	ACANAV (Viña del Mar)
DATE	28 November 2023

★ RELEASED PUBLICATIONS



★ FIELD WORK



PARTICIPANTS	AthenaLab team
LOCATION	Punta Arenas, Puerto Williams and Tierra del Fuego
DATE	23 March 2023



PARTICIPANTS	AthenaLab team and crew members
LOCATION	South Ice Field (Chilean Patagonia)
DATE	25 October 2023

★ SEMINARS



PARTICIPANTS

Scientists, diplomats, military personnel, decision makers and political scientists from Argentina, Brazil, Chile, USA, France, United Kingdom and Uruguay.

COORGANISERS

Columbia Global Centers | Santiago and the Arnold A. Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies at Columbia University

LOCATION

PUCV Extension Center

DATE

08 March 2023



PARTICIPANTS

Undersecretary of International Relations Gloria de la Fuente, Ambassador of Spain Rafael Garranzo, Carolina Valdivia, Carlos Malamud, David Gallagher and more

COORGANISERS

AthenaLab, the Elcano Royal Institute, the Spanish Embassy and the European Delegation in Chile

LOCATION

Adolfo Ibáñez University

DATE

03 May 2023



JAPAN'S NEW STRATEGIC POSTURE

SPEAKERS Senior officers of the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Forces, authorities, and members of the Chilean Navy

COORGANISERS Embassy of Japan in Chile

LOCATION Valparaíso

DATE 20 July 2023



LATIN AMERICA VERSUS ASIA-PACIFIC/INDO-PACIFIC PERSPECTIVES, NARRATIVES AND OPPORTUNITIES

SPEAKERS Brendon J. Cannon, Liz Hutchinson, Evan Medeiros and others

COORGANISERS CEIUC, CEI-UCA

LOCATION Pontifical Central House Catholic University of Chile

DATE 05 October 2023



★ FORUMS



PARTICIPANTS	Juan Pablo Toro Meetings with the EU High Representative for Foreign and Security Policy, Josep Borrell, and the Minister of Defense, Maya Fernández and others
LOCATION	Brussels (EU)
DATE	21 March 2023

★ TRAVELS



MEETING WITH JAPANESE AUTHORITIES

ACTIVITY	Meeting with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Japanese Self-Defense Forces
ORGANISER	Japanese Ministry of Foreign Affairs
PARTICIPANT	Juan Pablo Toro
LOCATION	Japan

FIRST SEA LORD SEA POWER CONFERENCE 2023

ACTIVITY	Conferences with relevant naval leaders
ORGANISER	Council on Geostrategy
PARTICIPANT	Ignacio Mardones
LOCATION	Lancaster House, London (UK)

FUTURE MARITIME LEADERS LABORATORY ORGANISED AT KING'S COLLEGE LONDON

ACTIVITY	Conferences and panels with international naval authorities and experts.
ORGANISER	King's College London
PARTICIPANT	Juan Pablo Toro
LOCATION	King's College, London (UK)

DATE 17 May 2023

★ PARTICIPATION IN NATIONAL CONFERENCES



PUBLIC SECURITY AND ORGANISED CRIME (CESCRO PRESENTATION)

ACTIVITY	Workshop
EXHIBITOR	Pilar Lizana
ORGANISER	Center for action and prevention in Public Security and Organised Crime Studies in Chile (CESCRO)
LOCATION	San Sebastian University
DATE	04 January 2023



SECURITY CONTEXT IN CHILE

ACTIVITY	Workshop
EXHIBITOR	Pilar Lizana
ORGANISER	Federation of Chilean Industry (SOFOFA)
LOCATION	SOFOFA
DATE	08 March 2023



RULES FOR THE USE OF FORCE

ACTIVITY	Seminar/conference
EXHIBITOR	John Griffiths
ORGANISER	Senate Defense Committee
LOCATION	Senate
DATE	30 May 2023



MEETING OF CIVIL SOCIETY WITH THE UNITED NATIONS COUNTER-TERRORISM COMMITTEE, DURING ITS VISIT TO CHILE

ACTIVITY	Seminar/conference
EXHIBITOR	Juan Pablo Toro
ORGANISER	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile
LOCATION	United Nations in Chile
DATE	08 June 2023



THE ROLE OF THE ARMED FORCES IN PUBLIC SECURITY: WHAT IS THE LIMIT?

ACTIVITY	Seminar/conference
EXHIBITOR	John Griffiths
ORGANISERS	USS Law School
LOCATION	San Sebastian University
DATE	14 June 2023



CONSTITUTIONAL EXCEPTION SITUATIONS, LEGAL COVERAGE AND CHAIN OF COMMAND; STATE SECURITY ARCHITECTURE; AND INCLUSION OF TRICONTINENTAL LIMITS OF CHILE AND EXCLUSIVE ECONOMIC ZONES (EEZ).

ACTIVITY	Constitutional Committee
EXHIBITOR	Juan Pablo Toro
ORGANISERS	Constitutional Committee
LOCATION	De Los Andes University and streaming
DATE	01 July 2023



IMPACT OF THE PRIVATE MILITARY COMPANY WAGNER MUTINY IN THE CONTEXT OF THE RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR

ACTIVITY	Seminar/conference
EXHIBITOR	John Griffiths, Carolina Valdivia
ORGANISERS	Center for Public Studies (CEP)
LOCATION	Center for Public Studies (CEP)
DATE	11 July 2023



CHILE'S NATIONAL SECURITY CHALLENGES AND THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE UKRAINIAN WAR

ACTIVITY	Seminar/conference
EXHIBITOR	John Griffiths
ORGANISERS	4 th Army Division in Coyhaique
LOCATION	4 th Army Division in Coyhaique
DATE	04 August 2023



EFFECTIVE STRATEGIES FOR BORDER CONTROL

ACTIVITY	Panel
EXHIBITOR	Pilar Lizana
ORGANISERS	FISA
LOCATION	Security FairExpo 2023
DATE	07 November 2023



SECURITY CRISIS AFFECTING THE COUNTRY

ACTIVITY	Seminar/conference
EXHIBITOR	Pilar Lizana
ORGANISERS	Prisons Committee of the Chamber of Deputies
LOCATION	Prisons Committee of the Chamber of Deputies
DATE	21 November 2023



ROLE OF CHILE IN THE INDO-PACIFIC, WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF THE DISCUSSION "POLICIES OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA"

ACTIVITY	Panel
EXHIBITOR	Juan Pablo Toro
ORGANISERS	South Korean Embassy
LOCATION	Plaza Santiago Hotel
DATE	11 November 2023



ORGANISED CRIME AND ILLEGAL FISHING NETWORKS

ACTIVITY	Seminar/conference
EXHIBITOR	Pilar Lizana
ORGANISERS	SERNAPESCA
LOCATION	SERNAPESCA
DATE	29 November 2023

★ PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES



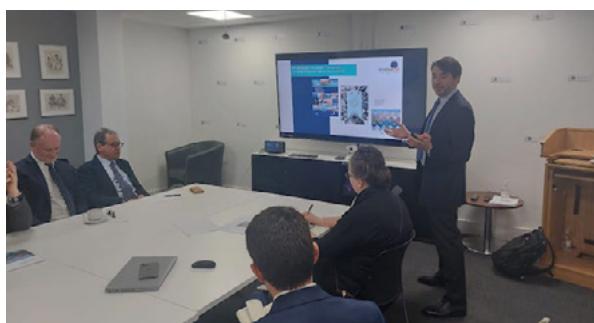
SECURITY IN LATIN AMERICA

ACTIVITY	RUSI Latin American Security Conference
PARTICIPANTS	John Griffiths, Juan Pablo Toro
ORGANISERS	Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)
LOCATION	RUSI (London)
DATE	19 January 2023



THREATS FROM EXTRA-REGIONAL ACTORS

ACTIVITY	Western Hemisphere Security Forum
PARTICIPANT	John Griffiths
ORGANISERS	Center for a Secure Free Society
LOCATION	RUSI (London)
DATE	27 January 2023



FINDINGS OF THE 4TH SURVEY OF PERCEPTIONS ON FOREIGN POLICY AND NATIONAL SECURITY

ACTIVITY	Presentation of the 4 th Survey of Perceptions on Foreign Policy and National Security
SPEAKER	Juan Pablo Toro
ORGANISERS	Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), AthenaLab
LOCATION	RUSI (London)
DATE	18 April 2023



EVALUATING COLOMBIA'S TOTAL PEACE STRATEGY

ACTIVITY	Webinar
PARTICIPANT	Juan Pablo Toro
ORGANISERS	Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)
LOCATION	RUSI (online)

DATE 23 May 2023



SECURITY SITUATION IN CHILE

ACTIVITY	Presentation before MEPs of the Constitutional Affairs Committee of the European Parliament
PARTICIPANT	Juan Pablo Toro
ORGANISERS	European Parliament
LOCATION	European Parliament
DATE	20 June 2023



LESSONS FROM THE WAR IN UKRAINE FOR ALLIED COUNTRIES

ACTIVITY	Land Warfare Conference 2023
PARTICIPANT	John Griffiths
ORGANISERS	Center for a Secure Free Society
LOCATION	RUSI (London)
DATE	26 June 2023



CHALLENGES OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND THEIR IMPLICATIONS FOR SECURITY

ACTIVITY	1 st International Conference on Sovereignty and Climate 2023
PARTICIPANT	Juan Pablo Toro
ORGANISERS	Center of Sovereignty and Climate, Brazil
LOCATION	Brazilian Sovereignty and Climate Center, Brasilia
DATE	27 June 2023



GEOPOLITICAL SITUATION AND ITS IMPACT ON THE NAVAL DEFENSE INDUSTRY IN LATIN AMERICA

ACTIVITY	IV Ibero-American Congress of Naval Engineering in Seville
PARTICIPANT	Julio Leiva
ORGANISERS	Pan American Institute of Naval Engineering in conjunction with the Ghenova chair of the University of La Coruña
LOCATION	Sevilla Spain
DATE	05 October 2023



THE URGENT REFORM OF THE UNITED NATIONS SECURITY COUNCIL

ACTIVITY	Video conference organised by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine
PARTICIPANT	Juan Pablo Toro
ORGANISERS	Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine
LOCATION	On-line
DATE	20 October 2023

País tricontinental ¿Marítimo?

Diego Portales: "Chile debe dominar para siempre en el Pacífico"

Juan Pablo Toro

CHILE'S NAVAL POLICY IN THE CURRENT CONTEXT OF INTERNATIONAL TRANSFORMATION

ACTIVITY	Webinar "Chile: Indo-Pacific Horizon"
SPEAKER	Juan Pablo Toro
ORGANISERS	University of the Center for Macroeconomic Studies of Argentina (CEMA)
LOCATION	On-line
DATE	27 October 2023

★ INTERVIEWS



VISION ON SECURITY IN CHILE AND LATIN AMERICA

GUEST General (R) Óscar Naranjo
(Colombia)
LOCATION On-line
DATE 15 June 2023



CONFLICTO RUSIA-UCRANIA

GUEST General (R) José de Ayala (Spain)
LOCATION On-line
DATE 28 June 2023



COMMENTS ON HIS LAST BOOK "WHITE SUN WAR" (CHINA-TAIWAN)

GUEST Army General (R) Mick Ryan
(Australia)
LOCATION On-line
DATE 04 July 2023



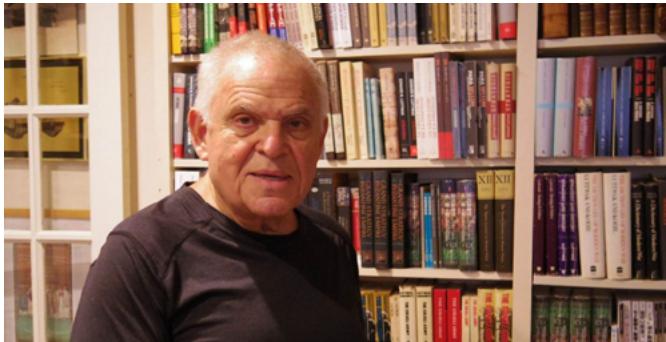
RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICA, THE CURRENT SITUATION IN THE REGION AND THE COUNTRY'S CHALLENGES

GUEST	Arturo Valenzuela (prominent Chilean-American diplomat and academic)
LOCATION	On-line
DATE	24 August 2023



VISION ON CURRENT CONFLICTS

GUEST	Margaret MacMillan (Canada)
LOCATION	On-line
DATE	14 November 2023

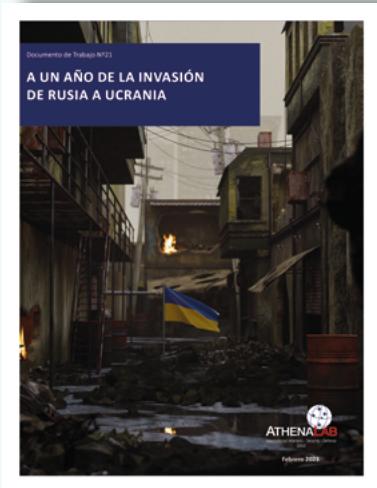


KEY POINTS ON ISRAEL'S MILITARY INNOVATION

GUEST	Edward Luttwak (US)
LOCATION	On-line
DATE	04 December 2023

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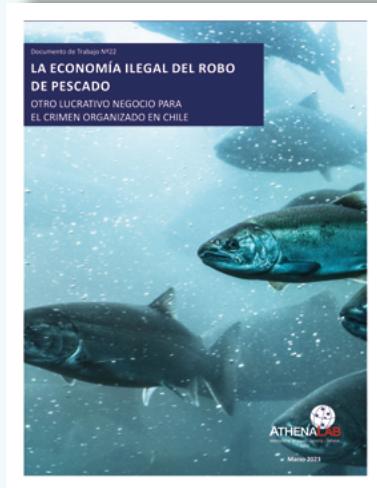
★ WORKING DOCUMENTS



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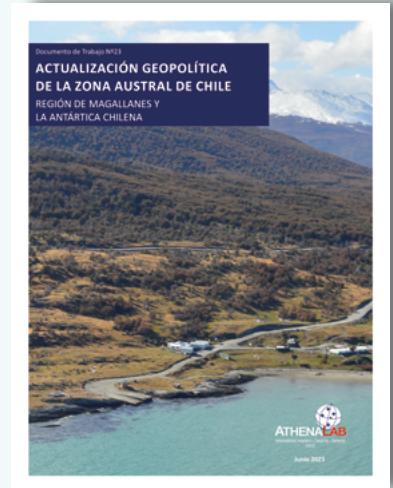
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Pilar Lizana

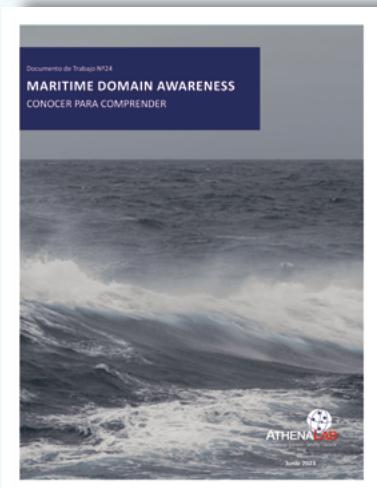
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GEOPOLITICAL UPDATE OF THE SOUTHERN ZONE OF CHILE:
MAGALLANES REGION AND CHILEAN ANTARCTICA**

John Griffiths, Marcelo Masalleras

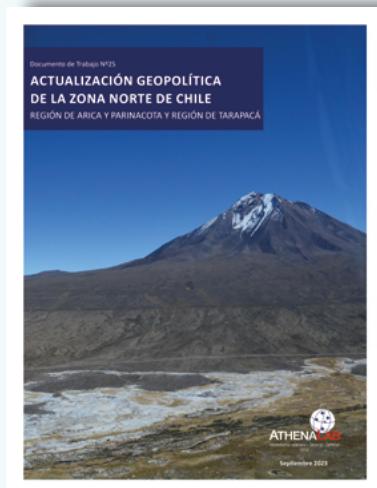
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KNOWING TO UNDERSTAND**

Ignacio Mardones

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**WORKING DOCUMENT N°25
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John Griffiths, Marcelo Masalleras

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RULES OF ENGAGEMENT AND RULES OF THE USE OF FORCE

John Griffiths

11/05/23



ROLE OF THE STATE AND SECURITY

John Griffiths

17/05/23



MISSION OF THE ARMED FORCES IN STATES OF CONSTITUTIONAL EXCEPTION

John Griffiths

23/05/23



NAVAL DIPLOMACY

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31/05/23



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Juan Pablo Toro

07/06/23

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4TH SURVEY OF PERCEPTIONS ON
FOREIGN POLICY AND INTERNA-
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CARABINEROS PER INHABITANT:
A COMPARISON BETWEEN CHILE
AND THE INTERNATIONAL
CONTEXT

Constanza Araos

20/06/23

★ ARTICLES IN INTERNATIONAL MAGAZINE



CLIMATE CHANGE, SECURITY
AND DEFENSE IN CHILE: A
PENDING TASK (SPECIAL EDITION
OF THE MAGAZINE "DIÁLOGOS"
OF THE SOBERANIA E CLIMA
CENTER OF BRAZIL: "CLIMATIC
CHANGES: CHALLENGES FOR
SECURITY AND DEVELOPMENT")

Juan Pablo Toro

08/08/23

NATIONAL MEDIA

★ COLUMNS

During 2023 AthenaLab published 97 columns. They were written by Pilar Lizana (34), Richard Kouyoumdjian (31), Juan Pablo Toro (21), John Griffiths (2), Teodoro Ribera (2) Marcelo Masalleras (1), Alberto Soto (1), Francisco Orrego (1) and Ignacio Mardones (1). Others co-authored by John Griffiths and Julio Leiva (2) and John Griffiths and Marcelo Masalleras (1).



★ INTERVIEWS



BRENDON CANNON

13/10/23 El Mercurio

"We are in a moment of extreme risk in the Indo-Pacific"



CHARLES POWELL

02/05/23 El Mercurio

"In Europe there is a lot of urgency regarding not losing the Global South"



CONSTANZA ARAOS

25/05/23 Emol

AthenaLab researcher is consulted by Emol on crime regarding recent homicides

15/06/23 Emol

Attacks on infrastructure in Valparaíso

25/07/23 Emol

Sophistication of criminals: The numbers and the growing challenges for the police



JEREMY MCDERMOTT

03/12/23 El Mercurio

"Once organised crime is established, it spreads like a cancer"

04/12/23 Emol

"Drug trafficking is trying to create criminal infrastructure in Chile"



JOSÉ RODRÍGUEZ ELIZONDO

21/01/23 El Mostrador Institutional crisis in Peru

John Griffiths, experto en seguridad y defensa, sobre el rol de las FF.AA. en la frontera norte:

"Marco de uso de la fuerza es restrictivo e insuficiente"

Foto: Agencia EFE

INTERVIEW
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JOHN GRIFFITHS

22/02/23	LUN	Putin's defiant speech suspending the nuclear disarmament agreement with the US
28/02/23	Radio Duna	Deployment of the Armed Forces on the northern border
01/03/23	Ex-Ante	Role of the Armed Forces in the Northern Border
05/03/23	El Mercurio de Valparaíso	The role of the Armed Forces on the northern border
09/07/23	T13	War in Ukraine
12/10/23	T13	Israel-Hamas conflict
12/10/23	Radio El Conquistador	Israel-Hamas conflict
12/10/23	Radio Infinita	Israel situation
20/10/23	Radio Duna	Strategy in the Middle East war
30/11/23	Radio El Conquistador	International current affairs

Juan Pablo Toro y papel de FF.AA. en Infraestructura crítica:
"Lo que se ve de fondo es que hay una idea de hacer normal lo excepcional"

"Cuando las FF.AA. se involucran en aspectos de seguridad interna, más bien estás ante un problema de seguridad nacional", señala el experto en temas de Defensa.

Por Mario Contreras @

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"Por favor no me hables de la fuerza armada, necesitas irte al parqueo".
Algunas de las reflexiones de diversos diputados chilenos sobre el rol de las Fuerzas Armadas en la seguridad interior han sido motivo de indignación. Pero no solo es cuestión de dignidad. Tampoco es cuestión de respeto. Es más bien cuestión de responsabilidad del comandante en jefe del Ejército, general de división Raúl Cáceres, quien en su rol de ministro de Defensa, es el encargado de informar y coordinar con las autoridades civiles y el sector público y privado las estrategias para la protección de la población civil. "No te voy a decir que las FF.AA. no tienen que cumplir con su función constitucional, o que no tienen que cumplir con su función de garantizar la paz social", dice Cáceres. "Pero lo que sí te diré es que no tienen que cumplir con esa función en la medida en que no sea necesario".



JUAN PABLO TORO

09/01/23	TVN- 24 Horas	Arrest of the "Chapo" Guzmán's son
07/01/23	Radio Bio Bio	The Latin American left
19/01/23	Emol	Maras in Chile
20/01/23	Emol	First Capital Command (organised crime)
20/01/23	La Segunda	Role of the Armed Forces in critical infrastructure
15/02/23	Radio Duna	Appearance of balloons (unidentified objects) in North America
21/02/23	Diario Financiero	The relevance of the Indo-Pacific
24/07/23	Emol	The extremes are deflating: What the elections in Spain leave and the possible simile with Chile for the next elections
06/08/23	El Líbero	Iranian drones for Bolivia
17/10/23	Radio Agricultura	New president of Ecuador



MARCELO MASALLERAS

13/04/23	T13	Chinese military exercises around Taiwan
12/10/23	Ex-Ante	Conflict in the Middle East
25/10/23	Radio Pauta	Conflict in Israel and Palestine
16/11/23	CNN Chile	The truce between Hamas and Israel
01/12/23	CNN Chile	Truce between Hamas and Israel
27/12/23	Radio Duna	Houthi attacks in the Red Sea



PILAR LIZANA

20/01/23	TVN- 24 Horas	Maras in Chile
30/01/23	Radio Futuro	Military in public security
10/02/23	Radio ADN	Increase in homicides in Chile
17/02/23	Radio ADN	Changes in crime, the increase in the homicide rate, in the most violent ways of committing crimes
17/02/23	La Tercera	In 2022 Chile reached the highest rate of homicides, rapes and illegal possession of weapons in the decade
20/03/23	Emol TV	Security situation of the country
23/03/23	Radio La Clave	Drug trafficking
12/04/23	Radio Duna	Rules of the use of force
21/08/23	Emol	Drug trafficking and security: "What happened in Ecuador is a super important alert for Chile"
19/10/23	Emol	Rise in kidnappings in Chile
13/11/23	TVN	Increase in kidnappings in Chile
13/11/23	CNN Chile	Increase in kidnappings in Chile
15/11/23	CNN Chile	Security in the country
16/11/23	Emol	Express kidnapping in Argentina

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RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR

Historias del Futuro

John Griffiths

15/02/23



WHAT ARE EUROPEAN LEADERS
LOOKING FOR IN LATIN AMERICA
(AND CHILE)?

La Tercera

John Griffiths

24/05/23



WHAT IS AT STAKE AT THE NATO
SUMMIT?

La Tercera

Juan Pablo Toro

12/07/23



RUSSIA-UKRAINE CONFLICT

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John Griffiths

13/07/23



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John Griffiths

13/10/23



SITUATION IN THE GAZA STRIP
AND THE WAR BETWEEN ISRAEL
AND THE HAMAS GROUP

Radio El Conquistador de Rancagua

John Griffiths

17/10/23

★ LETTERS

Crimen organizado versus Estado desorganizado

SEÑOR DIRECTOR:
Chile hoy está en presencia de un grave problema de seguridad regional, vecinal y local –desencadenado, principalmente, por el accionar de organizaciones criminales y narcotráfico–, que se ha intensificado sobre todo. La crisis social evidencia su desaceleración notable a que

ORGANISED CRIME VERSUS DISORGANISED STATE

La Tercera

John Griffiths

30/01/23

Hasta la guerra tiene reglas

Señor Director:

El ataque de Hamas me recuerda las incursiones de los bárbaros en las que el objetivo era matar, aniquilar y secuestrar,

EVEN WAR HAS RULES

El Mercurio

Richard Kouyoumdjian

10/10/23

FF.AA. en la frontera
SEÑOR DIRECTOR:

A propósito del decreto que considera el accionar de las Fuerzas Armadas en frontera, es relevante destacar -nuevamente- que las funciones de control de identidad, registro y detención son propias de instituciones de seguridad pública y no de defensa. Que las FF.AA. asuman estos roles implica reconocer que las

ARMED FORCES ON THE BORDER

La Tercera

Pilar Lizana

27/02/23

MACROZONA SUR: TIEMPO DE UN CAMBIO DE ENFOQUE

SEÑOR DIRECTOR:

El país se encuentra en medio de una crisis de seguridad, cuya manifestación más relevante –aparte de la zona nor-

SOUTHERN MACROZONE: TIMES OF A CHANGE OF FOCUS

La Tercera

John Griffiths

12/05/23

LATERCERA

CARTAS

12 de Octubre de 2023

LA ANTÁRTICA EN EL PROYECTO CONSTITUCIONAL

SEÑOR DIRECTOR:
El Comité Consultivo Antártico ha propuesto que: "En el Territorio Antártico Chileno el gobierno y administración ejerzan en conformidad a las leyes vigentes respectivas y a los tratados..." restringiendo el ejercicio de la soberanía chilena en ese territorio a lo establecido en los respectivos tratados de gobernanza administrativa, derogando los artículos del Código Orgánico de Tribunales relativos a la administración de las tierras antárticas chilenas.

Tales inadvertencias de la propuesta debilitan la individualidad del territorio nacional como elemento constitutivo, y, en consecuencia, insostenible, del Estado chileno. La soberanía chilena en el Territorio Chileno Antártico, siendo una soberanía plena para todos los efectos legales, no solo comprende los límites establecidos en 1940, sino que también, todos los espacios marítimos adyacentes que le corresponden conforme al Derecho Interna-

ANTARCTICA IN THE CONSTITUTIONAL PROJECT

La Tercera

Julio Leiva

12/10/23

★ PANELS



SECURITY CRISIS IN CHILE

MEDIA Radio La Clave
PARTICIPANT Pilar Lizana
DATE 06/04/2023



DEBATE ABOUT SECURITY

MEDIA El Mostrador
PARTICIPANT Richard Kouyoumdjian
DATE 13/04/2023



NARCO CULTURE V/S SOCIAL FABRIC

MEDIA Base Pública
PARTICIPANT Pilar Lizana
DATE 13/04/2023

★ MEDIA REPORTS / MENTIONS



ALARMING STATISTICS! 1 IN 4 MURDERS REMAINS UNSOLVED

MEDIA Chilevisión
 PARTICIPANT Pilar Lizana
 DATE 15/02/2023



RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR

MEDIA T13
 PARTICIPANT John Griffiths
 DATE 16/02/2023

Débil presencia del Estado, crimen organizado y tomas ilegales: Los riesgos y amenazas que enfrenta la macrozona norte

Un reciente estudio de AthenaLab exploró las regiones de Arica y Parinacota y Tarapacá, para dar proponer una visión geopolítica de la zona que se ha convertido, en los últimos años, en foco de inseguridad.

10 de Octubre de 2023 | 08:00 | Redactado por Daniela Toro, Emol



WEAK PRESENCE OF THE STATE, ORGANISED CRIME AND ILLEGAL SEIZURES: THE RISKS AND THREATS FACED BY THE NORTHERN MACROZONE

MEDIA Emol
 PARTICIPANT AthenaLab
 DATE 10/10/2023

INTERNATIONAL MEDIA



★ INTERVIEWS



JUAN PABLO TORO

06/01/23	Diálogo Magazine of the United States Southern Command	Exponaval in Chile
18/04/23	NTN24	Visit of the Russian Foreign Minister through Latam



PILAR LIZANA

18/01/23	Bloomberg	Copper theft
06/08/23	InsightCrime	Aragua Train (organised crime)
29/09/23	DW Español	How has this criminal gang born in Venezuela expanded throughout Latin America?
04/10/23	The World	What is behind the seizure of Venezuela's most-notorious prison?
02/11/23	InsightCrime	Deterioration of security in northern Chile

★ PODCASTS



GLOBAL SECURITY BRIEFING

THE NEW GEOPOLITICS OF THE ANTARCTIC

Global Security Briefing (RUSI)

John Griffiths

25/01/23



GLOBAL SECURITY BRIEFING

A YEAR OF RUSSIA'S WAR IN UKRAINE

Global Security Briefing (RUSI)

John Griffiths

22/02/23



TheWorld

CHILE IS DEPLOYING THE ARMY TO THE BORDER TO HALT ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION

The World

Pilar Lizana

14/03/23

★ MEDIA ARTICLES / MENTIONS

Qué está en juego para los países latinoamericanos al apoyar a Rusia o Ucrania en la guerra

Fernanda Paúl
BBC News Mundo

4 abril 2023



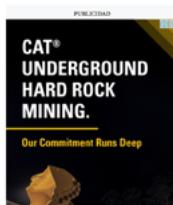
LATINOAMÉRICA / Noticias

Combate al narcotráfico es prioridad de la política exterior para la opinión pública en Argentina, Bolivia, Chile y Perú

Según el estudio, la segunda prioridad para Argentina, Perú y Bolivia está en atraer empresas de tecnología, mientras que para Chile recae en regular la migración. A su vez, los cuatro países no se ven como grandes socios entre ellos.

- > ¿El tiro por la culata?: Por qué pese al Brexit y otras medidas el Reino Unido recibe una cifra récord de migrantes
- > ¿Quiénes son los 7 precandidatos republicanos, cómo van en las encuestas y quiénes competirán con Biden?

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WHAT IS AT STAKE FOR LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES WHEN SUPPORTING RUSSIA OR UKRAINE, BBC MUNDO CONSULTED ATHENALAB

MEDIA	BBC Mundo
PARTICIPANT	AthenaLab team
DATE	04/04/2023

FIGHTING DRUG TRAFFICKING IS A FOREIGN POLICY PRIORITY FOR PUBLIC OPINION IN ARGENTINA, BOLIVIA, CHILE AND PERU (ATHENALAB SURVEY PREVIEW)

MEDIA	El Comercio (Perú)
PARTICIPANT	AthenaLab
DATE	28/05/2023

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14/11/23

VISITS, ALLIANCES AND MORE

★ VISITS / MEETINGS



TECHNOLOGY AND RESOURCES IN A GEOPOLITICAL KEY

POSITION / INSTITUTION	Vice president corporate foresight of the German company Bosch
PARTICIPANT	Andrej Heinke
LOCATION	AthenaLab
DATE	13 January 2023



RUSSIA-UKRAINE WAR AND ITS GLOBAL PROJECTIONS

POSITION / INSTITUTION	Director of International Studies at the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)
PARTICIPANT	Neil Melvin
LOCATION	AthenaLab
DATE	13 January 2023



ANTARCTIC TRENDS AND THEMES

POSITION / INSTITUTION	Defense Concepts and Doctrine Center of the United Kingdom Ministry of Defense
PARTICIPANT	UK Ministry of Defense delegation
LOCATION	AthenaLab
DATE	13 March 2023



ORGANISED CRIME AND ILLICIT ECONOMIES

POSITION / INSTITUTION	Center for Financial Crime and Security Studies at the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI)
PARTICIPANT	Delegation
LOCATION	AthenaLab
DATE	14 March 2023



BILATERAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS

POSITION / INSTITUTION	Director for Latin America of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Netherlands, Yvette van Eechoud, Ambassador Carmen Gonsalves and Minister Counselor Lisette den Breems
PARTICIPANT	Netherlands Embassy Delegation
LOCATION	AthenaLab
DATE	18 April 2023



CHILE AND TAIWAN: PARTNERS IN A CHANGING WORLD

POSITION / INSTITUTION	Taipei Economic and Cultural Office
PARTICIPANT	Dr. Emilio Kwo-wei Kung and Dr. Ming-min Yang
LOCATION	AthenaLab
DATE	19 April 2023



DIFFERENT INSTANCES OF COOPERATION TO BRING OUR COUNTRIES CLOSER TOGETHER

POSITION / INSTITUTION	South African Ambassador to Chile
PARTICIPANT	George Monyemangene
LOCATION	AthenaLab
DATE	21 June 2023



COOPERATION OPPORTUNITIES AND REALITIES OF CHILE AND SOUTH AFRICA.

POSITION / INSTITUTION	Deputy Foreign Minister of South Africa
PARTICIPANT	Alvin Botes
LOCATION	South African Embassy in Chile
DATE	22 July 2023



JOINT PROJECTS BETWEEN TWO AMERICAN DEMOCRACIES WITH 200 YEARS OF BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP (CHILE AND THE US)

POSITION / INSTITUTION	United States Embassy in Chile led by the Counselor for Political and Economic Affairs, Mariju Bofill
PARTICIPANT	US Embassy Delegation
LOCATION	AthenaLab
DATE	26 August 2023



PUBLIC SECURITY ISSUES AFFECTING CHILE AND EXPLORING POSSIBILITIES FOR COOPERATION

POSITION / INSTITUTION	US Senate Advisors
PARTICIPANT	Advisors to the Foreign Relations Committee of the US Senate
LOCATION	AthenaLab
DATE	27 August 2023



CONTACT, PROJECTS AND CURRENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION

POSITION / INSTITUTION	Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Chile
PARTICIPANT	Ambassador Niu Qingbao and delegation
LOCATION	AthenaLab
DATE	28 August 2023



BILATERAL AND REGIONAL ISSUES

POSITION / INSTITUTION	Singapore Ambassador to Chile
PARTICIPANT	Ambassador Chong Siak Ching and delegation
LOCATION	AthenaLab
DATE	23 November 2023



BILATERAL AND REGIONAL AFFAIRS

POSITION /
INSTITUTION

Alejandro Bustos, senior policy advisor of the Privy Council Office of the Government of Canada, and Melissa Cardinal, political advisor of the Canadian Embassy.

PARTICIPANT

Canadian Embassy Delegation

LOCATION

AthenaLab

DATE

27 November 2023



MEETING CALLED BY MINISTER ALBERTO VAN KLAVEREN, TO REVIEW THE MILESTONES OF 2023 AND PROJECT THE NEXT YEAR.

POSITION /
INSTITUTION

Executive Director AthenaLab as member of the Foreign Policy Advisory Council of the Foreign Ministry

PARTICIPANT

Juan Pablo Toro

LOCATION

Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Chile

DATE

22 December 2023

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**MOU SIGNING BETWEEN ATHENALAB AND THE SOVEREIGNTY AND
CLIMATE CHANGE CENTER OF BRAZIL, DURING THE VISIT TO CHILE
OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE BOARD,
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25/08/23

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