The International Conference on Confronting the Privatization of War and Security, held in Barcelona on November 22nd-23rd 2018, aimed to discuss the increasing role of private military and security companies (PMSCs) in armed conflicts, challenges, impacts and strategies to ensure human security. The conference took place at the Universitat de Barcelona, Edifici Històric, Aula Capella, Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 585.

**Date and Time:**
- **November 22nd, 2018:** Open sessions from 9:00h to 18:30h
- **November 23rd, 2018:** Closed sessions from 9:30h to 16:30h

**Venue:** Universitat de Barcelona, Edifici Històric, Aula Capella, Gran Via de les Corts Catalanes, 585

**Agenda:**
- **Session I:** The Phenomenon of Privatization of War and Security - State of the Art, Challenges and Limitations.
  - Mr. Mark Suhail Samander, Corporate Policy and Research Analyst at Al-Haq, Palestine

- **Session II:** The Increasing Role of Private Military and Security Companies in Homeland Security Contexts.
  - Ms. Leticia Barrios, Shock Monitor Coordinator and member of NOVACT

- **Session III:** The Complicity of PMSCs in the Plundering of Natural Resources in Western Sahara
  - Mr. Javier Martin-Arroyo, Journalist at Agencia EFE

- **Session IV:** Strategies and Alternatives to Confront the Privatization of War and Security and Ensure Human Security
  - Ms. Estela Casajuana, Independent Researcher at Profundo

**Goals of the Conference:**
- To establish an international platform for joint research, public awareness, and effective advocacy to ensure human security.
- To build a new narrative on public security based on the exercise of fundamental rights and freedoms.
- To advance legal and political implications of outsourcing military and security services.

**Objectives:**
- To foster an international platform for joint research, public awareness, and effective advocacy to ensure human security.
- To launch European Networks to monitor and advocate for the control of transnational companies.
- To discuss the impact of the security-industrial complex on the internal security policy of the European Union.

**Speakers:**
- Mr. Mark Suhail Samander, Corporate Policy and Research Analyst at Al-Haq, Palestine
- Mr. John Andrew Carter Jr and Mr. Carlos Díaz Bodoque, Researchers at Shock Monitor and members of NOVACT
- Ms. Leticia Barrios, Shock Monitor Coordinator and member of NOVACT
- Ms. Estela Casajuana, Independent Researcher at Profundo
- Dr. Helena Torroja, Professor of Public International law at University of Barcelona and Center of International Studies
- Mr. Krmanj Othman, Senior Legal Advisor, Independent Commission for Human Rights, Iraqi Kurdistan
- Mr. Javier Martin-Arroyo, Journalist at Agencia EFE

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