

4th edition**CIDOB-Fundació Banc Sabadell Dialogues****November, 20th 2024, 15.00h - 17.00h***Venue:* Jordi Maragall Room, CIDOB. Elisabets 12, 08001 Barcelona*Organised by:* CIDOB with the support of Fundació Banc Sabadell

The Banc Sabadell Foundation and CIDOB (Barcelona Centre for International Affairs) have launched the Global Talent Programme, to promote quality research by young researchers through a paid research stay at CIDOB and two awards for applied research. On November 20th, 2024, the winners of the fourth edition of the Global Talent Awards will present their research within the framework of the CIDOB-Banc Sabadell Foundation Dialogues, which will be held at CIDOB's headquarters in Barcelona in a closed-door seminar with researchers and experts in the award-winning subjects.

On this occasion, the Dialogues will deal with two topics related to new geopolitical dynamics. The two awardees will present their research and experts in the field will follow up with a discussion on the main findings, their relevance and implications. The first dialogue will analyse the role of the EU as mediator and peacemaker in Sub-Saharan Africa, specifically in the conflicts in Tigray (Ethiopia) and Sudan. The second dialogue will examine the relationship between China and Russia in the Middle East and its implications for their strategic partnership.

15.00 – 15.30 **Welcome and awards ceremony****Pol Morillas**, director, CIDOB**Sònia Mulero**, director, Fundació Banc Sabadell**Antoni Sastre Bel**, first Talent Global Award**Giorgia Piovesan**, second Talent Global Award**Adrià Sedó i Sabater**, honourable mention Talent Global Award*Brief intervention of:***Patrizia Cogo**, winner of the Junior Visiting Fellowship**CIDOB-Fundació Banc Sabadell Dialogues**15.30 – 16.15 ***“Is the EU a suitable peace-maker? Exploring the EU polyhedral mediation in Sub-Saharan Africa”*****Antoni Sastre Bel**, first Talent Global Award*Reactions:***Pol Bargués**, senior researcher, CIDOB**Oscar Mateos**, professor, Universitat Ramon Llull; associate researcher, CIDOB16.15 – 17.00 ***“Sino-Russian relationship. Insights from the Middle East”*****Giorgia Piovesan**, second Talent Global Award*Reactions:***Inés Arco**, researcher, CIDOB