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Law, Politics, and Geopolitics in the Era of Hybrid Security.

Yves Lacoste (1929-2026)

In the era of *hybrid warfare* – or, to use its conceptual «opposite», «hybrid peace» (in the apt phrase coined by Gastone Breccia) – hybrid security threats have assumed a central role, to the point of making security itself hybrid in nature, in a context where informational, cognitive, symbolic, and anthropological elements are no less important than the material or infrastructural dimension exposed to sources of risk. The fact that law increasingly presents itself not, or not merely, as a neutral space for the management of disputes, but as an arena – *lawfare* – of strategic confrontation between States, stems largely from the hybrid reconfiguration of a need that, moreover, lies at the very foundation of the legal phenomenon. This transformation also affects «security policies», which are called upon to reinterpret, in light of new geopolitical and philosophical coordinates, the «security culture» that inspires them, while maintaining an increasingly problematic balance with the demands for freedom inherent in modern democracies.

We accept the invitation of a great scholar of geography and geopolitics, such as Yves Lacoste, *to think* – philosophically – about *space*: geographical space, but also the «mental» or spiritual space of a community, a people, or a nation, so as to be able to structure the spaces of democratic security, which is today being tested by multiple and unprecedented threats.

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