CIDOB Future Leaders Forum
Global Techno-politics: Technology, the next global order and the role of the EU
Friday, 13th November 2020, ONLINE
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The first edition of the CIDOB Future Leaders Forum is conceived as a space for dialogue between future leaders in a certain area of expertise. This initiative, organised by CIDOB with the support of Banco Santander, brings together 35 different voices in order to debate and exchange ideas and discuss relevant issues of the international agenda, connecting them with relevant social, economic and political actors from Spain and Europe. It also recognises the potential and consolidated voices in this year’s topic. Within the framework of this Forum, CIDOB and Banco Santander will also present the first edition of their “35 under 35 List”, which acknowledges the work of 35 potential and consolidated minds of 35 or less years of age.

The topic of this year’s edition is: Global Techno-politics: Technology, the next global order and the role of the EU. The international liberal order seems today at stake, facing multiple challenges. The technological and digital fields are only two among those affected. Yet, due to their growing importance for the world in the next half century, the matter on how new technologies are incorporated into our social and political realities becomes decisive. What will be the relation between technology and digitalization processes and the global political and economic orders? Would multilateralism, economic openness or democratic governance be sacrificed for the sake of technological revolutions? Will illiberalism hold the upper hand in the digitalisation of the world?

Friday, 13th November 2020, 10h – 11h

Welcome remarks
Pol Morillas, Director, CIDOB
Cecilia Yuste Rojas, Institutional Affairs Director, Banco Santander

Presentation of the CIDOB Future Leaders Forum and the 35 under 35 List
Pol Morillas, Director, CIDOB

Input statements
Carme Artigas, Secretary of State for Digitalization and Artificial Intelligence, Government of Spain (videotaped intervention)
Cristina Colom, Director, Digital Future Society

Networking discussion among the members of the 35 under 35 List (via Teams)