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Andreas Østhagen and Murilo Gomes da Costa win the 2nd edition of the FLAD Atlantic Security Award

The projects by researchers Andreas Østhagen and Murilo Gomes da Costa, on security cooperation between the Arctic and the North Atlantic, and defense cooperation in the South Atlantic, respectively, were the winners of the second edition of the FLAD Atlantic Security Award.

The researchers took part in the IV Seminar of the Atlantic Centre, which took place between October 17 and 21, and presented, at the National Defense Institute, the projects they will develop during the year 2023.

"Linking security debates in the Arctic and North Atlantic" is the title of Andreas Østhagen's project, which addresses the issue of security governance between the Arctic and Atlantic oceans, focusing on the geopolitical and security dimension. The project's high scientific rigor, reveals the jury, may contribute to the creation of networks that support a "whole-of-Atlantic" security vision and instigate debate on how to understand security developments in the Arctic and North Atlantic.

The second winning project, entitled "The Potential of Defense Cooperation in the South Atlantic: A comparative analysis of cooperation initiatives offered by European extra-regional powers and Brazil", focuses attention on defense matters in Latin America, but also on the African continent, in the context of developing a link between the South Atlantic and the North Atlantic. Due to its originality, the jury believes that this project may contribute to advance knowledge about defense cooperation in the Atlantic.

The FLAD Atlantic Security Award, established by the Atlantic Centre in partnership with the Luso-American Development Foundation and the National Defense Institute, annually recognizes two research projects that contribute to knowledge about security and defense in the Atlantic region.