



THE RIGA GRADUATE SCHOOL OF LAW / THE NATIONAL LIBRARY OF LATVIA
10 – 12 October 2019

PROGRAMME

Thursday, 10 October, Riga Graduate School of Law

- 12.00 – 13.00 Registration
13.00 – 13.15 Welcoming remarks by **Mr Toms Baumanis**, Chairman of the Board, the Latvian Transatlantic Organisation and **Ms Elisabeth Bauer**, Head of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung office for the Baltic States and Nordic Countries

Same Threats, Different Responses: Security in European Style

Back in the days of the Cold War Transatlantic security was a common endeavour, yet now when members of transatlantic community are facing same threats, they are responding differently. What is the European security formula for this decade, and will it provide necessary stability and protection to European societies and contribute to overall Transatlantic security? Will Joint European Security Responsiveness be enhanced? How the visionates of the European Army are planning to realise their vision? And most importantly Can the multi-dimensional approach of the contemporary European Security suppress the ways of old, and redefine the concept of Security as a whole?

- 13.15 – 14.45 **Ms Elisabeth Bauer**, Head of the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung office for the Baltic States and Nordic Countries, Germany
Opening discussion **Mr Andis Kudors**, Lecturer at University of Latvia, Former Executive Director of the Centre for East European Policy Studies, Latvia

Moderator: **Mr Vlad Vernygora**, Lecturer in International Relations, Department of Law, Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia

- 14.45 – 15.15 Coffee break

Improving NATO: A Toolkit for a Modern Alliance

As the tides change, a captain must change the course of the ship accordingly, and as the Security Issues have evolved into a complex web that covers many types of threats, NATO is expected to improve to be responsive towards the security issues of our day. Will the Alliance be able to adapt to the new and complex world of defence and overcome the challenges presented towards its role as the cornerstone of the European and Global Security? Can the Alliance empower its existing bridges and extend into new cooperation to evolve into a modern Alliance?

- 15.15 – 16.45 **Mr Paul King**, Programme Officer, Public Diplomacy Division, NATO
Panel discussion **Dr. Joe Burton**, Marie Curie Research Fellow at the Universite libre de Bruxelles, Belgium
Prof. Dr. Julian Lindley-French, Senior Fellow, Institute for Statecraft, London; Director, Europa Analytica, Netherlands; Distinguished Visiting Research Fellow, National Defense University, Washington DC; Fellow, Canadian Global Affairs Institute; Chair & Founder of The Alphen Group

Moderator: **Dr. Žaneta Ozoliņa**, Vice Chairman of the Latvian Transatlantic Organisation, Professor of the Department of Political Science, University of Latvia

- 16.45 – 17.15 Coffee break

Society: From Consumer to Contributor of Security

As the globe evolves, the term "Security" is being redefined as well. The Security does not stand in the borders with the soldiers, or roam the streets with the law enforcement, it has become a constant part of our daily life and we have been consuming Security provided by the organisations or the individuals who contribute to it, with every picture we share and every information we tweet. Are the existent efforts sufficient to ensure a secure life in today's world? What can a citizen do to contribute to the Security of his/her own and the society? How can the security-providers and policymakers of today and tomorrow persuade and teach the individuals from being a consumer to be a contributor of Security?

17.15 – 18.45
Panel
discussion

Dr. Balkan Devlen, Professor at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark
Mr Mārtiņš Hiršs, Associate Scholar, Center for European Policy Analysis, Latvia
Mr Maxime Lebrun, Acting Director, Department of Political and Strategic Studies at the Baltic Defence College, Estonia

Moderator: **Ms Jil Dougherty**, Member of the Council on Foreign Relations and the World Affairs Council

19.00 – 21.00
Dinner

Venue: Restaurant Visums, Alberta street 13

Friday, October 11, Riga Graduate School of Law

13.00 – 15.00 Working group sessions
15.00 – 16.00 Lunch break
16.00 – 17.20 Working group sessions
17.20 – 17.50 Coffee break
17.50 – 19.15 Presentations and discussions
19.45 – 21.15 Dinner
The National Library of Latvia
21.15 – 22.45 Night Owl Sessions
Joining the Riga Conference 2019

DESCRIPTION OF THE WORKING SESSIONS

WORKING GROUP #1: Same Threats, Different Responses: Security In European Style

These days, the wars are fought on many fronts, and a decisive victory lies behind orchestrating different strategies into a 'harmony'. Knowing about a high number of threats detected on the ground and in the cyberspace, can the leaders of tomorrow determine the main challenger the EU is facing and then clearly outline the main strategies to overcome those challenges? What would be the framework for the job be successfully done in?

Moderator: **Mr Vlad Vernygora**, Lecturer in International Relations, Department of Law, Tallinn University of Technology, Estonia

WORKING GROUP #2: Improving NATO: A Toolkit for a Modern Alliance

Adaptation is what defines the future of a species, this is more applicable for humans more than it has ever been as our life is dependent on adaptation to a constantly changing globe. As NATO tries to overcome the threats and challenges of the Modern Era, Can the future policymakers adapt into the mindset to resolve the issues of today, and make a base for easier solution for the emerging threats?

Moderator: **Mr Otto Tabuns**, Director at the Baltic Security Foundation, Latvia

WORKING GROUP #3: Society: From Consumer to Contributor of Security

Proverb goes as if everyone were to sweep front of their doors, all streets would be clean. Yet even though the social statecraft expects assistance from the public, Security and matters of such essence are seen as a responsibility of those with a title. Is it the title or is it the contribution? Can the leaders of tomorrow be our best chance of changing the society from a consumer position to a contributor of Security? How can the youth of today and leaders of tomorrow transform themselves and those around them to be contributors of security?

Moderator: **Ms Sigita Struberga**, Lecturer at the University of Latvia