

RIGA SECURITY FORUM 2019

13 SEPTEMBER 2019

Spīķeri Concert Hall, 3 Ģenerāļa Radziņa, Rīga

Event manager: **Mr. Ali Aslan**, international TV presenter and journalist

08.00 – 09.00: Registration | Piano accompaniment by **Mr. Aigars Paulis**

9.00 – 9.20: Opening and keynote address

- **Mr. Andris Sprūds**, Director of the Latvian Institute of International Affairs
- **H.E. Mr. Egils Levits**, President of the Republic of Latvia

9.20 – 10.30: **Opening high-level quartet: 15 of 70: NATO and the Baltic States**

The panel will discuss the accomplishments and challenges that NATO has faced since its foundation, as well as the last 15 years of the Baltic States being a part of the alliance. The panelists will forecast the future role of NATO and the role of the Baltic States in the alliance in years to come. How can NATO adapt to a changing security environment characterized by China's rise, the fragmentation of allies, and hybridization?

- **Mr. James Appathurai**, Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs and Security Policy, Special Representative for Central Asia and the Caucasus, NATO
- **Mr. Heinrich Brauss**, former Assistant Secretary General for Defence Policy and Planning, NATO, Senior Associate Fellow, DGAP
- **Mr. Tomasz Szatkowski**, Poland's Representative to NATO, former Deputy Defence Minister
- **Mr. Valdis Zatlers**, President of Latvia from 2007 to 2011

Moderator: **Mr. Ali Aslan**, international TV presenter and journalist

10.30 – 10.50: Coffee break | Piano accompaniment by **Mr. Aigars Paulis**

10.50 – 11.40: **Global discussion: Transforming Security Governance**

The panel will highlight the emerging security challenges surrounding global security governance. In a world where state borders are perishing and international arms-control deals and crucial climate agreements are breaking down, how can we deal with new, fast-emerging challenges? How can we increase our ability to adapt to a multi-faceted world and to geopolitical challenges? How can we prepare the globe for non-traditional security challenges?

- **Mr. Ian Anthony**, Director of the European Security Programme, Stockholm International Peace Research Institute
- **Ms. Kristīne Bērziņa**, Senior Fellow in the Alliance for Securing Democracy, German Marshall Fund of the United States
- **Ms. Long Jing**, Deputy Director of the Center for European Studies of the Shanghai Institutes for International Studies
- **Mr. Jānis Sārts**, Director at the NATO Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence

Moderator: **Ms. Elizabete Vizgunova**, Researcher at the Latvian Institute of International Affairs

11.45 – 12.40: **Regional discussion: Baltic (In)Defense Ability?**

Small countries, such as Estonia, Latvia, and Lithuania, are often uncertain in their attitudes towards their security. Security is indivisible and must be cultivated in a spirit of close regional cooperation. Today, alongside long-lasting development processes, we secure our national sovereignty and regional stability while making our contribution to global security as well. But what are the biggest defense challenges for the Baltics and how can they be dealt with? What are our capabilities within the alliance and how can we strengthen them?

- **Mr. Jānis Kažociņš**, National Security Adviser to the President of Latvia, Secretary of the National Security Council
- **Mr. Henning Riecke**, Head of the Transatlantic Relations Program, DGAP
- **Mr. Sven Sakkov**, Director at the International Centre for Defence and Security, ICDS

Moderator: **Mr. Māris Andžāns**, Senior Researcher at the Latvian Institute of International Affairs

12.40 – 13.40: Buffet lunch | Piano accompaniment by **Mr. Aigars Paulis**

13.40 – 14.30: **Debate on NATO and Russia**

We have gone from deterring the Soviet Union to cooperating with Russia and then back to deterring Russia again – what should we expect tomorrow? The discussion, taking the form of a 2:2 expert duel-debate, will present the motivations and arguments of both parties. To conclude the discussion, the forum's visitors will vote for the arguments of both parties. In this way, the informal debate will objectively reflect the strength of each argument in the context of NATO-Russia relationships.

- **Mr. Sergey Markedonov**, Leading Researcher of the Euro-Atlantic Security Center at the MGIMO Institute for International Studies
- **Mr. Wolfgang Richter**, Senior Associate at the German Institute for International and Security Affairs, SWP
- **Mr. James Sherr**, Senior Fellow, Estonian Foreign Policy Institute/ICDS | Associate Fellow, Russia and Eurasia Programme, Chatham House
- **Mr. Viljar Veebel**, Researcher at the Baltic Defence College

Moderators:

Mr. Peer Krumrey, Director of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in the Baltic States

Mr. Andris Sprūds, Director of the Latvian Institute of International Affairs

14.35 – 15.30: **Transatlantic discussion: Transatlantic (In)Security Link: A Partnership in Flux?**

Cartoonist, illustrator, animator **Mr. Gatis Šjūka**

From the very beginning the EU and the U.S. have tended to disagree on many matters. Nevertheless, U.S. policymakers have long regarded both NATO and the EU as crucial to maintaining peace and stability in Europe. Will the transatlantic partnership endure the challenges of today? Can the EU continue relying on U.S. security guarantees? Will trade and investment ties continue to bind together the two sides of the Atlantic? And, ultimately, what is the defense environment that both sides can agree on protecting and under what conditions?

- **Ms. Deborah A. McCarthy**, Visiting Fellow at the Finnish Institute of Foreign Affairs; former U.S. Ambassador to Lithuania
- **Mr. Christian Mölling**, Research Director at DGAP
- **Mr. Eric Povel**, Programme Officer, Afghanistan, Belgium, Germany, The Netherlands, Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania, NATO Public Diplomacy Division
- **Ms. Patrycja Sasnal**, Head of Research, Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM)

Moderator: H.E. Mr. Kevin Rex, Ambassador of Canada to Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania

15:30-15:45: Concluding remarks by partners

- Mr. Peer Krumrey, Director of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in the Baltic States
- H.E. Ms. Monika Michaliszyn, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Poland to the Republic of Latvia
- H.E. Mr. Kevin Rex, Ambassador of Canada to Latvia, Estonia, and Lithuania

15.45 – 16.30: Networking with wine and snacks | Piano accompaniment by Mr. Aigars Paulis

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