



MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
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DANISH MINISTRY OF DEFENCE

The Future International System

Towards a more fluid (dis)order with competing economic systems?

Venue: Bella Sky Conference Center

Concept: The conference will discuss scenarios for the future international system outlined in a report – **Danish Security and Defence towards 2022** – which the Danish Security Policy Analysis Group will to the Danish Government on October 3rd 2022. An English version of the report will be available to participants shortly and will serve as the key background document for the conference whose agenda will include the following issues:

- The global system and institutions – a rapidly shifting balance of power, intensified great power competitions and weaker global institutions, UN, WTO, etc.
- Will strategic autonomy be open or will it lead to economic de-coupling?
- The European Security Architecture after the Russian invasion of Ukraine.
- Continued challenges from the Global South
- How will NATO adapt in the coming years?
- How will the EU adapt as a geopolitical player?
- Perspectives for increased Nordic security and defence cooperation after Finnish and Swedish membership of NATO and the lifting of the Danish defence opt-out in the EU.

The Conference will begin at 9:30 and end at 16:00. At 16:00 there will be a reception for participants.

Draft Program

09:00: Registration and coffee

Session One: European Security in a Global Perspective

Moderator's Welcome to the Conference and Introduction to Session One, **Henrik Ø. Breitenbauch (Dean at Royal Danish Defence College)**

The New International (Dis)order: **Michael Zilmer-Johns (Ambassador)**

Asian Aspirations: Views of China and other Asian Powers on the Evolving New World Order: **Bilahari Kausikan (Former Permanent Secretary of the MFA Singapore)**

The European Security Architecture after Russia's War on Ukraine: **Mikkel Vedby Rasmussen (Dean at the Faculty of Social Science, University of Copenhagen)**

Challenges from the Global South and the European response. **Florence Gaub (Foresight Advisor at the Council of the European Union)**

Panel discussion and moderated Q&A.

11:15 Coffee break

11:30: Group Discussions Session One

Group A: How do Asian powers see the emerging new world order?

Introduction and facilitator: **Camilla Tenna Nørup Sørensen (Associate Professor at the Royal Danish Defence College)**

Discussants: **Roger Weissinger-Baylon** (Chairman and founder of Center for Strategic Decision Research), **Charlotte Flindt Pedersen** (TBC, Managing Director of Danish Foreign Policy Society)

Group B: Russia after the war on Ukraine

Introduction and facilitator: **Flemming Splidsboel Hansen** (Senior Researcher at Danish Institute for International Studies)

Discussants: **Claus Mathiesen** (TBC, Lecturer at Danish Royal Defence College), **Stefanie Babst** (Former NATO Deputy Assistant Secretary-General), **Niels Bo Poulsen** (TBC, Director Department of Military History and War Studies · Royal Danish Defence College), **Jørgen Staun** (TBC, Associate Professor at The Royal Danish Defence College)

Group C: How to deal with the challenges from weak and fragile states in an age of great power competition?

Introduction and facilitator: **Birgitte Qvist-Sørensen** (General Secretary of DanChurchAid)

Discussants: **Poul Engberg-Pedersen** (TBC, Former Director-General at Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation and Senior Specialist at the World Bank), **Mikkel Vedby Rasmussen** (Dean at the Faculty of Social Science, University of Copenhagen), **Michael Lollesgaard** (TBC, Lieutenant General)

12:30: Hosted Lunch

Session Two: International Frameworks for Denmark's Security

Moderator's Introduction to Session Two: **Michael Zilmer-Johns (Ambassador)**

NATO after Madrid and the US pivot to Asia: **Henrik Ø. Breitenbauch (Dean at Royal Danish Defence college)**

Will the EU finally become a geopolitical actor? **Jeppe Tranholm-Mikkelsen (Permanent Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs)**

Which role for a Rearmed Germany in European and Global Security? **Stefanie Babst (Former NATO Deputy Assistant Secretary-General)**

A new role for the Nordics after Finnish and Swedish NATO membership: **(TBC)**

How will the changing global and European order impact Danish Security? **Kristian Søbyst Kristensen** (Director of Centre for Military Studies)

14:45: Coffee break

15:00: Group discussions Session Two

Group A: What will the US and Europe expect from the new NATO after the Madrid Summit?

Introduction and facilitator: **Kristian Fischer** (Director at Danish Institute for International Studies)

Discussants: **Mikkel Vedby Rasmussen** (Dean at the Faculty of Social Science, University of Copenhagen), **Roger Weissinger-Baylon** (Chairman and founder of Center for Strategic Decision Research), **Per Pugholm Olsen** (TBC, Lieutenant General)

Group B: Where will the Strategic Compass lead the EU Common Security and Defence Policy in a 10 to 15 year perspective?

Introduction and facilitator: **Cecilie Felicia Stokholm Banke** (Head of Research Unit Foreign Policy and Diplomacy at Danish Institute for International Studies)

Discussants: **Mikkel Runge Olesen** (TBC, Senior Researcher at Danish Institute for International Studies), **Stefanie Babst** (Former NATO Deputy Assistant Secretary-General)

Group C: The potential for enhanced Nordic security and military co-operation when Finland and Sweden joins NATO and Denmark has lifted its reservation on EU defence co-operation.

Introduction and facilitator. **Kristian Søbyst Kristensen** (Director of Centre for Military Studies)

Discussants **Niels Wang** (TBC, Rear Admiral), **Niels Bo Poulsen** (TBC, Director Department of Military History and War Studies · Royal Danish Defence College), **Jørgen Staun** (TBC, Associate Professor at The Royal Danish Defence College)

15:50 Wrap-up and Reception