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15 Years with NATO: Achievements and Future Threats #BalticNATO15

Friday (2019 10 04)

10:00 - 12:00 Arrivals. Participants will arrive at Vilnius airport and Vilnius bus station and transfer to the Hotel.

12:30 - 13:30 Excursion. Participants will visit the Parliament of the Republic of Lithuania and will have a guided tour.

13:30 - 14:30 Roundtable discussion: What role do Baltic and other Western states have in westernising Eastern Partnership states? **Speakers:** MEP and ex-prime minister Andrius Kubilius

14:30 - 15:00 Transfer. Participants will have time to transfer to the next venue (Vilnius University Institute of International Relations and Political Science).

15:00 - 16:00 Lunch. Participants will have lunch in “Grill London” (Vokiečių st. 9)

16:00 - 17:00 Introductory workshop briefings. Lecturers will deliver 20 minute briefings concerning the workshop topic.

- **Speaker:** PhD candidate Institute of International Relations and Political Science Neringa Bladaitė
Topic: *Intro to small states security theory.*
- **Speaker:** Associate professor, Researcher at Vilnius University Institute of International Relations and Political Science Deividas Šlekys
Topic: *Security interests of small states in Europe.*
- **Speaker:** Head of European Security Programme at Vilnius Institute for Policy Analysis Viktorija Rusinaitė
Topic: *The role of great powers in the security affairs of small states.*

17:00 - 17:15 Short break.

17:15 - 18:45 Workshop. **Topic:** The activity will be held in the *World Cafe* format on the topic of “*How to ensure the security of small states in the context of Europe?*”. Participants will analyse cases and brainstorm solutions on six different sub topics. Attendees will be encouraged to evaluate the role of small states, interests and influence of different larger powers and stakeholders as well as deepen their knowledge in Transatlantic security affairs.

Format: Participants will be divided into 6 groups which will rotate through the topics. One person will be assigned as a moderator and will track the ideas presented for a specific topic. This part will take roughly 45 minutes. Afterwards, the moderators will present the summary for each topic and experts will provide feedback on insights and solutions presented. The presentations will also take 45 minutes.

19:00 - 20:00 Dinner. London Grill



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Saturday (2019 10 05)

(120+ guests including the participants attending)

10:00 - 10:30 Greeting words from:

- [Speaker TBC] | U.S. Ambassador to Lithuania;
- [Speaker TBC] | Ministry of National Defense
- V. Rupšys | Commander of Lithuanian Armed Forces

10:30 - 11:30 Discussion: How is the definition of national security shifting in the age of technology? An in-depth look into disinformation wars taking place right now. **Speakers:** Ambassador of hybrid threats Eitvydas Bajerūnas, Senior Expert at Vilnius Institute for Policy Analysis Marius Laurinavičius, NATO Speaker, phd candidate at Vilnius university International relations and political science institute Neringa Bladaitė **Moderator:** Journalist Aurimas Perednis

11:30 - 12:30 Lecture: US policy towards the Baltics from the perspective of the Trump administration's foreign policy. **Speaker:** [TBC]

12:30 - 13:30 Coffee and snacks, light lunch.

13:30 - 15:00 Discussion: Growing threat in the east. How the west should form their policy towards China? **Speakers:** MP and former chairman of national security and defence committee at Parliament of Lithuania Vytautas Bakas, Associate Professor of Asian Studies and International Politics Konstantinas Andrijauskas. Director at Eastern Europe studies center Linas Kojala. **Moderator:** journalist Edmundas Jakilaitis

15:00 - 16:30 Summarising discussion: What are the core ideas behind the transatlantic relations between EU and US leadership and their impact on Baltic security. **Speakers:** Head of the EU Commission representation in Lithuania Arnoldas Pranckevičius, Associate professor at Vilnius University Institute of International relations and political science Deividas Šlekys, Director of the Department of Defense Policy and Euro-Atlantic Cooperation Saulius Gasiūnas **Moderator:** Vaidas Saldžiūnas

16:30 - 16:45 The end of the conference and closing remarks.

17:30 - 20:00 Participants will have dinner in "Mano Guru" restaurant.

Sunday (2019 10 06)

09:00 - 10:30 Transfer. Participants and speakers will take a private bus to NATO enhanced Forward Presence Rukla military base.

10:30 - 10:45 Greeting words.

10:45 - 14:30 Visit. Participants will have a tour and presentation of the Military base as well as a chance to meet residing NATO forces.



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14:30 - 14:45 **Closing remarks.**

14:45 - 16:15 **Transfer.** Participants and the speakers will take by the rented bus back to Vilnius.

16:15 - 17:00 **Departures.** Participants will transfer to the airport or bus station and leave to their respective countries.