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Baltic Sea Strategy Forum 2019

“The Return of Great-Power Competition to the Northern Flank:
Challenges, Initiatives, Responsibilities”

Wednesday, 30 October 2019

Atlantic Hotel Kiel

08.30 – 09.15

Registration

09.15 – 09.30

Opening and Words of Welcome

Dr. Sebastian Bruns, Head of Center for Maritime Strategy & Security at the Institute
for Security Policy Kiel University (ISPK)

09.30 - 10.45

Panel 1 (High-Level Panel): Great Power Competition

Panel 1 discusses how emerging great-power competition shapes the military and political outlook on the Baltic Sea and the Northern Flank. In particular, it will focus on how that situation is viewed by the United States, Germany, and Sweden as well as other nations.

Chair: **Dr. Sebastian Bruns, ISPK**

- “Great Power Competition in the North from a continental perspective”
Vice Admiral (DEU N) Andreas Krause, Chief of German Navy
- “The Scandinavian View on Great Power Competition in the Baltic”
Rear Admiral (SWE N) Jens Nykvist, Chief of Royal Swedish Navy
- “The U.S. view on the Baltic”
Bruce Stubbs, Director Strategy Division (OPNAV 50), U.S. Department of Defense

10.45 – 11.15

Coffee Break & Networking

11.15 - 12.30

Panel 2: Understanding capabilities & doctrines

Panel 2 examines the capabilities, doctrines and strategies of relevant stakeholders in the Baltic Sea.

Chair: **Jeremy Stöhs, ISPK**

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- “The Baltic Sea in Russia’s strategic doctrine”
Julian Pawlak, Institute for Security Policy at Kiel University (ISPK)
- “The role of China and the PLAN in the Baltic”
Dr. Sarah Kirchberger, Institute for Security Policy at Kiel University (ISPK)
- “The Baltic Sea and NATO’s defense and deterrence strategy”
Nick Childs, International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), London

12.30 – 13.30 Lunch (Buffet)

13.30 – 14.45 Panel 3: Institutionalizing the Initiative & C2

Panel 3 addresses the dynamic strategic environment, the importance of communications at the strategic and operational level of conflict among NATO, and partner nations.

Chair: **Henrik Ø. Breitenbauch**, Centre for Military Studies, University of Copenhagen

- “The role of BALTOPS and other exercises (Northern Coasts, Trident Juncture) in building trust, cooperation and deterrence”
James H. Bergeron, POLAD NATO MARCOM, Northwood, UK
- “Cooperation & integration: The Swedish-Finnish squadron”
Lt Cdr (SWE N) Dr. Stefan Lundqvist, Swedish Defense University, Stockholm
- “DEU MARFOR and the Baltic Maritime Component Command”
Rear Admiral (DEU N) Jürgen zur Mühlen, COM DEU MARFOR, Rostock

15.00 - 15.30 Wrap-Up & Looking Ahead

The Wrap-Up will address the key findings of the day. What is the path forward? What should allied military, academia, and policy-makers focus on re: the Baltic?

- **Dr. John Sherwood**,
U.S. Naval History & Heritage Command, Fulbright-Schuman Professor at ISPK
- **Dr. Thomas-Durell Young**,
Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, California
- **Vice Admiral (ret.) Hendrik Born**
Former Chief of East Germany People’s Navy
- **Dr. Sebastian Bruns**,
Institute for Security Policy at Kiel University (ISPK)

15.30 Reception, followed by departure of participants



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