



Wilton Park

Programme

Rethinking deterrence and assurance

Wednesday 10 – Saturday 13 June 2015 | WP1401

The meeting will assess:

- How NATO partners view threats after Ukraine, and the extent to which the Alliance is suited to meet them;
- The likely trajectory of Russian force posture and conventional/nuclear strategy, and the balance between long running trends and post-Ukraine ones;
- The implications of hybrid and ambiguous warfare for how deterrence is practised, and how cyber, space and other operational domains can be included in the concept of strategic deterrence;
- How economic tools (including sanctions and other financial levers), diplomatic tools, and other approaches can complement a broader strategy of deterrence and influence the behaviours of other actors;
- Whether there exists a new norm that would be acceptable to NATO and Russia in light of recent events in Ukraine, presuming that things will not go back to the prior status quo.

In association with Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory's Center for Global Security Research; the UK Atomic Weapons Establishment; Sandia National Laboratories; the NATO Defense College

Wednesday 10 June

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| 1700 | Participants arrive |
| 1830 | Drinks reception followed by dinner (BBQ, weather permitting – informal dress) |

Thursday 11 June

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| 0800-0845 | Breakfast |
| 0900-0915 | Welcome and introduction
Mark Smith |

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Programme Director, Wilton Park

0915-1045

1. Allied threat assessments and NATO cohesion after Ukraine

How do NATO partners view the new threat environment after Ukraine, and is the Alliance suited to meet these threats? Was the Ukraine crisis a surprise, and in what respects does it differ from the Georgian crisis? How has the crisis changed NATO threat perceptions, and is there evidence of convergence in allies' threat assessments and policy preferences? How will the misalignment of Russian and US/NATO strategic goals impact future crisis stability? What other potential flashpoints exist? What sort of future should allies expect and plan for?

Steven Pifer

Senior Fellow, The Brookings Institution, Washington DC

Tomas Ries

Senior Lecturer and Assistant Professor, Swedish National Defence College, Stockholm

Camille Grand

Director, Foundation for Strategic Research, Paris

1045-1130

Photograph followed by tea/coffee

1130-1300

2. Russian strategy, doctrine and tactics after Ukraine

What is the likely trajectory of Russian force posture and conventional/nuclear strategy? In what ways does this trajectory reflect long-running trends and how is it likely to evolve post-Ukraine?

Igor Sutyagin

Senior Research Fellow, Russian Studies, Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), London

Isabelle Facon

Senior Research Fellow, Foundation for Strategic Research, Paris

Keir Giles

Director, Conflict Studies Research Centre; Associate Fellow, Chatham House, London

1300-1430

Lunch

1500-1700

3. The deterrence architecture: allies' view of the role of nuclear weapons

How do NATO allies view the role of nuclear weapons in the European theatre and in maintaining strategic stability in the coming years? What nuclear capabilities do NATO allies think are necessary for assurance?

Karl-Heinz Kamp

Academic Director, Federal Academy for Security Policy, Berlin

Desmond Bowen

Visiting Professor, University of Reading

What should modernisation priorities look like?

Bridge Colby

Robert M Gates Senior Fellow, Center for a New American Security (CNAS), Washington DC

James Acton

Senior Associate, Co-Director, Nuclear Policy Program, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington DC

1700-1730

Tea/coffee

1730-1900

4. Non-standard and cross-spectrum deterrence

What role do non-nuclear military tools (cyber, space, and advanced conventional capabilities) play for NATO in the evolving strategic environment? What are the implications of hybrid and ambiguous warfare for how deterrence is practised? How can cyber, space and other forms of deterrence be included in the concept of strategic deterrence? How must NATO allies adapt their strategic postures to guarantee alliance cohesion and European stability in light of this more complex operational environment?

Forrest Morgan

Senior Political Scientist, RAND Corporation, Pittsburgh

Guillaume Lasconjarias

Researcher, NATO Defence College, Rome

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Dinner

Keynote speaker:

Rose Gottemoeller

Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security, US Department of State, Washington DC

Friday 12 June

0800-0900

Breakfast

0915-1045

5. Non-military tools and deterrence

What non-military tools (sanctions, financial penalties, exclusion from institutions) can be used to complement a deterrence strategy? What actors must be involved in developing and implementing non-military tools of deterrence, and how can action in this realm be coordinated and integrated as part of a larger strategic whole?

Timothy Ash

Head, Emerging Markets Research, ICBC Standard Bank, London

Tony Brenton

Former Ambassador to Russia; Fellow, Wolfson College, University of Cambridge

1045-1115

Tea/coffee

1115-1245

6. Working groups

Building on the previous sessions, participants will break out into a set of four focused working groups

Group 1: Rethinking collective defence in a new strategic environment.

What constitutes an Article V threat, and what options should be considered and developed as Article V responses?

Heather Williams

MacArthur Postdoctoral Fellow, Centre for Science and Security Studies, Department of War Studies, King's College London

Group 2: Rethinking Russia: a temporary shift or new normal?

How should NATO allies and European partners adjust their diplomatic, political, and strategic approach to Moscow in light of recent events?

Samuel Charap

Senior Fellow for Russia and Eurasia, International Institute for Strategic Studies, Washington DC

Group 3: Rethinking deterrence: nuclear, conventional, cyber, space, and hybrid options for deterrence

How must NATO allies and European partners adjust their deterrence strategies and force postures in order to maintain strategic stability in an increasingly complex and cross-spectrum strategic environment (to include subjects like nuclear de-escalation, tactical nuclear weapons, BMD as well as cyber, space, hybrid)?

Shashank Joshi

Senior Research Fellow, Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), London

Group 4: Rethinking Atlanticism: adjusting allies' expectations and requirements of each other

What allies' responsibilities to each other should be, with a particular focus on what allies and partners expect of each other in terms of assurance, and what the providers of this assurance are willing to give.

Tom Nichols

Professor, National Security Affairs, US Naval War College, Newport

1300-1430

Lunch

1500-1615

7. Report back from working groups

1615-1630

8. eQuestionnaire

Completing eQuestionnaire on line

1630-1700

Tea/coffee

1700-1830

9. Conclusions

What is the new norm that would be acceptable to NATO and Russia, presuming that things won't go back to the way they were before Ukraine? A moderated discussion on the theme of how the desired future should drive our current action.

Celeste Wallander

Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director, Russia and Central Asia, National Security Council, Washington DC

Brad Roberts

Director, Center for Global Security Research, Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, Livermore

Justyna Gotkowska

Senior Fellow, Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW), Warsaw

1900

Drinks reception followed by dinner hosted by Richard Burge, Chief Executive, Wilton Park

Saturday 13 June

0800-0845

Breakfast and checkout

0900

Participants depart