

PRAGUE TRANSATLANTIC TALKS NATO AT SIXTY

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Introduction

In April 2009, the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) marks sixty years of its existence. Association for International Affairs (AMO) has intended to commemorate the anniversary by organizing an international expert roundtable on *NATO at Sixty*. The objective is to provide an impartial and independent environment for an interaction among distinguished personalities with political, diplomatic, military and academic background on the future perspectives of the Alliance – six decades after the signature of the Washington Treaty.

In addition, the roundtable aspires to lay down fundamental pillars for what once will hopefully become a tradition of the Prague Transatlantic Talks - regular meetings of distinguished personalities on transatlantic agenda in the city of Prague; a city closely associated with the very idea of transatlanticism.

Objectives

- to facilitate an open discussion on where NATO stands and where it is heading sixty years after its foundation
- to bring together a small number of distinguished personalities from all over the Alliance
- to issue, if possible, set of recommendations for further direction of the Alliance
- to provide political, expert and student communities in the Czech Republic with a unique opportunity to discuss further perspectives of NATO and transatlantic relations through a series of guest lectures and informal meetings

Program

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Venue: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Loretánské náměstí 5, Prague 1

9:30 **REGISTRATION**

10:00 **WELCOME REMARKS**

Daniel Lošťák, Association for International Affairs

Eva van de Rakt, Heinrich Böll Stiftung

10:05 **OPENING REMARKS**

H.E. Alexandr Vondra, Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs

10:15 **NATO vs. ESDP: Meaningful Synergy or Meaningless Competition?**

Although seated only several miles from each other, NATO and the EU are only at the initial phase of cooperation. With the NATO-EU Declaration on ESDP signed, collaboration under the Berlin plus arrangements proves clearly insufficient for the future – a future where the Union will most probably act as not only a political and economic, but also a military power. What are the obstacles of intensified NATO – EU relations and how can we overcome them?

12:15 **BUFFET LUNCHEON**

13:00 **NATO in 2009: Testing the Commitments of its Members**

Over 54,000 troops on the ground, further requested and permanent disputes over the progress achieved – the situation in Afghanistan is testing not only the Allied governments, but equally their armies, capacities and finally the public. NATO claims it cannot afford to leave the country unsuccessful, but what if it does? Are the Member States, especially the European ones, prepared to share the responsibility? On the other hand, with Iranian nuclear program, missile defence or energy security on the short run agenda, the new US president faces an evergreen dilemma of the extent of engaging the Alliance in his foreign policy. What does the Alliance actually mean for those shaping the foreign policy of the United States?

15:00 **COFFEE BREAK**

15:15 **NATO at Sixty: Where do we go?**

Much has been said and written about the development the Alliance has undergone over the course of last 20 years. The environment has changed, and so did NATO. New military capacities, enlargement, out-of-area missions, peacebuilding and peacekeeping operations, crisis management, NATO Response Force – the transformation is evident. But is NATO at sixty precisely the organization we want and the one we need? Shall it remain trans-Atlantic defence pact or shall it instead transform itself into a global alliance of shared values?

17:15 **END OF THE SESSION**

Participants

Francois Bujon De l'Estang

Francois Bujon De L'Estang graduated from Institut d'Etudes Politiques and Ecole Nationale d'Administration. He started his career at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1966. He held numerous positions in French diplomacy including Diplomatic Advisor to the Prime Minister from 1986 to 1988 and Ambassador to Canada from 1989 to 1991. In July 1995, he was appointed French Ambassador to the United States, a function he held until December 2002. Since January 2003, Mr. Bujon De L'Estang has been Chairman of Citigroup France.

Marc Berthold

Marc Berthold has been Head of the Foreign and Security Policy Department since July 2008. From May 2007 to June 2008, he was scientific advisor on climate and energy policies to Renate Künast, Chairwoman of Alliance 90/ the Greens in the German Bundestag. Marc was Program Director for Transatlantic Climate Policy and Global Dialogue in the Heinrich Böll Foundation's Washington DC office from August 2001 to April 2007. He holds an M.A. in Political Science from the University of Cologne, Germany.

Wesley Clark (tbc)

General Wesley Clark graduated from the United States Military Academy at West Point and studied for two years at England's Oxford University. During his 34 years of service in the United States Army, Clark rose to the rank of 4-star General and NATO Supreme Allied Commander. He is the recipient of numerous U.S. and foreign military awards, including the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart. After retiring from the military, Clark joined Stephens Inc. as a consultant in July 2000 and served as Managing Director, Merchant Banking from 2001 to 2003. In September 2003, he announced his bid for the Democratic presidential nomination.

Jean Fournet

Jean Fournet is a graduate of the Ecole polytechnique and the French National College of Aeronautics and Space. From 2003 to 2007, Mr Fournet served as the NATO Assistant Secretary General for Public Diplomacy responsible for all activities that contribute to promoting the Alliance's image. Before coming to NATO, he held several positions at the French Ministry of Defence. Mr Fournet attained the rank of Lieutenant General of the Armament Corps in 1997.

Štefan Füle

Štefan Füle is the Permanent Representative of the Czech Republic to NATO. He started his diplomatic career in 1987. Prior to the current appointment, he held numerous positions in Czech diplomacy, including Director of the Security Policy Department, Ambassador to Lithuania and to the United Kingdom. From 2001 to 2002, Mr Füle was the First Deputy Minister of Defence. He graduated from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations.

Bastian Giegerich

Bastian Giegerich is a Research Fellow for European Security at London's International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), which he joined in 2005 and where he is carrying out a research project on future European security trends supported by the European Commission. A graduate of the University of Potsdam, Dr Giegerich obtained his PhD at the London School of Economics, where he also lectures in the Department for International Relations.

István Gyarmati

István Gyarmati is currently the President of the Centre for Democratic Transition and Chairman of the Budapest Centre for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Democracy. He is also a Senior Political Adviser at the Geneva Centre for the Democratic Control and member of the foreign and security policy Advisory Board of the Prime Minister of Hungary. In the past, he served as a Foreign Service officer. From 1996 to 1999, Mr. Gyarmati was the Under-Secretary of Defense.

Michael Howard

Michael Howard was educated at Peterhouse, Cambridge. He was elected Member of Parliament for Folkestone and Hythe in 1983, later taking on the role of Parliamentary Private Secretary to the Solicitor General. Following the 1992 election, Mr. Howard was appointed Secretary of State for the Environment. In May 1993 he became Home Secretary, a position he held for four years. As Leader of the Conservative Party, Michael Howard led Her Majesty's Opposition from 2003 to 2005. He is the founding chairman of the Atlantic Partnership.

Jana Hybášková

Jana Hybášková has been a Member of the European Parliament since 2004, where she is Head of the Interparliamentary Delegation for Relations with Israel, a member of the Foreign Affairs Committee and the Subcommittee on Security and Defence, a member of the Euro-Mediterranean Parliamentary, as well as the Social Affairs and Education Committee. Prior to being elected to the EP, she had been Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the State of Kuwait and Qatar, and to the Republic of Slovenia.

Karl Lamers

Karl Lamers is a Member of the German Bundestag for the Christian Democratic Union (CDU) since 1994. In Bundestag, he also serves as the Deputy Chairman of the Defence Committee. In 2008, Mr. Lamers was elected President of the Atlantic Treaty Association. A graduate of University of Münster, he is also a Chairman of the Political Committee of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly and Member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS). He is also the President of Amerikanisch-Europäischen Freundschaftsclubs in Heidelberg.

Ioan Mircea Pașcu

Ioan Mircea Pașcu is a Member of the European Parliament and Vice-Chairman of the Parliament's Committee on Foreign Affairs. From 2000 to 2004, Mr. Pașcu served as a Minister for Defence of Romania. He is also a Member of the SACEUR Mentor Group as well as of the academic advisory board to the NATO College in Rome. Mr. Pașcu is also a Chairman of International Relations at the National School of Political and Administrative Studies in Bucharest.

Per Poulsen-Hansen

Per Poulsen-Hansen was born in Copenhagen in 1946. After serving in the Danish Army, he joined the Danish diplomatic service in 1973. From 1991 to 1993, he served as the Danish Ambassador to Czechoslovakia and the Czech Republic. Since 2003, he is the Permanent Representative of the Kingdom of Denmark to NATO. He was a member of the Danish Defence Commission and a member of the Board of the Danish Institute for International Affairs.

Janusz Reiter

Janusz Reiter is a Polish diplomat, political columnist, media business executive. He served as the Polish Ambassador to Germany from 1990 to 1995. In 2005, he was appointed Ambassador to the United States, a position he held until late 2007. He is now a Vice Chairman of the Board of Presspublica in Warsaw. He also serves as special envoy for climate. Mr. Reiter is founder and former president of the Centre for International Relations in Warsaw. He contributes to several Polish and international newspapers, e.a. Polish daily Rzeczpospolita or Washington Post.

Herman Schaper

Herman Schaper has been the Permanent Representative of the Netherlands to NATO since 2005. Previously, he served at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as the Director of the European Affairs and the Security Policy departments. From 1981 to 1982, he represented the Democrats '66 party in the Dutch Parliament. Mr. Schaper also served as a researcher at the Netherlands Society for International Affairs, and has published a number of articles on Dutch foreign policy, European security and transatlantic relations.

Jiří Schneider

Jiří Schneider is the Program Director of Prague Security Studies Institute. He is the former Political Director Republic and the former head of the Policy Planning Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic. In 2002, Mr. Schneider served as an International Policy Fellow at the Open Society Institute in Budapest. From 1995 until 1998, Mr. Schneider served as the Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Israel. Mr. Schneider also served as an MP of the Czechoslovak Federal Assembly from 1990 until 1992.

Jamie Shea

Jamie Shea serves as the Director of Policy Planning in the Private Office of the Secretary General. He is responsible for advising and assisting the NATO leadership in addressing strategic issues facing the Alliance. Having held numerous positions within the NATO secretariat, including the one Alliance's spokesman from 1993 to 2000, Mr. Shea passes this rich experience on various platforms - as a professor at Collège d'Europe, Associate Editor of the Brussels-based journal "Europe's World" or as Member of the Policy Council of the World Economic Forum.

Julianne Smith

Julianne Smith is a Director of Washington's Centre for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) Europe Program and the Initiative for a Renewed Transatlantic Partnership, where she leads the Centre's research and program activities on U.S. – European political, security and economic relations and the ongoing process of European political and economic integration. Prior to joining CSIS, she worked at the German Marshall Fund, the British American Security Information Council and the Stiftung Wissenschaft und Politik, Germany.

Karsten Voigt

Karsten Voigt is currently the Coordinator for German-American Cooperation at the Foreign Office of the Federal Republic of Germany. A long-time member of the Bundestag (German Federal Parliament) since 1976, he held many different positions within both the Bundestag and the German Social Democratic Party (SPD), most notably as Foreign Policy Spokesman for the SPD from 1983-1998 and as a member of its Executive Committee from 1984-1995.

Side Events

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12

- 16:30 – 18:00 Public Panel Discussion on **NATO at Sixty**
Venue: Institute CERGE-EI, Politických vězňů 7, Prague 1
- 19:00 – 21:00 Reception at the Embassy of Romania
Venue: Embassy of Romania, Nerudova 5, Prague 1

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13

- 18:00 – 19:30 Closed Dinner (by special invitations only)
Venue: Hotel Savoy, Keplerova 6, Prague 1

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14

- 9:00 – 11:00 Panel Discussion at the Workshop of the **Prague Student Summit**
Venue: University of Economics in Prague, nám. W. Churchilla 4, Prague 3

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Association for International Affairs

Association for International Affairs (AMO) is a preeminent independent think-tank in the Czech Republic in the field of international affairs and foreign policy. The mission of AMO is to contribute to a deeper understanding of international affairs through a broad range of educational and research activities. Today, AMO represents a unique and transparent platform in which academics, business people, policy makers, diplomats, the media and NGO's can interact in an open and impartial environment.

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- present critical assessment and comments on current events for local and international press
- create vital conditions for growth of a new expert generation
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- cooperate with like-minded local and international institutions

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Founded in October 2003, the AMO's Research Center has been dedicated to carrying our research into and raising public awareness of international affairs, security and foreign policy.

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