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Small States and the New Security Environment (SSANSE)

Venue: Nordic House
Sæmundargata 11
101 Reykjavík

08:30-09:00

Welcoming words by **Pia Hansson**, Director of the Institute of International Affairs and the Centre for Small State Studies, University of Iceland

Remarks by the **Foreign Minister** (TBC)

Opening presentation by **Baldur Thorhallsson**,

Professor, and Research Director of the Centre for Small States, University of Iceland and the NATO Project Country Director of SSANSE

09:00-10:30

The Trusted Allies, NATO and the Nordics

Chair: **Anne-Marie Brady**, Professor, University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand and the Partner Country Project Director of SSANSE

Rethinking the Cold War Small States: the US, Russia and the Origins of Cooperation and Competition in Denmark, Norway, Iceland and the Arctic

Caroline Kennedy-Pipe

Professor

University of Loughborough

North Atlantic Small State Security, 2015 - NATO West Nordic Security Zone

Robert P Wheelersburg

Professor

Elizabethtown College

The Transparent Sea Dilemma: Maritime Security in the Age of Climate Change

Jason Rhys Parry

PhD

Binghamton University

15 min discussions

Lessons to be Learned from the Three Nordic States' Security and Defence Policy Adaptation, Post 2014

Anke Schmidt-Felzmann

Baltic Sea Fellow

Foreign Policy Research Institute (FPRI), Stockholm, Sweden

NATO's Policy on Civil Resilience: Added Value for Small States?

Gustav Pétursson

PhD Candidate

University of Lapland, Finland

European Small State Neutrals and NATO

Steven Murphy

Post-Doctoral Researcher in the SSANSE project

University of Iceland

15 min discussions

10:30-10:45

Coffee break

10:45-12:15

Small States and the Politics of Engagement

Chair: **Arnór Sigurjónsson**, Director, Defence Directorate, the Icelandic Ministry for Foreign Affairs

Building Shelter in Washington: The Politics of Small State Engagement

Alan Tidwell

Professor and Co-director of SSANSE

Georgetown University

Denmark at War: Patterns and Developments in Denmark's Military Engagement

Anders Wivel

Professor

University of Copenhagen

Risks and Threats in Small State: Icelanders' Perceptions of Security

Silja Bára Ómarsdóttir

Adjunct lecturer and Post-Doctoral Researcher in the SSANSE project

University of Iceland

15 min discussions

Security Strategies in the Nordic Baltic Region: Diverging or Converging?

Zivile Marija Vaicekauskaitė

PhD Candidate in the SSANSE project

Vilnius University

Strategic Crossroad or Somewhere in Between the Strategies: Strategic Challenges of Small Baltic States

Neringa Bladaite

PhD Candidate in the SSANSE project

Vilnius University

Assessing US-Baltic relations in the Age of Trump

Andris Banka

Lecturer in International Relations

Cag University, Turkey

15 min discussions

12:15-13:00

Lunch

13:00-14:30

Partnerships and Capacity Building in Europe

Chair: **Pia Hansson**, Director of the Institute of International Affairs and the Centre for Small State Studies, University of Iceland

Defense Policies of Small States in Central Europe: The Role of Visegrad Cooperation

Martin Dangerfield

Professor

University of Wolverhampton

New Slovak Security Strategy in the Context of V4 and Euro-Atlantic Security Environment

Kristína Janková

Junior Lecturer and Researcher

Institute of European Studies and International Relations, Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia

External Energy Policy of the EU. Small Member State' Perspective

Matus Misik

Assistant Professor

Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia

15 min discussions

Small States and the Global Proliferation of Armed Drones: Risks and Opportunities

James Rogers

Associate Lecturer

Department of Politics, University of York

Malta: Bridge of the Mediterranean (Neutrality as a Small State, Status Seeking Grand Strategy)

Hillary Briffa

PhD Candidate

King's College, London

Global Risks and Threats in the Security Narrative of Portugal: Official Documents and Securitization

Pedro Ponte e Sousa

PhD Candidate

Portuguese Institute of International Relations, New University of Lisbon

15 min discussions

14:30-14:45

Coffee break

14:45-16:15

NATO and the Near Abroad

Chair: **Bogi Ágússon**, Reporter, the Icelandic National Broadcasting Service (RÚV)

Croatia and Armenia: A Comparison of Foreign and Security Policy Orientations of two Small European States

Narek Mkrtchyan

Visiting lecturer

American University of Armenia

Vahrem Ter-Matevosyan

Assistant Professor

American University of Armenia

A Long-Term Focus on Youth is Required to Transform Moldova's Three-Decade Conflict

Ryan Knight

PhD Candidate in the SSANSE project

Georgetown University

Thinking Out Loud About NATO in Georgia and Georgia in NATO

Tinatini Khidasheli

PhD Candidate

Caucasus University, Tbilisi, Georgia

15 min discussions

The Specific Security Challenges of Small States in Africa

Ian Taylor

Professor

St. Andrews

Self-Preservation and Strategic Hedging in the GCC

Imad K. Harb

Director of Research and Analysis

Arab Center Washington DC

Qatar's Defense Policy, a Different Tradition of a Small State

Brahim Saïdy

Assistant Professor

Qatar University

15 min discussions

16:15-16:30

Coffee break

16:30-17:30

Small States Security Interests and Partnerships in non NATO countries

Chair: **Alan Tidwell**, Professor and Co-director of SSANSE, Georgetown University

Small States and China's political interference activities under Xi Jinping

Anne-Marie Brady

Professor and the Partner Country Project Director of SSANSE

University of Canterbury, Christchurch, New Zealand

Balancing, Bandwagoning or Hedging? Small States and Security Alliances in the Asia-Pacific

Bec Strating

Lecturer in Politics and Early Career Researcher

La Trobe University, Melbourne, Australia

Contending Security Interests in Oceania
Stephanie Lawson
Professor
Macquarie University, Sydney, Australia

The Dilemmas of Energy Security for a Small State
Toby Dalley
Young Researcher
University of Canterbury

20 min discussions

17:30-17:45

Final remarks: **Margarita Šešelgytė**, Professor, Vilnius University and Co-Director of the SSANSE project