

The Department of Political Science, University of Southern Denmark,
The Danish Atlantic Treaty Association &
NATO's Public Diplomacy Division

have the pleasure of inviting you to the conference

Why NATO? Taking Stock of the Atlantic Alliance and its New Strategic Concept

Monday 29 November 2010
at University of Southern Denmark
Campusvej 55, 5230 Odense M
auditorium U100

NATO is about to inform us why, in its view, it remains a vital and relevant alliance more than sixty years past its creation. It will happen with the publication of a new Strategic Concept at the NATO Lisbon summit, 19-20 November 2010.

Coming on the heels of the Lisbon summit, the conference will provide a first and comprehensive assessment of the Strategic Concept, the kind of alliance it depicts, and the strategic direction it charts for it. A range of fundamental questions comes to mind: Does the Atlantic Alliance possess the kind of inner strategic cohesion required to take it further into the twenty-first century? Is it able to draw lessons learned from military campaigns and devise clear and effective guidelines for the development of allied forces? And finally, can NATO effectively advance strategic partnerships with other international organizations, notably the EU and the UN?

Prominent military analysts as well as NATO officials will discuss the above topics in three panels, while NATO's new Assistant Secretary General, Emerging Security Challenges, Jamie Shea will confront two examiners investigating inter alia the New Strategic Concept and the consequences for the future of the Alliance.

Conference Programme

- 10.15-10.30: **Welcome** (Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences, Jesper Strandskov; Troels Frøling, Secretary General of the Danish Atlantic Treaty Association & the Atlantic Treaty Association; Jens Ringsmose, University of Southern Denmark)
- 10.30-12.00: **Panel 1: NATO's Political Transformation and International Order**
Speakers: Adrian Hyde-Price (Bath), Jens Ringsmose (SDU), Trine Flockhart (DIIS),
Official from the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs
Moderator: Sven Biscop
- 12.00-13.15: Lunch
- 13.15-15.15: **NATO's New Strategic Concept**
VIP arrangement with Jamie Shea (Deputy Assistant Sec Gen, Emerging Security
Challenges, former Director of NATO Policy Unit)
Moderator: Troels Mylenberg, Political Editor of the daily *Fyens Stiftstidende*
- 15.15-15.30: Coffee break
- 15.30-16.30: **Panel 2: The Institutional Environment: NATO, the EU, the UN, and the Comprehensive Approach**
Speakers: Sven Biscop, (Egmont), Sten Rynning (SDU), Niels Henrik Hedegaard
(DANATO) (tbc)
Moderator: Jacob Barfoed (SDU)
- 16.30-16.45: Coffee break
- 16.45-18.15: **Panel 3: Military Change in NATO: Discord or Harmony?**
Speakers: Theo Farrell (Kings College), Klaus Wittmann (Brigadier General, ret.), Thierry
Legendre (The Danish Ministry of Defence)
Moderator: Sten Rynning (SDU)
- 18.15-18.20: Concluding remarks
- Evening: Reception with light dinner at the University of Southern Denmark

Participation in the conference is free of charge and open to the public, and you are more than welcome to distribute this invitation to your network. No registration is required but please note that seating is limited to 180 and will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis. The organizers will host a free light lunch for max 100 persons and a conference reception after the event, both on a first come, first serve basis. Attendants who need to travel to get to the conference may book a seat in advance by contacting the conference organizers (see contact details below).

The conference language will be English.

If you have any questions regarding the conference, please do not hesitate to contact the organizers on e-mail jri@sam.sdu.dk or phone +45 6550 4434.

We look forward to a frank and inspiring debate.