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PANDEMICS AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY: THE OUTLOOK FOR NATO

AGENDA

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Day 1 – 21stOctober

13:00 Buffet lunch

14:15 **Welcome remarks**

- **TONY L. WRIGHT** Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategic Plans and Policy (DCOS SPP), NATO ACT
- **FILIPPO ANDREATTA** Head of Department of Political and Social Sciences, University of Bologna
- **ETTORE GRECO** Executive Vicepresident, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

14:30 **Key-note speech**

- **PAOLO RUGGIERO** Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Transformation (DSACT), NATO ACT

14:45 **I Plenary - The interplay between COVID and international security**

Chair:

- **SONIA LUCARELLI** Professor of International Relations, University of Bologna

Panellists:

- **ROSA CASTRO** Manager, European Alliance for Responsible R&D and Affordable Medicines, European Public Health Alliance (EPHA)
- **VITTORIO EMANUELE PARSI** Professor of International Relations, Catholic University of the Sacred Heart
- **MARTIN QUENCEZ** Deputy director of the Paris office and Research fellow in the Security & Defense program, German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF)
- **PIETER TAAL** Head of Unit Industry Strategy and EU Policies, European Defence Agency (EDA)
- **VLASTA ZEKULIC** Head of Strategic Issues and Engagement Branch, NATO ACT

16:30 Coffee break

16:45 **II Plenary – An introduction of NATO Warfighting Capstone Concept**

Chair:

- **FRANCESCO MORO** Associate Professor, University of Bologna

Speakers:

- **TONY L. WRIGHT** Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategic Plans and Policy, NATO ACT
- **KESTUTIS PAULAUSKAS** Warfare Development Fusion Team, NATO ACT

17:45 End of II Plenary

20:00 Dinner

Day 2 – 22nd October

8:30 Working groups first session: the state of the art

WG1 - International cooperation to address pandemics

Pandemics do not stop at national borders and are truly global phenomena, that would require– at least ideally – functioning international cooperation and “governance”. The Covid-19 experience has shown a number of shortcomings, obstacles and limits when it comes to cooperative efforts among states as well as between international organization. At a first glance, the coordination of efforts – starting with information sharing – and the design of cooperative measures among UN, NATO and EU has been limited. In this context, the pandemic experience represents a wake-up call for a review of cooperative security partnerships and mechanisms from the Alliance’s point of view.

Facilitator:

- **ANDREA CALDERARO** Senior Lecturer in International Relations, Cardiff University

Paper givers:

- **MARK WEBBER** Professor of International Politics, University of Birmingham
- **ROSA CASTRO** Manager, European Alliance for Responsible R&D and Affordable Medicines, European Public Health Alliance (EPHA)

WG2 - Resilience and security of supply chains

The current pandemic has underlined the high degree of interrelation among societies worldwide, as well as shortfalls in terms of resilience and security of supply-chains. In case of further pandemic waves of future pandemics major disruptions of the global supply chain would likely happen again, unless such system is restructured to rely on more stable and diversified sources. Noticeably, the Atlantic Alliance has included these issues within the resilience basket in its NATO2030 reflection process, while the European Commission and the European Defence Agency have increasingly worked on key strategic activities and technologies in a variety of sectors.

Facilitator:

- **ANDREA GILLI** Senior Researcher, NATO Defense College (NDC)

Paper givers:

- **TORBEN SCHÜTZ** Research Fellow for Armament Policy, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP)
- **ANDREA GOLDSTEIN** Global Relations, Investment Division, Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD)

WG3 - Military instrument of power and pandemics: a long-term perspective

NATO armed forces have played an important role in response to the Covid-19 crisis by supporting allied and partner nations through transportation of medical supplies, building field hospitals, deployment of medical personnel, and other logistic tasks. They've done so while successfully maintaining scdeterrence and defence posture. Against this backdrop, allies are beginning to reflect on the role Military Instrument of Power should have in relation to future pandemics. Also considering the risk of strategic surprises and the state of the art of Nuclear Biological Chemical Radiological (NBCR) studies, should NATO be better prepared to carry out operations in a hypothetical new biological domain countering a biological threat?

Facilitator:

- **ALESSANDRO MARRONE** Head of the Defence Programme, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

Paper givers:

- **GUILLAUME LASCONJARIAS** Former Associate Research Fellow, Security Studies Center, Institut Français des Relations Internationales (IFRI)
- **MARTIN BRICKNELL** Professor in Conflict, Health and Military Medicine, King's College and **ZENOBIA HOMAN** Research Associate and Project Coordinator, King's College London

9:45 Coffee break

10:00 Working groups second session: future scenarios

WG1 - International cooperation to address pandemics

Facilitator:

- **ANDREA CALDERARO** Senior Lecturer in International Relations, Cardiff University

Discussants:

- **JAMES SPERLING** Professor of Political Science, University of Akron
- **VERONICA ROVEGNO** Technical Officer, UN-Biorisk Working Group, Health Emergencies Programme, World Health Organization

WG2 - Resilience and security of supply chains

Facilitator:

- **ANDREA GILLI** Senior Researcher, NATO Defense College (NDC)

Discussants:

- **FABIO LIBERTI** Policy Officer, European Commission, DG Defence Industry and Space
- **RICCARDO ROVELLI** Full Professor, Department of Economics, University of Bologna

WG3 - Military instrument of power and pandemics: a long-term perspective

Facilitator:

- **ALESSANDRO MARRONE** Head of the Defence Programme, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

Discussants:

- **KAROLINA MUTI** Researcher, Security and Defence Programmes, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)
- **CHARLY SALONIUS-PASTERNAK** Senior Research Fellow, Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA)

11:10 Coffee break

11:30 Working groups third session: so what for NATO?

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Facilitator:

- **ANDREA CALDERARO** Senior Lecturer in International Relations, Cardiff University

NATO Discussant:

- **STELLA ADORF** Head of the Situational Awareness Integration Team, NATO HQ

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Facilitator:

- **ANDREA GILLI** Senior Researcher, NATO Defense College (NDC)

NATO Discussant:

- **HASIT THANKEY** Head, Enablement and Resilience, Defence Policy and Planning Division, NATO HQ

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Facilitator:

- **ALESSANDRO MARRONE** Head of the Defence Programme, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

NATO Discussant:

- **TIMOTHY LANNAN** Head of Euro-Atlantic Disaster Response Coordination Centre, NATO HQ

12:40 Buffet lunch

13:30 III Plenary: Implications for NATO and way ahead

Chair:

- **ALESSANDRO MARRONE** Head of the Defence Programme, Istituto Affari Internazionali (IAI)

Working Groups' Rapporteurs:

- **MICHELA CECCORULLI** Senior Assistant Professor, University of Bologna
- **EDOUARD SIMON** Research Director, French Institute for International and Strategic Affairs (IRIS)
- **FABRIZIO COTICCHIA** Associate Professor, University of Genova

Speakers:

- **ROBERT DRESEN** Policy Planning Advisor, Office of the Secretary General, NATO
- **ANNA WIESLANDER** Director, Northern Europe, Atlantic Council

14:50 Closing remarks:

- **TONY L. WRIGHT** Deputy Chief of Staff, Strategic Plans and Policy, NATO ACT

15.00 End of conference

20:00 Dinner (optional)