

DEVELOPMENTS IN EUROPEAN SECURITY

On Thursday, 11 October, 2018 at 14:00–15:30
Ravintola Lasipalatsi, Palmusali
Mannerheimintie 22–24, Helsinki

European security environment has deteriorated in recent years as power politics and use of military force has made a forceful comeback to the European theatre. A more assertive Russia and war-torn neighbourhood(s) have highlighted the role of NATO as a principal security actor in Europe. Yet the recent developments in transatlantic relations are seen to require a stronger European pillar in security. What are the premises for greater European responsibility in defence?

Speakers:

Bartosz Cichocki, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Poland

“The harmful illusion of European strategic autonomy”

Comments:

Kristi Raik, Director, Estonian Foreign Policy Institute, ICDS

Chair:

Juha Jokela, Programme Director, Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Biographies



Bartosz Cichocki serves as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland. Cichocki has worked previously at the KARTA Centre; at the Marek Karp Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW), as a Russian regional policy analyst; at the Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM), as a coordinator for the Russia and Eurasia programme; and at the National Security Bureau (BBN), as a specialist for Russian foreign and security policy, and later as Head of the International Affairs Section. Between 2015 and 2016, Bartosz Cichocki worked at the Polish Embassy in Moscow where he was in charge of bilateral and press relations. Most recently, he was an adviser to the Head of the Foreign Intelligence Agency. He graduated from the University of Warsaw's Institute of History.



Kristi Raik is the Director of the Estonian Foreign Policy Institute at the International Centre for Defence and Security since 1 February 2018. She is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Turku. Dr. Raik has previously served inter alia as a Senior Research Fellow and Acting Programme Director at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs in Helsinki; an official at the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union in Brussels; and a Visiting Fellow at the Centre for European Policy Studies in Brussels and the International Centre for Policy Studies in Kyiv. Dr. Raik has a PhD from the University of Turku. She has published, lectured and commented widely on European foreign and security policy.



Juha Jokela is the Programme Director of the European Union research programme at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs. His current research interests include political implications of Brexit, differentiated integration (in EU's external relations), and the EMU reforms. His previous projects and publications include political and security developments in the Arctic, EU's role in the G20, EU's Asia policy, Europeanisation of foreign policy, and Finland's EU policy. Previously he has worked in the EUISS as a Senior Associated analyst and Senior Visiting Research Fellow, Advisor in the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland, and Research Fellow and Director of the Network for European Studies in the University of Helsinki. Dr. Jokela holds a PhD from the University of Bristol (UK).