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The Center on US Politics and Power has the pleasure of inviting you to a conference:

3rd ANNUAL HELSINKI SUMMER SESSION: U.S. POLICIES IN NORTHERN EUROPE

**August 31 – September 3, 2016
Helsinki and Tallinn**

TUESDAY AUGUST 30

17:00–18:30 Reception at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 31

09:45–10:00 *Opening remarks*

Teija Tiilikainen, Director, Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Mika Aaltola, Director, Global Security Research Programme, Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Open session at the Mirror Room, Kämp Hotel

10:00–12:00 **Panel I “U.S. Foreign Policy after Obama: Implications for Northern Europe”**

Chair: **Robert Nurick**, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security, Atlantic Council

Keynote: **Stephen Flanagan**, Senior Political Scientist, Rand

Panelists: **Michael Haltzel**, Senior Fellow, Johns Hopkins University, SAIS

Leo Michel, Visiting Senior Fellow, the Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Vibeke Schou Tjalve, Senior Researcher, Danish Institute for International Studies

12:00–13:30 Lunch at Restaurant Block by Dylan

Closed session at FIIA

13:45–15:15 **Panel II “U.S. – Russia Relations”**

Chair: **Katri Pynnönniemi**, Senior Research Fellow, the Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Keynote: **Donald N. Jensen**, Senior Fellow, Center for Transatlantic Relations, Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, Johns Hopkins University

Panelists: **Arkady Moshes**, Director, the EU’s Eastern Neighbourhood and Russia Research programme, the Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Robert Nurick, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Brent Scowcroft Center of International Relations, Atlantic Council

15:15–15:30 Coffee Break

15:30–17:15 **Panel III “Transatlantic Economic Relations”**

Chair: **Mika Aaltola**, Director, Global Security Research Programme, Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Keynote: **Bruce Oreck**, Ambassador

Panelists: **Matti Anttonen**, Under Secretary of State, External Economic Relations, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland

Henrik Isakson, Senior Trade Policy Advisor, National Board of Trade, Sweden

THURSDAY SEPTEMBER 1

Open session at the Mirror Room, Kämp Hotel

10:00–12:00 **Panel IV “NATO in Transatlantic Security Policy”**

Chair: **Teija Tiilikainen**, Director, the Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Keynote: **Alexander Vershbow**, Deputy Secretary General, NATO

Panelists: **Ann-Sofie Dahl**, Adjunct Fellow, Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

Otto Saxén, Director, Defence Policy Unit, Ministry of Defence, Finland

12:15–14:00 Lunch at Restaurant Kappeli

Closed session at FIIA

14:15-16:00 **Panel V “Societal Security, Stability and Cyber”**

Chair: **Christian Fjäder**, Director, Planning and Analysis Department, National Emergency Supply Agency, Finland

Keynote: **Ronald Marks**, Professor and Board Member, The George Washington University Center for Cyber and Homeland Security

Panelists: **Pia Rantala-Engberg**, Ambassador for Cyber Affairs, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland

Veli-Pekka Kivimäki, Researcher, Finnish Defense Research Agency

FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 2

Closed session at FIIA

09:30-11:30 **Panel VI “Global Governance – the Future of the Liberal World Order”**

Chair: **Charly Salenius-Pasternak**, Senior Research Fellow, the Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Keynote: **James Traub**, Columnist, Foreign Policy; Professor, New York University

Panelists: **Katarina Tracz**, Director, Stockholm Free World Forum

Kari Möttölä, Visiting Scholar, Network for European Studies, University of Helsinki

11:30-12:30 Lunch at Wanha Satama Brasserie

13:30-15:30 Tallink-Silja from Helsinki to Tallinn

Briefers: **Aap Neljas**, Senior Researcher, Estonian Foreign Policy Institute

Eoin Michéal McNamara, Junior Research Fellow, University of Tartu

Comments: **Daiga Dége**, PhD. Researcher, Tallinn University

Open Session at the Nordic Hotel Forum, Tallinn in cooperation with the Estonian Atlantic Treaty Association

16:00–18:00 **Panel VII “The U.S. Dimension of Security in the Northern Baltic Sea Region”**

Chair: **Anna Kronlund**, Senior Research Fellow, the Finnish Institute of International Affairs

Panelists: **Saulius Gasiūnas**, Director, Euro–Atlantic Cooperation Department, Ministry of Defense, Lithuania

Marta Kepe, Analyst, RAND Europe

Kalev Stoicescu, Research Fellow, International Centre for Defence and Security

Katarina Tracz, Director, Stockholm Free World Forum

18:00 Check-in to Nordic Hotel Forum, Viru väljak 3, Tallinn

19:00 Dinner at Restaurant Tchaikovsky

SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 3

Return to Helsinki for those who are flying from Helsinki

10:30–12:30 TallinkSilja from Tallinn to Helsinki