

US RESEARCH DAY 2018

Monday 26 November, at 10:00 – 18:00

Donald Trump's presidency has instigated a widespread debate over the essence of his foreign and security policy. Some observers view the President's approach as devoid of coherence, some speak of a grand-strategic shift, and yet others observe a semblance of continuity with past presidential administrations. In the aftermath of the midterm elections with almost two years of Trump's first presidential term elapsed, it is high time to enquire to what extent the President and his administration have managed to forge a "Trump doctrine" – a more or less coherent approach to the world. What are its key components in the military and economic spheres? What kinds of principles inform the doctrine? How does this Trumpian approach to the world reflect relevant trends on the international and domestic political arenas? What are the future prospects of Trump's foreign and security policy against the backdrop of the midterms, and the approaching countdown to the presidential races?

The US Research Day 2018 is organised by the Center on US Politics and Power (CUSPP) at the Finnish Institute of International Affairs (FIIA).

Programme:

10:00 – 12:00 **U.S. foreign and security policies under Trump: A doctrine in the making?**
Auditorium of the Annex Building of the Parliament, Arkadiankatu 3, Helsinki

Opening remarks:

Bart Gaens, Senior Research Fellow, Project Director, FIIA

Keynote speaker:

Andrew A. Michta, Dean, College of International and Security Studies, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies

Panelists:

Risto E. J. Penttilä, CEO, Nordic West Office

Heidi Fransila, Director, Blic

Ville Sinkkonen, Research Fellow, FIIA

Chair: **Mika Aaltola**, Programme Director, FIIA

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch at Restaurant Roster, Pohjoisesplanadi 17

14:30 – 16:30 Closed panel (in Finnish):
Suomi-Yhdysvallat –suhde: Tulevaisuuden suuntaviivoja muutoksen maailmassa
Finnish Institute of International Affairs, Arkadiankatu 23 B, 5th floor

Panelists:

Anna Kronlund, University Teacher, University of Jyväskylä

Kari Möttölä, Visiting Scholar, University of Helsinki

Markku Ruotsila, Docent, University of Tampere

Jukka Tarkka, Columnist

16:30 – 18:00 Networking and cocktails