



# Revising NATO's nuclear deterrence posture: prospects for change

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Despite a lively discussion on NATO's nuclear policy ahead of the Lisbon summit, the new Strategic Concept leaves major elements of the Alliance's nuclear posture unchanged but open to revision, through a review of deterrence and defense slated for 2011/12. Key issues such as NATO declaratory policy and the Alliance role in future nuclear reductions were left undecided in the new Strategic Concept. As a result, NATO's nuclear posture and its role in arms control, disarmament and nonproliferation will be the focus of discussions among Allies in the coming twelve months, leading up to the 2012 NATO summit in the United States. Nuclear issues will be discussed in the context of the ongoing dialogue both within the Alliance and with Russia on a European based missile defense strategy, and proposals to restart the CFE process. NATO has also made clear in November 2010 that changes in its nuclear posture, and in particular changes in the deployment of tactical nuclear weapons in Europe will depend on Russian reciprocity.

The seminar will provide an opportunity

- to take stock of discussions on NATO's nuclear policy around Europe
- to consider NATO's future nuclear posture in the context of discussion about a strategic missile defense system for the Alliance, and NATO-Russia relations
- to debate NATO's role in nuclear arms control, disarmament and nonproliferation.

**Monday, 23 May 2011**

**12:30- 13:30 Lunch and Welcome from the organizers**

*Giji Gya, ISIS Europe and Paul Ingram, BASIC*

**13:30 -15:30 Session 1: NATO's nuclear policy within the new Strategic Concept**

- NATO's Nuclear Posture as defined by the Lisbon Summit - what is up for discussion?  
*Jamie Shea, Deputy Assistant Secretary General, Emerging Security Challenges, NATO*
- The debate on NATO's nuclear posture today  
*Oliver Meier, Researcher, IFSH*
- Strategic Requirements and Disarmament Prospects  
*Simon Lunn, Associate Fellow, RUSI*

**15:30-16:00 Coffee**

**16:00-18:00 Session 2: NATO's future deterrence posture**

- Adapting NATO's Deterrence Posture for 21st Century Threats  
*Brad Roberts, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for Nuclear and Missile Defense Policy, US Department of Defense*
- The timelines and process for modernization  
*Colin Stockman, Nuclear Policy Directorate, NATO*
- Alternative contributions to deterrence: Feasible? Desirable?  
*Dennis Gormley, Senior Research Fellow at the University of Pittsburgh's Matthew B. Ridgway Center for International Security Studies*
- Shifting from deterrence by punishment to deterrence by denial? The case of Ballistic Missile Defense in Europe  
*Götz Neuneck, Deputy Director IFSH*

**18:30- 20:00: Dinner for speakers at the hotel**

**Tuesday, 24 May**

**9:00-11:00 Session 3: Tactical nuclear weapons and arms control**

- US views on how to include TNW in a new agreement on nuclear reductions  
*Ted Seay, US Mission to NATO*
- Increasing nuclear transparency as a way to build confidence between NATO and Russia  
*Amb. Vegard Ellefsen, Permanent Representative of Norway to NATO*
- The impact of Russia's nuclear posture and NATO's deterrence posture  
*Amb. Jüri Luik, Permanent Representative of Estonia to NATO*
- The role of NATO's WMD Control and Disarmament Committee  
*Amb. Martin Erdmann, Permanent Representative of Germany to NATO*

**11:00-11:30 Coffee**

**11:30- 12:15 Session 4: What deterrence and defense posture for NATO in tomorrow's security environment?**

- *Amb. Philippe Errera, Permanent Representative of France to NATO*
- *Response: Ian Davis, Director, NATO Watch*

**12:15-13:45 Session 5: Concluding perspectives from civil society representatives - approaches to the challenges facing NATO in determining its nuclear posture**

- *Susi Snyder, IKV/Pax Christi, Netherlands*
- *Tom Sauer, Assistant Professor, University of Antwerp*
- *Ian Davis, Director, NATO Watch*
- Concluding remarks: How can NATO best approach its posture review?  
*Paul Ingram, Executive Director, BASIC*