



**International Conference**  
**ASSURANCE AND DETERRENCE:**  
**NATO'S WARSAW SUMMIT AGENDA FROM THE BALTIC PERSPECTIVE**  
**May 12, 2016**

Conference Hall 402, Vokieciu str. 10, Vilnius, Lithuania  
Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University

**Program**

**12<sup>th</sup> of May**

09:00 – 09:30 **Registration. Coffee and snacks**

09:30 – 10:00 **Welcome and opening remarks:**

**Ramūnas Vilpišauskas**, Director of IIRPS, VU

**Jarosław Czubiński**, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Poland in the Republic of Lithuania

**Keynote speech:**

**Eric Povel**, Information Officer of the Engagements Section, NATO Public Diplomacy Division

10:00 – 11:30 **Panel I. From Wales to Warsaw: Assessing NATO's Readiness Action Plan.**

*The panel will focus on taking stock of Wales Summit decisions and the implementation of the Readiness Action Plan, with specific focus on assurance measures, Very High Readiness Joint Task Force, NATO Force Integration Units and other key initiatives, including the progress made to counter Hybrid Warfare.*

**Moderator:** **assoc. Prof. Margarita Šešelgytė**, Institute of International Relations and Political Science

**Panelists:**

**Vaidotas Urbelis**, Ministry of National Defence, Republic of Lithuania

**Dr. Deividas Šlekys**, Institute of International Relations and Political Science

**Colonel Allan Best**, Branch Chief Operations NFIU Lithuania

*Discussion*

11:30 – 11:50 Coffee break

11:50 – 13:20 **Panel II. What's next? Guidelines for NATO's long term adaptation**

*The panel will focus on guidelines for the long term adaptation of the Alliance, including institutional, political and military dimensions, addressing the key military vulnerabilities of the Baltic region and the need for additional Allied security measures.*

**Moderator:** prof. Tomas Janeliūnas, Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University

**Panelists:**

**Renatas Norkus**, Director, Transatlantic Cooperation and Security Policy Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Lithuania

**Jacek Bartosiak**, Casimir Pulaski Foundation, Warsaw

**Dick Zandee**, Senior Research Fellow, Netherlands Institute of International Relations (Clingendael)

**Bastian Giegerich**, Director of Defence and Military Analysis, International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), London

*Discussion*

13:20 – 14:30 Light lunch

14:30 – 16:00 **Panel III. Russia's nuclear sabre-rattling: time to adapt NATO's nuclear policy?**

*In light of aggressive Russia's policy, nuclear messaging and increasing reliance on nuclear weapons, the panel will discuss implications to NATO's deterrence and defence posture, declaratory policy and nuclear sharing mechanism.*

**Moderator:** Magnus Christiansson, Lecturer at the Department of Strategy at the Swedish Defence University

**Panelists:**

**Dr. Martynas Zapolskis**, Lecturer at Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University

**Dr. Steinar Høibråten**, Chief Scientist, Norwegian Defence Research Establishment, Kjeller, Norway

**Eglė Murauskaitė**, Non-resident Research Fellow ICONS Project, University of Maryland

*Discussion*

16:00 **Closing of the conference, final remarks, sum up**

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