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## **PSSI'S NATO SUMMER SCHOOL**

Dear participants, we are very pleased to welcome you to the 18<sup>th</sup> edition of the PSSI's NATO Summer School.

We hope you will enjoy the following days, not only at the lectures with our distinguished speakers, but also at the practical simulation organized by the PSSI team or at the informal networking in the evening.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please let us know.

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Please pay attention to the following request:

**All lectures are held under the Chatman House Rule**, meaning participants are free to use the information received, but neither the identity nor the affiliation of the speaker(s), nor that of any other participant, may be revealed.

On Saturday, July 15, after the last lecture, all participants are required to complete 2 evaluation questionnaires. Both forms are anonymous. Your honest answers will help us to improve the next Summer School for the participants and enhance their experience.

## **PSSI'S MISSION**

The mission of the Prague Security Studies Institute is to help safeguard and strengthen the individual freedoms and democratic institutions of the countries in Central and Eastern Europe and beyond. The Institute also seeks to illuminate select unconventional threats emanating from authoritarian governments that challenge the transatlantic alliance and other partners globally, especially in the economic & financial and space domains. PSSI is dedicated to the education and training of new generations of security-minded students and young professionals, including through its programmatic activities and growing academic network in the Czech Republic and abroad.

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**SUNDAY, JULY 9**

18:30–19:30 **Dinner** – Dining hall – main building

Evening **Icebreaker Pub-quiz – Beach bar down at the lake – follow Lenka**

**MONDAY, JULY 10**

8:00–9:00 **Breakfast** – Dining hall – main building

9:00–10:30 **Session I – Conference room next to the Dining hall/main building**  
**Russian Interference in Africa**  
**Bohumil Doboš** (Charles University)

Bohumil Doboš is a lecturer and researcher at the Institute of Political Studies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic. He focuses on topics related to geopolitics, more specifically territoriality, violent non-state actors, astropolitics, and neomedievalism, with a special interest in Sub-Saharan Africa.

10:45–12:15 **Cybersecurity of Space Assets**  
**Luboš Přikryl** (NÚKIB)

Luboš Přikryl is an EDT (Emerging Disruptive Technologies) analyst in the Strategic Information and Analyses Unit, National Cyber and Information Security Agency (NÚKIB) of the Czech Republic. The unit is responsible for creating analytical and informational materials regarding significant cyber security attacks and trends for both decision makers and Czech and foreign administrative bodies. He holds a Master's Degree from Masaryk University.

12:15–13:45 **Lunch Break**

14:15–18:00 **Simulation Introduction** – Conference room next to the Dining hall/main building

18:30–19:30 **Dinner**

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## TUESDAY, JULY 11

8:00–9:00 **Breakfast**

9:00–10:30 **Security in Post-Soviet Space**

**Dr. Pal Dunay** (*George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies*)

Pál Dunay received an LL.M in Law and Political Science from the Loránd Eötvös University Budapest in 1982, a so-called Dr. Universitatis degree in Public International Law in 1991 from the same university, and a Ph.D. in international relations from the Budapest University of Economics in 2001 each with “summa cum laude.” He was a legal advisor of the Hungarian Delegation to the Conventional Forces in Europe talks, Deputy Director of the Hungarian Institute of International Affairs, course director of the International Training Course in Security Policy at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy. Subsequently, he was Senior Researcher at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI), he reopened and directed the Hungarian Institute of International Affairs until his return to Geneva. Later on, he was Director of the Organization for Security Cooperation in Europe’s Academy in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. Pál Dunay’s research interest extends to various issues of European security with an emphasis on East-central Europe and Eastern Europe, Central Asia, the OSCE, the legality of the use of force, and integration and disintegration in the post-Soviet space.

10:45–12:15 **Intersection Between Finance and Security**

**Gonzalo Saiz** (*Royal United Services Institute, RUSI*)

Gonzalo Saiz is a Research Analyst at the Centre for Financial Crime & Security Studies at RUSI, focusing on sanctions and counter threat finance. He is part of Project CRAAFT (Collaboration, Research and Analysis Against Financing of Terrorism) and Euro SIFMANet (European Sanctions and Illicit Finance Monitoring and Analysis Network). Prior to joining RUSI in 2022, Gonzalo worked as a legal advisor to victims of human trafficking for sexual exploitation, as well as a researcher of transnational organized crime in Spain and across Europe, collaborating extensively with non-profit organizations and law enforcement agencies. He holds Bachelor’s Degrees in Law and International Relations from the University of Deusto, and an MSc in Conflict Studies from the London School of Economics, where his dissertation examined combatting Al-Shabaab through the targeting of its illicit sources of financing.

12:15–13:45 **Lunch Break**

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### 14:15–15:45 **Disinformation Workshop**

**Kristína Šefčíková** (*Prague Security Studies Institute, PSSI*)

Kristína Šefčíková is a respected expert in regional security and disinformation. As a Project Manager at PSSI, she specializes in disinformation, strategic communication, and foreign malign influence. With advanced degrees in International Relations and English Language and Literature, her research focuses on nationalist discourse and propaganda. Ms. Šefčíková is a sought-after speaker in media, podcasts, conferences, and expert panels. Her current interests include hostile narratives in the Ukrainian war, disinformation media models, and the Green Deal's impact on energy security.

### 18:30–19:30 **Dinner**

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**WEDNESDAY, JULY 12**

8:00–9:00 **Breakfast**

9:00–10:30 **Strategic Communication & NATO StratCom Centre of Excellence**  
**Mário Nicolini** (*NATO Strategic Communication Centre of Excellence*)

Mário has long been committed to empowering the next generation of young leaders for building a new, more confident, diverse, wide open, multi-religious future for Slovakia. As a national security professional, Mário focuses on foreign policy and national security challenges ranging from hard to soft power. He advised two Ministers and six State Secretaries of Defense on strategic issues facing Slovakia, including troop deployments, defense transformation, security sector reform, and public outreach. Working for the Value for Money Division of the Ministry of Finance, he led Slovakia's first defense spending review. He is also engaged in initiatives aimed at increasing the resilience of our societies against extremism, disinformation, and propaganda. He currently works in Riga, Latvia, as Slovakia's senior expert in the NATO Strategic Communication Centre of Excellence. Before joining public service, he worked with the consulting company McGuireWoods LLP in Washington, DC.

10:45–12:15 **Strategic Communication Exercise**  
**Mário Nicolini** (*NATO Strategic Communication Centre of Excellence*)

12:15–13:45 **Lunch Break**

14:15–15:45 **Key deliverables from the NATO Vilnius Summit & Strategic concept of NATO**  
**Barbora Maronková** (*NATO Public Diplomacy Division*)

Ms. Maronkova currently serves as the Programme Officer with Public Diplomacy Division for Global Partners. Between 2021–2022 she was assigned as a Communications Advisor on NATO's Strategic Concept at the Policy Planning Unit of the Office of the Secretary General. She held various functions, including the Acting Director of NATO Information Office in Moscow (2020–2021) and served as the Director of the NATO Information and Documentation Centre in Ukraine from March 2017 till September 2020. Previously, she worked in NATO's Press and Media office and managed public diplomacy campaigns in the Western Balkans. In this capacity, she advised candidate countries on their national public awareness campaigns on NATO membership. Maronkova was also a Non-resident research fellow with the Centre on Public Diplomacy, University of Southern California (2015–2017) and is a frequent contributor to academic writings on public diplomacy and strategic communications.

18:30–19:30 **Dinner**

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**THURSDAY, JULY 13**

8:00–9:00 **Breakfast**

9:00–10:30 **China & Money: From Economic Statecraft to Digital Yuan**  
**David Gardáš** (*Sinopsis*)

David Gardáš is a sinologist and analyst of the project Sinopsis based in Prague. His main domain of interest is contemporary China in the context of geopolitics and geoeconomics, power elites, and central bank digital currencies. During his studies in the PRC, he briefly visited Tibet, which subsequently led him to Tibetan studies at Charles University.

10:45–12:15 **The Economic and Financial Warfighting Domain**  
**Roger W. Robinson, Jr.** (*PSSI*)

Roger W. Robinson, Jr. has served as President and CEO of RWR Advisory Group since 1985 and of the Conflict Securities Advisory Group, Inc. between 2001 and 2009. He likewise serves as Chairman and Co-founder of the Prague Security Studies Institute.

Prior to forming the firms referenced above, Mr. Robinson served as Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Congressionally-mandated U.S.–China Economic and Security Review Commission for much of the time from 2001 to 2006. He also served as Senior Director of International Economic Affairs at the National Security Council (NSC) from March 1982 until September 1985. Between January 1984 and April 1985, Mr. Robinson served as Executive Secretary of the Senior Interdepartmental Group on International Economic Policy, a Cabinet-level body that reported through the NSC to the President. Prior to joining the NSC staff, Mr. Robinson was a Vice President in the International Department of the Chase Manhattan Bank in New York City. Mr. Robinson has published extensively on security-related risk in the global capital markets and East–West economic and financial relations. He has served as an expert witness on numerous occasions before both Senate and House Committees.

12:15–13:45 **Lunch Break**

14:45–16:15 **State vs. Cyberspace:  
Transformation of the Role of Government from a Key Mover to Multistakeholder Model**  
**Lucie Kadlecová** (*Peace Research Centre Prague, Charles University*)

Lucie works in the Cyber & Privacy Team at PwC and as a post-doctoral researcher at Peace Research Centre Prague, Charles University, focusing on non-technical aspects of cyber security. She was previously a visiting scholar on a Fulbright scholarship at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in Cambridge, USA. She worked at the Czech National Cyber Security Centre and Estonian cyber security company CybExer Technologies. She holds a Ph.D. from Charles University and an MA from the War Studies Department at King's College London. She is finishing a book on state sovereignty in cyberspace and teaches a cyber security course at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University.

18:30–19:30 **Dinner**

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## FRIDAY, JULY 14

8:00–9:00 **Breakfast**

9:00–10:30 **Energy Security**

**Václav Bartuška** (*Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic*)

Václav Bartuška is Ambassador-at-Large for Energy Security, Czech Republic since 2006. He directly reports to the Foreign Minister, dealing with a wide range of issues, from oil and gas supplies to energy strategy. During the gas dispute between Russia and Ukraine in January 2009, when the Czech Republic held the EU Presidency, he was involved in negotiations with Russian, Ukrainian, and EU leadership. In 2010, he was also appointed by the Czech government as Commissioner for expansion of the Temelín nuclear power plant, one of the biggest nuclear tenders in European history. Additionally, Mr. Bartuška has taught modern history and security studies at New York University, Prague campus since 2003.

10:45–12:15 **Western Balkan's Hotbed**

**Jan Šnidauf** (*Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic*)

Jan Šnidauf has directed Policy Planning and Strategy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic since November 2020. He served as Chief Advisor to the Foreign Minister between 2018–2020. Previously, he headed the Political and Economic Section of the EU Delegation to Bosnia and Herzegovina. Earlier he dealt with the Middle East at the European External Action Service, which followed on from his assignment to the Policy Unit of EU High Representatives J. Solana and C. Ashton. Before that, Mr. Šnidauf worked for President Vaclav Havel's Forum 2000 Foundation as well as the Association for International Affairs, Prague. Mr. Šnidauf has lectured at various universities in Prague and the French Sciences-Po. He used to be frequently featured as a media commentator and published a number of papers and articles. Jan graduated from SOAS London, as well as from Charles University Prague. He also studied in Cairo, Berlin, and Washington D.C.

12:15–13:30 **Lunch Break**

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## 13:30–15:00 **Ensuring Allied Competitiveness in the Global Ground-Based Space Race**

**Jana Robinson Ph.D. (PSSI)**

Dr. Jana Robinson became Managing Director of the Prague Security Studies Institute (PSSI) in April 2020. She also serves as PSSI's Space Security Program Director, a post she assumed in 2015. She previously held the position of a Space Policy Officer at the European External Action Service (EEAS) in Brussels, as well as a Space Security Advisor to the Czech Foreign Ministry. From 2009 to 2013, Dr. Robinson worked at the European Space Policy Institute (ESPI), seconded from the European Space Agency (ESA), leading the Institute's Space Security Research Programme. Dr. Robinson is an elected member of the International Institute of Space Law (IISL) and the International Academy of Astronautics (IAA). She is also a member of the Advisory Board of the George C. Marshall Missile Defense Project of the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington, D.C. Ms. Robinson holds a Ph.D. in the field of space security from the Charles University's Faculty of Social Sciences, Institute of Political Studies and received two MA degrees, from George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs and Palacky University in Olomouc, respectively.

## 15:30–17:30 **Simulation Evaluation, Feedback, Certificates & Family Photo**

*(Please pack in advance, so you can sleep as long as possible :-))*

## 18:30 **Barbecue**

## **SATURDAY, JULY 15**

### 8:00–9:00 **Breakfast**

PLEASE – remember to settle the bills for drinks and amenities. We can't depart without that.

### 10:30 **Departure**