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# PSSI'S NATO SUMMER SCHOOL NATO AND THE NEW TRANSATLANTIC POLITICAL LANDSCAPE

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

Dear Participants, we are very pleased to welcome you to the 20th anniversary 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 and during the informal networking in the evenings.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please let us know. We are happy to solve any issues – but we can only do so if you inform us.

— Martin: (+421) 911 650 771

### PLEASE MIND THE FOLLOWING REQUESTS:

All lectures are held under the Chatham 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 Thursday, July 31, after the last lecture, all participants will be required to complete two evaluation forms. Both forms are anonymous. Your honest answers will help us 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 27**

15:30	Gathering for departure of the group bus transfer – parking lot of Vienna House by
	Wyndham Diplomat Prague (watch out for Martin with a clipboard)
18:30-19:30	<b>Dinner</b> – meeting in front of the Garni building at 18:15 with instructions and a tour
Evening	Icebreaker Pub Quiz – Marina Bar down at the lake (follow Martin, bring cash!)

### **MONDAY, JULY 28**

18:30-19:30 **Dinner** 

08:00-09:15	Breakfast
09:15-10:45	Strategic Communication & NATO StratCom Centre of Excellence
	Ben Heap (NATO Strategic Communication Centre of Excellence)

Ben's career began as a creative in the UK film and television industry, working in commercials and broadcast for over a decade before shifting full-time into the military. He spent several years in Afghanistan working in influence and outreach, both with the British Army and as a NATO civilian, before joining the NATO Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence in 2016. His projects have covered hybrid threats, national capability development, deterrence, attribution, and industry best practice. He is currently leading the centre's Ukraine StratCom Partnership Programme.

11:00-12:30	Strategic Communication Workshop Ben Heap (NATO Strategic Communication Centre of Excellence)
12:30-14:00	Lunch Break
14:15-15:45	Simulation Introduction
15:45-16:00	Coffee Break
16:00-18:00	Simulation



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### **TUESDAY, JULY 29**

08:00-09:15 Breakfast

09:15–10:45 Deterrence in the 21st Century: Evolution & Practicalities

Nicholas Taylor (Oaklands Consulting)

Nicholas Taylor is an independent analyst with over 30 years of experience in defence and security, who is internationally recognised for his work on deterrence and strategic influence. He is the Director of Oaklands Consulting, holds visiting and associate roles with RAND Europe and in the Department of War Studies at King's College London, and is a member of the NATO Chief Scientist's Panel of Experts as a deterrence subject matter expert.

From 2007 to 2025, he worked at the UK Ministry of Defence's Science and Technology Laboratory, Dstl, where he led research and analysis on deterrence and other strategic effects. He pioneered a new approach to the development and implementation of integrated deterrence strategies and headed a team developing deterrence campaigns for the UK Government. In this role, he provided advice to the highest levels of government on deterrence issues. Nicholas has significant experience in international research collaboration, notably with the US Department of Defense and NATO Science and Technology Organization.

Prior to joining Dstl, Nicholas worked as a consultant in support of the UK MoD and began his career with a commission in the Royal Air Force as a Fighter Controller. Nicholas was awarded a BA (Hons) in International Relations and Strategic Studies at Lancaster University, which included a year of study at the University of Nebraska, USA. He is a Fellow of the Royal Society for Arts, Manufactures and Commerce (RSA).

11:00–12:30 **Deterrence Workshop** 

Nicholas Taylor (Oaklands Consulting)

12:30-14:00 Lunch Break



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# 14:15–15:45 Strengthening Allied Posture in the Ground-Based Space Race Dr. Jana Robinson (PSSI)

Dr. Jana Robinson has been Managing Director of the Prague Security Studies Institute (PSSI) since 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. She is a 2025 recipient of the Medal for Contribution to Diplomacy, awarded by the Czech Minister of Foreign Affairs.

From 2009 to 2013, Ms. Robinson worked at the European Space Policy Institute (ESPI), seconded from the European Space Agency (ESA), leading the Institute's Space Security Research Programme. Ms. 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 PhD 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.

She received scholarships to attend the International Space University's (ISU) 2009 Space Studies Program (SSP09), the 2008 Summer Training Course at the National Taiwan Normal University in Taipei, and a one-year course of study at Shanghai University in 1999–2000. She completed the Spring 2025 Oxford University Executive Leadership Programme (online).

15:45–16:00 **Coffee Break** 16:00–18:00 **Simulation** 18:30–19:30 **Dinner** 

#### **WEDNESDAY, JULY 30**

08:00-09:15 **Breakfast** 

09:15–10:45 Russia: A Problem for European Security

Dr. Pál Dunay (OSCE Academy)

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, and 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), and 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 – a role he assumed again in March 2025. 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.



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### 11:00–12:30 Financial Intelligence & Warfighting

Roger W. Robinson, Jr. (PSSI)

Roger W. Robinson Jr. was formerly Senior Director of International Economic Affairs at the Reagan National Security Council, where he was the principal architect of the secret economic and financial strategy for the take-down of the Soviet Union. He later served as Chairman of the Congressional U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission for the bulk of 2001-2006. Prior to his government service, Mr. Robinson was a Vice President in the International Department of the Chase Manhattan Bank with responsibility for Chase's loan portfolios in the USSR, Central/Eastern Europe, and Yugoslavia. He also served as a personal staff assistant to then-Chase Chairman David Rockefeller for some three years. Mr. Robinson is currently Chairman and Co-Founder of the Prague Security Studies Institute in the Czech Republic. He served for seven years on the Board of Visitors of the Sanford School of Public Policy at his alma mater, Duke University, and has an MA in International Affairs from the Elliott School of George Washington University. Mr. Robinson has regularly testified before Senate and House hearings and has appeared regularly in print and broadcast media outlets for over four decades, primarily on the subjects of financial intelligence and warfighting with respect to China, Russia, and the former Soviet Union.

12:30-14:00 Lunch Break

14:15–15:45 Information Warfare in Cyberspace

**92nd Cyber Warfare Group** (Czech Armed Forces)

The center of information warfare in cyberspace is designed to build capabilities and conduct active and highly effective operations of the Czech Armed Forces in cyberspace and in the information space. The Centre's primary task is assessing the factors of an enemy's information influence in cyberspace, planning and implementing active countermeasures.

15:45-16:00 **Coffee Break** 

16:00-18:00 Simulation

18:30-19:30 **Dinner** 



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### **THURSDAY, JULY 31**

08:00-09:15 Breakfast

09:15–10:45 **Open Source Intelligence Workshop** – a laptop is necessary for this workshop

**92nd Cyber Warfare Group** (Czech Armed Forces)

11:00-12:30 Shifting Fault Lines: Regional Security in the Wake of October 7 and the Trump Presidency

Dr. Irena Kalhousová (Herzl Center for Israeli Studies)

Irena Kalhousová is the Head of the Herzl Center for Israeli Studies and an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Social Sciences of Charles University. Irena specializes in Israel, the relations between Central European countries and Israel, and the Israeli–Palestinian conflict. In her current research, she focuses on the role of trauma in the formation of foreign policy. In addition to her academic work, she regularly contributes expert commentary on Israeli politics and the Middle East for Czech and international media. Irena holds a PhD in International Relations from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE), an MPhil in European Studies from the University of Cambridge, and a BA in Political Science from the Hebrew University of Jerusalem.

12:30–13:30 Lunch Break – beware of an earlier end

**RECOMMENDATION:** Use the lunch break or the coffee break later to change into business casual clothing for the ceremony and photos.

13:45–15:15 From Beijing With Love: How China Weaponized Its Technology in Geopolitical Struggle

Michael Myklín (National Cyber and Information Security Agency)

Michael Myklín is the director of the Central Analytics Department at the National Cyber and Information Security Agency (NÚKIB) of the Czech Republic. The department is responsible for crafting analytical materials about cyber attacks and trends in cyber security for decision-makers and Czech and foreign administrative bodies.

15:15-15:30 Coffee Break

15:30-17:30 Simulation Evaluation; Certificate Ceremony & Family Photo; Feedback Forms

**RECOMMENDATION:** Pack in advance, so that you can sleep as long as possible.

18:30 Barbecue Night

#### FRIDAY, AUGUST 1

08:00-09:15 Breakfast

**REQUIREMENT:** Settle the bills for drinks and amenities (including consumption cards) – we cannot leave without EVERYONE doing that.

**Departure of the group bus transfer** – with an expected arrival at the parking lot of Vienna House by Wyndham Diplomat Prague by 12:00

