



NATO TALK
around the BRANDENBURGER TOR
BERLIN

NATO'S FUTURE IN AN UNPREDICTABLE WORLD

NATO's Future: Seminar Outline

On November 13, the German Atlantic Association, the Federal Academy for Security Policy, and the Representation of the European Commission in Berlin co-host an international conference in Berlin addressing NATO's current agenda in the run-up for the 2018 Summit against the background of rapid changes in the alliance's security environment. Supported by the Press and Information Office of the Federal Government and NATO PDD, high-ranking politicians, diplomats, military officials, and representatives from academia and civil society, will discuss the implementation process as well as future challenges to the alliance.

In order to foster the understanding of security politics, to establish an international dialogue among the younger generation, and to connect emerging leaders from NATO member and partner countries with senior decision-makers, YATA Germany will host a seminar on November 11 and 12, focusing on key issues of transatlantic security. In an open and competitive call for panels, the members of YATA Germany chose three topics on the basis of their ideas and expectations through the lens of NATO's future:

1. **“More than words? The Future of EU-NATO Cooperation”**
2. **“Troubled Waters? Security in the Black Sea”**
3. **“Towards the Renaissance of MAD and the Disintegration of the NPT? Nuclear Diplomacy in the Early 21st Century”**

To each session, senior political and military experts will be invited to discuss with the group the ideas and recommendations of young scholars and experts in the field.

Seminar Venue: Press and Information Office of the Federal Government,
Reichstagsufer 14, 10117 Berlin

NATO's Future: Seminar Agenda

Saturday, November 11

Arrival of Participants

- 1:00 p.m. **Welcoming Coffee and Opening Remarks**
1:30 p.m. *Joint Walk to the Pier*
2:00 p.m. **Politics on Water – Berlin Boat Tour**
3:30 p.m. **Working Group Session**
7:00 p.m. **Dinner, Kartoffelkeller, Albrechtstraße 14B, 10117 Berlin**

Sunday, November 12

9:00 a.m. **More than words? The Future of EU-NATO Cooperation**

The opening of the new Headquarters and ongoing allied commitments to Enhance Forward Presence underline the readiness of its members to resort to NATO as the key structure for defense and security policy. Despite this, differences within the alliance continue to distract while a wide number of challenges require decisive and cohesive action. Given the current political uncertainties, an extensive cooperation between NATO and the European Union will continue to gain in importance. To what extent will common efforts, like those envisioned in the EU-NATO Joint Declaration, contribute to a more effective response to major challenges like terrorism? How will an enhanced role of the EU in NATO's cooperative security strategies shape the alliance's future?

Introduction and Moderation:

Alexander Schroeder & Sumeyra Yildirim, YATA Germany

10:30 a.m. Coffee Break

10:45 a.m. **Troubled Waters? Security in the Black Sea**

The Black Sea is of strategic importance to NATO and its partners in the region. It does not only constitute a large part of NATO's border but includes hot and frozen conflicts on Europe's doorstep as well as the build-up of military forces. Russia's support for secession movements is complicating regional security cooperation in the areas of maritime and energy security as well as countering illicit trade and organized crime. What are the prospects for strengthening regional security and de-escalating tension with Russia in the Black Sea region? Is it possible for NATO to develop a coherent strategy for the region, given the diverse interests of its members and partners surrounding the Black Sea?

Introduction and Moderation:

Sebastian Feyock, YATA Germany

12:15 p.m. **Lunch**, “Die Eins”, Wilhelmstraße 67A, 10117 Berlin

1:30 p.m. **Towards the Renaissance of MAD and the Disintegration of the NPT? Nuclear Diplomacy in the Early 21st Century**

History has given nuclear diplomacy a rough beating in the early 21st century: key instruments to stem the proliferation of nuclear armaments have been undermined or deadlocked, whilst nuclear saber-rattling threatens to destabilize NATO-Russia relations. Whilst force modernizations have been commenced on both sides of the Atlantic, Russia has been accused of lowering the threshold for nuclear weapons use to compensate for NATO’s conventional superiority, of declaring Poland a possible target for nuclear attack, of deploying nuclear submarines along the East coast of the United States. Are we witnessing the renaissance of Mutually Assured Destruction in NATO-Russia relations and more generally: quo vadis nuclear order?

Introduction and Moderation:

Maximilian Hoell, YATA Germany

3:30 p.m. Coffee Break

3:45 p.m. **Working Group Discussion**

6:00 p.m. **Presentation of the Recommendations / Wrap-Up**

7:30 p.m. **Dinner: Oranium Corner, Oranienburger Str. 33, 10117 Berlin**

Monday, November 13

9:00 a.m. **Conference “NATO Talk around the Brandenburger Tor”**

Hotel Adlon Kempinski, Unter den Linden 77, 10117 Berlin

7:00 p.m. **YATA Town Hall Discussion: “The alliance we (hardly) know? NATO’s role in German foreign and security policy”**

Hertie School of Governance, Friedrichstraße 180, 10117 Berlin

Tuesday, November 14

Departure of Participants