

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES

Kate Hansen Bundt, *Secretary General of the Norwegian Atlantic Committee and Chair of the Board of NUPI*

Kate has been Secretary General of the Norwegian Atlantic Committee since 2010. She is a political scientist (MA) and foreign policy analyst with expertise on German, European and transatlantic security and strategy. She is chair of the board at NUPI (Norwegian Institute of International Affairs) since 2014, a board member of NOREF (Norwegian Centre for Conflict Resolution) since 2017, member of the CSIS Stuart Center Advisory Council since 2016 and a member of the council at Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI) in Oslo since 2013.

Prior to her current position, she worked at NUPI from 1990-93 and she was Research Director at the Oslo-based think tank “Europa-programmet” for thirteen years. In 2009 she graduated from the executive course at the Norwegian Defence University College, where she still lectures.

Kate has been member of several Government appointed expert committees on security, defence and EU-issues and she is frequently invited by the media to comment on developments in Germany, NATO, and the EU.

Ambassador Sergiu Celac, *Honorary Chairman of New Strategy Center, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania*

Sergiu Celac is a career ambassador who joined the diplomatic service in 1961. He served as Minister of Foreign Affairs in the first post-communist government (1989-1990), then as ambassador to the United Kingdom and Ireland, ambassador-at-large and personal adviser to the President of Romania.

After retirement, he worked as president of the Romanian Institute of International Studies, alternate director general of the International Centre for Black Sea Studies in Athens and is currently Vice-President of the Romanian Association for the Club of Rome, member of the Board of the European Institute of Romania, Black Sea University Foundation, Energy Policy Group, member of the Writers’ Union of Romania.

Prof. Christopher Coker, *Director, LSE IDEAS*

Christopher Coker is Director of LSE IDEAS, LSE's foreign policy think tank. He was Professor of International Relations at LSE, retiring in 2019. He is a former twice serving member of the Council of the Royal United Services Institute, a former NATO Fellow and a regular lecturer at Defence Colleges in the UK, US, Rome, Singapore, and Tokyo. He has been a Visiting Fellow at the National Institute for Defence Studies in Tokyo, the Rajaratnam School for International Studies Singapore, the Political Science Dept in Chulalongkorn University, Bangkok and the Norwegian and Swedish Defence Colleges.

Major General (Ret.) Leonardo Dinu, *Member of the Scientific Council, New Strategy Center*

Major General (Ret.) Leonardo Dinu retired as a two-star general in the Romanian Army after a nearly 38-year career, during which held a variety leadership positions especially in the military intelligence, including most recently as deputy chief of Romanian Military Intelligence Directorate for Operations.

Having graduated from Dimitrie Cantemir Military College, and subsequently from the Military School for Active Officers, Major General Leonardo Dinu started his career in 1985 as 2nd lieutenant in the SIGINT domain of Military Intelligence Directorate (MID). As he continued his military career, he completed military and technical programs in Romania and in various NATO countries, including the Military Intelligence Officer Advanced Course – US Army Intelligence Center and School, and Advanced Military Studies Academy – Bucharest. He also took the Post-Graduate Professional Program organized by Romanian National Intelligence College in the field of Military Sciences, Intelligence and Public Order.

Between 2006 and 2010 he was assigned as Defense, Military, Air and Naval Attaché to India, of Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. From 2010 to 2014, he was Director of SIGINT and Electronic Warfare and, as September 2014, he was appointed Deputy Chief MID for Combat Intelligence. In 2017, he became Deputy Chief MID for Operations.

Dr Dan Dungaciu, *Member of the Scientific Council, New Strategy Center*

Dr Dan Dungaciu is the Director of the Institute of Political Sciences and International Relations of the Romanian Academy (IRRA) and professor at the Faculty of Sociology and Social Work of the University of Bucharest. He studied and worked as associate researcher in many foreign institutions (USA, UK, Germany, Austria, Hungary, Greece) and is author of numerous studies and papers on Eastern Europe subjects.

General (Ret.) Sir James Everard, *Former Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Europe*

General Sir James Everard was until recently NATO's Deputy Supreme Commander Europe (DSACEUR). In a long career in the British Army, Sir James was deployed to the UN Protection Force and then the NATO Implementation Force in Bosnia, and then to the UN Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus. In 2005 he became Commander of 20th Armoured Brigade, deploying to Iraq. In 2013, he became Deputy Chief of the Defence Staff, and then head of the British Army as Commander Land Forces (subsequently Commander Field Army).

Dr Karsten Friis, *Head of Research Group on Security and Defence, The Norwegian Institute of International Affairs*

Dr. Karsten Friis is a Senior Research Fellow and head of NUPI's Research Group on Security and Defence. He holds a PhD from the University of Groningen, a Cand. Polit from University of Oslo and a MSc from London School of Economics. Friis' main area of expertise is security and defence policies, international military operations, civilian-military relations, Nordic security, cyber security, as well as the Western Balkans

Professor Jakub Godzimirski, *Research Professor, The Norwegian Institute of International Affairs*

Jakub M. Godzimirski is a Research Professor at NUPI and has been working on Russian foreign and security policy issues at NUPI for more than 20 years, paying special attention to the role of energy resources in Russian grand strategy. In addition he has worked on European policy and its impact on developments in Central and Eastern Europe, including relations with Russia.

Tom McKane, *Visiting Senior Fellow, LSE IDEAS and Senior Associate Fellow, RUSI*

Tom McKane is a Visiting Senior Fellow of LSE Ideas, a Distinguished Fellow of the Royal United Services Institute and a member of the European Leadership Network. Since retiring from the UK Ministry of Defence in 2014, he has divided his time between academic/think tank activity - hybrid warfare, NATO, and nuclear matters have been particular interests - and consulting on defence issues more broadly.

Between 2008 and 2014 Tom was, successively, Director General for Strategy and Director General for Security Policy in the UK Ministry of Defence. In 2012 he was briefly the acting Permanent Secretary. He led the Ministry of Defence's contribution to the 2010 Strategic Defence and Security Review and was the Department's principal adviser on all aspects of defence policy, including multilateral (in particular, NATO) and bilateral defence relations. Before that he served in a wide range of appointments in the Ministry of Defence, the Cabinet Office, the Northern Ireland Office and the British Embassy in Saudi Arabia, including Deputy Head of the Overseas and Defence Secretariat (a forerunner to the National Security Staff) and Principal Private Secretary to the Secretary of State for Defence.

Megan Palmer, *Programme Manager, Central and South-East Europe Programme, LSE IDEAS*

Megan Palmer is Manager of LSE IDEAS' Central and South-East Europe Programme. The Programme, through its partnerships with Jagiellonian University (Krakow), Babes-Bolyai University (Cluj-Napoca) and Romania-based NGO Ratiu Forum, analyses challenges to liberal democracy across the region. Alongside this role, she is also an ESRC doctoral researcher of Central European history at the University of Nottingham.

Lieutenant General Daniel Petrescu, *Chief of Defence, Romania*

Lieutenant General Daniel Petrescu was appointed Chief of Defence Staff in December 2019. Between August 2017 and August 2019 he assumed the command of the Headquarters Multinational Division South-East and from August to December 2019 was Deputy Chief of Defence Staff.

His professional experience includes prior appointments at tactical, operational and strategic level within the Romanian Armed Forces, NATO Headquarters, and in different theatres of operations. At the tactical level he commanded the 2nd Infantry Battalion Călugăreni in Bucharest, between January 2004 and October 2008. He commanded 2nd Infantry Brigade Rovine from August 15, 2016 until April 30, 2017, and later Multinational Brigade South-East.

At the operational level he was Chief of Staff of the Operational Command Centre (2010 - 2013), the ROU HQ in charge with directing all ROU Forces participation in NATO and coalition operations. His

experience at strategic level includes appointments in the ROU General Staff - Strategic Planning Directorate (Head, Force Planning Office for Missions Abroad, 2008 - 2010), and Operations Directorate (Head, Current Operations, 2010). From June 2013 to July 2016 he represented ROU CHOD as a National Liaison Representative to the HQ Supreme Allied Command Transformation, in Norfolk, Virginia, USA.

Dr Rebecca Pincus, *US Naval War College*

Rebecca Pincus is Assistant Professor in the Strategic and Operational Research Department (SORD) in the Center for Naval Warfare Studies at the US Naval War College, and a member of the Institute for Future Warfare Studies within SORD. She previously served as primary investigator (PI) at the US Coast Guard's Center for Arctic Study and Policy, located at the US Coast Guard Academy.

Colonel (Ret.) Per Erik Solli, *Senior Adviser, Nord University*

Per Erik Solli is a Senior Advisor at Nord University in Northern Norway. He was a Senior Military Advisor at NUPI and also staff officer for the Defence Minister's Expert Commission on Norwegian Security and Defence Policy. He recently retired from military with service including defence attaché to the Netherlands, Norwegian Ministry of Defence, joint staff, joint HQ, and several air force positions. Solli started his career as an operational F-16 pilot in the Arctic at the end of the Cold War. He holds a Master in International Relations (Phi Sigma Alpha) from Auburn University and Master in Military Operational Art and Science from the US Air Force's Air Command and Staff College.

Dr Harlan Ullman, *Senior Advisor, Atlantic Council*

Harlan K. Ullman is a strategic thinker and innovator whose career spans the worlds of business and government. Chairman of several companies and an advisor to the heads of major corporations and governments, he was the principal author of "Shock and Awe." A graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, he served in combat in assignments in Vietnam. He holds an MA, MALD, and PhD from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University and lives in Washington, D.C. For three decades Dr. Ullman has played an active role in the formulation of national security policy in Washington, NATO and foreign capitals of Europe, the Middle East, South Asia and the Far East.

Ullman was the principal author of the doctrine of "shock and awe" and was a product of the National Defense University of the United States. This concept is technically known as "rapid dominance" and is a military doctrine based on the use of "overwhelming decisive force," "dominant battlefield awareness," "dominant maneuvers," and "spectacular displays of power" to "paralyze" an adversary's perception of the battlefield and destroy his will to fight.

A former naval officer, Harlan Ullman served in Vietnam and led more than 150 combat patrols and operations. Once the youngest military professor on the faculty of the National War College, he spent three years directing the course of study for military strategy. Today, Ullman continues to serve the military through seats on the advisory boards of the Department of Defense and the Combatant Commanders. He also serves as Senior Advisor to the Atlantic Council and is a Distinguished Senior Fellow at the National Defense University.

Peter Watkins, *Visiting Senior Fellow, LSE IDEAS*

Peter Watkins is a Visiting Senior Fellow, LSE IDEAS; a Visiting Professor, King's College London; an Associate Fellow, Chatham House; and a Non-Resident Fellow with the Atlantic Council.

He was formerly the Director General Strategy & International (2017-18) and Director General Security Policy (2014-17) in the UK Ministry of Defence (MOD). In these roles, he was responsible for strategic policy & planning; the Defence dimension of the UK's cross-government response to Russia; defence relations with NATO, the EU and with key bilateral allies; and defence policy aspects of cyber, space and novel technologies.

Previous roles included Director General of the Defence Academy (2011-14) and Director of Operational Policy (2008-11). Among earlier assignments, he was Private Secretary to the Defence Secretary (2001-03) and Counsellor (Defence & Aerospace), British Embassy Bonn/Berlin (1996-2000). He was a Visiting Fellow, Harvard University (2006-07).