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## Grand Strategy, Foresight and Hybrid Threats in 21<sup>st</sup> Century - Making Society and Critical Infrastructure Resilient

3-4 September 2021, Hotel Sheraton, Zagreb, Croatia

### PROGRAM



### Day 0: Thursday, September 2, 2021

20:00 – Dinner for Speakers, Panel Chairs, and Guests of Honour (Invitation only)

### Friday, September 3, 2021

**08:30 – 09:00 Arrivals and Registration**

**09:00- 09:30 Opening Ceremony – in memory of Prof.Dr. Miroslav Tuđman**

- Assist.Prof. **Gordan Akrap**, Hybrid Warfare Research Institute, Zagreb
- **Mr. Holger Haibach**, Head of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Office in Zagreb
- **Lt. General Mate Pađen**, Commandant of the Croatian Defence Academy "Dr. Franjo Tuđman"

**09:30- 11:00 Keynote Speakers**

- **Prof.Dr. Shlomo Shpiro**, Bar Ilan University
- **Dr. Johannes Gold**, KAS Berlin, SE Europe and Western Balkans, Germany
- **Mr. Tomislav Dulibić**, State Secretary, Ministry of Health, Croatia
- **Mr. Frano Matošić**, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign and European affairs, Croatia
- **Mr. Elmar Brok**, former member of European Parliament, chairman of the European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs
- **Mrs. Dubravka Šuica**, Vice-President (2019-2024) of European Commission for Democracy and Demography
- **Mr. Andrej Plenković**, President of the Government of the Republic of Croatia (tbc)



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**11:00-11:15 Coffee Break**

**11:15-13:15**

### **Panel I: Strategic Foresight and Hybrid Threats**

**Chair: General (ret.) Mirko Šundov, PhD**

**Lieutenant General Dr. Florian Coldea, “Mihai Viteazul” National Intelligence Academy, Romania:** Intelligence Challenges in Countering Hybrid Threats

**Prof.Dr. Shlomo Shpiro, Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel:** Foresight, Technology, and Hybrid Crisis Management – Lessons learned from Corona and Afghanistan **(On-line)**

**Prof.Dr.Gilliam de Valk, University of Leiden:** Hybrid warfare and the Grey Zone: to deal with the Shaping of the environment through the concept of Augmented Intelligence

**Dr. Vira Ratsiborynska, Adjunct professor on NATO and transatlantic approaches to security, Free University of Brussels (VUB):** Role of foresight in grand strategy planning, development, and training

**13:15-14:15 Lunch (one non-alcoholic beverage included)**

**14:15-16:15**

### **Panel II: Strategic Challenges and Hybrid Threats to Freedom and Society**

**Chair: Hrvoje Sagrak, INFODOM, Croatia**

**Expert commentator/Challenger: Dr. Dorte Bach Nyemann, Royal Danish Defence College, Denmark (On-line)**

**Dr. Jose L. Diego, Ivan L. Martinez, Valencia Local Police:** EU – Hybnet

**Ephraim Lapid, The Europa Institute, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat - Gan, Israel:** Lessons of the Israeli Defense Establishment in Coping with COVID-19 **(On-line)**

**Prof.Dr. Aleksandra Gasztold, University of Warsaw; Dr. Przemysław Gasztold, War Studies University, Poland:** Vulnerability, Risk Analysis and Resilience Management in Critical Infrastructures in Poland and Germany

**Prof.Dr. Slavko Vidović, INFODOM Group, Prof.Dr. Neven Vrček, Faculty of organisation and informatics, University of Zagreb, Hrvoje Sagrak, CEO INFODOM Zagreb, Croatia:**





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Resilience and Agility in Smart Industry Infrastructure as a Strategic Protection Tool Against Emerging Security Challenges

**Col. (ret.) Martti Kari, PhD, Faculty of Information Technology in the University of Jyväskylä:** Strategic Culture as a Tool for Foreseeing Hybrid Threats: Russia as a Case Study  
(On-line)

**16:15-16:40 Coffee Break**

**16:40-18:40**

### Panel III: NATO and Hybrid Threats

**Chair: Assist.Prof. Gordan Akrap, Hybrid Warfare Research Institute, Zagreb**

**Expert commentator/Challenger: Neil Chuka,** Strategic Analyst/Defence Research and Development Canada Centre for Operational Research and Analysis, Department of National Defence, Canada (On-line)

**Prof. Dr. Yantsislav Yanakiev, Bulgarian Defence Institute “Prof. Tsvetan Lazarov”:** Strengthening Societal Resilience of the Allies on the Eastern Flank of NATO as a Means to Protect from Hybrid Threats (On-line)

**Dr. Gintaras Labutis, Military Academy of Lithuania:** The Analysis of Foresight Techniques at Lithuanian Armed Forces Long-Term Planning

**Dr. Laris Gaiser:** Chinese hybrid warfare approach and the logic of strategy

**Dr. Andrew N. Liaropoulos, Assistant Professor, University of Piraeus, RIEAS, Greece:** Digital authoritarianism ‘Made in China’: A techno-dystopian future

**Dr. Paul Charon, Director for Intelligence, Strategic Foresight and Hybrid Threats at the Institute for Strategic Research:** Operation "Infektion 2.0", a deepening of the russianisation of Chinese disinformation campaigns

**20:00 - Networking dinner for all Forum participants (two non-alcoholic beverages included)**

**Day 2: Saturday, September 4, 2021**



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**10:00-11:30**

**Session Under Chatham House Rules**

**Panel IV: Hybrid Threats and Election Influence Operations – Lessons learned?**

**Chair: Assist.Prof. Gordan Akrap, Prof.Dr. Shlomo Shpiro**

**Ljubomir Filipović, Analyst, Montenegro:** Analysis of the foreign malign influence in the Montenegrin election campaign, including the church protests 2019-2020

**Dr. Jerko Livaja, Ministry of the Internal Affairs of the Herzegovina-Neretva Canton:** Decentralized Security Systems in Hybrid War Conditions with an Emphasis on the Security System in Bosnia and Herzegovina **(On-line)**

**11:30-13:00**

**Panel V: Hybrid Threats Domains of Appearance**

**Chair: Prof. Dr. Mladen Vedriš, University of Zagreb**

**David Snetselaar, The Netherlands Defence Academy and Utrecht University:** Governing and Securing Vital Knowledge Warning against hybrid threats in R&D

**Athanassios Kosmopoulos, Ministry of Digital Governance, Greece:** Preventing and responding to hybrid threats: The Holistic Immunity model **(On-line)**

**Dr. Barak Bouks, The Europa Institute, Bar-Ilan University, Ramat - Gan, Israel:** Terror organisation use of mass media and new media in Covering conflicts – The case of Irani proxies: Hamas, Hezbollah and The Houthis **(On-line)**

**Dr. Maxime Audinet, Institute of Strategic Studies (IRSEM, Paris):** Discrediting the French presence? Russia's informational influence in French-speaking Subsaharan Africa

**13:00-14:00 Lunch (one non-alcoholic beverage included)**



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**14:00-15:30**

## **Panel VI: Young Researchers and Hybrid Threats Resiliency**

**Chair: ir. Yvan de Mesmaeker, ECSA, Belgium**

**Rebecca R. Farulli, German Marshall Fund of the United States:** Strategic Foresight and Hybrid Threats

**Eleni Kapsokoli, University of Piraeus:** Western Balkan Jihadism: The Cyber Terror in the EU's Neighborhood

**Michael Wyss, Department of Humanities, Social and Political Sciences at ETH Zurich:** The Evolution of Proxy Warfare in the Middle East

**Tarik Solmaz:** Understanding the Essence of Contemporary Revisionism: Going Beyond Hybrid Warfare

**15:30-16:00**

### **Forum Conclusions - Future Challenges, Joint Responses**

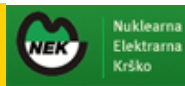
*Co-chairs: Assist.Prof. Gordan Akrap, Prof. Dr. Shlomo Shpiro,*

*The aim of this session is to integrate the lessons learned from the individual presentations of the previous two days, both in terms of threat analysis and of networked responses. Furthermore, this session will facilitate a wider discussion on the needs for joint capacity building, intensive interoperability, and mutual multi-level crisis assistance.*

### **End of the Forum**

### **Important information:**

1. Forum is organised according to pandemic situation in a hybrid way – “in situ” and online
2. Forum has the highest possible epidemiological standards. Entrance to the Forum area will be allowed only for persons with valid EU Digital COVID 19 certificates, with our ID accreditations and after temperature checking.
3. Every activity (conference halls, restaurants, coffee breaks, rooms) are going to be organised in a Hotel due to the disease prevention.
4. Forum organisers are reserving the right to change the Program according to the necessities.



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