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Hybrid Threats and Wars in 21st Century -

Making Society and Critical Infrastructure Resilient

September 7-8, 2020, Hotel Sheraton, Zagreb, Croatia

PROGRAM



Day 0: Sunday, 6 September 2020

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

Monday September 7, 2020

09:00 – 09:30 Arrivals and Registration

09:30- 10:00 Opening Ceremony

- **Doc.Dr. Gordan Akrap**, Hybrid Warfare Research Institute, president
- **Prof.Dr. Shlomo Shpiro**, Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel
- **Mr. Holger Haibach**, Head of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung Office in Zagreb
- **Lt. General Mate Paden**, Commandant of the Croatian Defence Academy "Dr. Franjo Tuđman"

10:00- 10:55 Keynote Speakers

- **Mrs. Dubravka Šuica**, Vice-President (2019-2024) of European Commission for Democracy and Demography (video)
- **Dr. Deniz Beten**, Senior SPS and Partnership Cooperation Advisor, NATO Emerging Security Challenges (ESC) Division
- **Dr. Mario Banožić**, Minister of Defense, Croatia
- **Doc. Dr. Rober Kopal**, special envoy of the Prime Minister of Croatia



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11:00-13:00

**Panel I: Emerging Threats in 21st Century and Protection of Society and Democracy:
lessons from the Coronavirus Crisis**

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

Dr. Vlasta Zekulić, NATO HQ: NATO's approach to countering Hybrid Threats during the COVID-19 crisis

Prof.Dr. Shlomo Shpiro, Bar Ilan University, Ramat Gan, Israel: Crisis Communication and the Resilience of Society and State

Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, HQ, Berlin, Germany

Prof.Dr. Slavko Vidović, Doc.Dr. Gordan Akrap: Reaching Digital Sovereignty - Why and How

Dr. Grzegorz Lyko, Chief of Staff, NATO Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence

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

14:00-16:00

Panel II: Hybrid and Cyber Warfare – Threats to Freedom and Society

Chair: Prof.Dr. Darko Trifunović, Director, INIS, Serbia

Dr. Hrvoje Karna, Darija Jurko, Boško Jerončić-Grba, Croatian Defence Academy, Zagreb: Analysis of the incidence and usage of the term "hybrid war(fare)" in the digital media space of the Republic of Croatia

Dr. Vira Ratsiborynska, Adjunct professor on NATO and transatlantic approaches to security, Free University of Brussels (VUB): Future of the Russia's hybrid warfare: analysis of different drivers and their impact on security of society

ir. Yvan de Mesmaeker, European Corporate Security Association: Protecting Critical Infrastructure against the Insider Threat

Col. (ret.) Eyal Pinko, Israel: Naval Hybrid (Cyber) Warfare in Mediterranean Sea

Matjaž Prah, HEP: Security aspects of nuclear power plants



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16:00-16:20 Coffee Break

16:20-18:20

Panel III: Hybrid and Cyber Warfare – International Problems and Joint Solutions

Chair: ir. Yvan de Mesmaeker, European Corporate Security Association

Prof.Dr. Iztok Podbregar, Prof.Dr. Polona Šprajc, University of Maribor, Slovenia

Lt. Col. (res.) Ophir Revach, EJC-SACC, Israel: Making Jewish Communities safe in Europa

Mrs. Lina Aburous, Euraffex group, managing director

Prof.Dr. Aleksandra Gasztold, University of Warsaw; Dr. Przemysław Gasztold, Institute of Public Remembrance, War Studies University, Poland: Espionage and Deception. Evolving Trends of Russian Hybrid Warfare against Poland

Prof.Dr. Zoran Dragišić, University of Belgrade, Prof.Dr. Darko Trifunović, Director, INIS, Serbia, Mr. Darko Obradović, Secretary General, INIS, Serbia: Russian Hybrid Threats and Malign Influence to WB6 states

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



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Day 2: Tuesday, September 8, 2020

(Closed panel - participation by invitation only)

10:00-12:00 Panel: Future Challenges, Joint Responses (Under Chatham house rules)

Chair: Doc.Dr. Gordan Akrap, Prof.Dr. Shlomo Shpiro

Col. Viacheslav Semenenko, The Center for Military and Strategic Studies of the National Defence University of Ukraine

General (ret.) Mirko Šundov, PhD

This session will discuss and integrate the lessons learned from the individual presentations of the previous day, both in terms of threat analysis and of networked responses in the aftermath of the Coronavirus crisis. Furthermore, this session will facilitate a wider discussion on the needs for joint capacity building, intensive inter-operability, and mutual multi-level crisis assistance especially against hybrid threats.



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