**Grand Strategy, Foresight and Hybrid Threats in 21st 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 Tudman

- 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 Tudman"

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)
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. Dorthe 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. Przemyslaw 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:
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
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


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

Athanasios 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)
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

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.