

NATO after the Lisbon Summit: Prospects and Challenges

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Synopsis

NATO summit in Lisbon was announced as a landmark session supposed to craft a vision of future policies of the Alliance. The hype accompanying the meeting was understandable: it took place eleven years after NATO adopted its previous Strategic Concept, eight years after the crucial Prague Summit which set course for the Alliance after the 9/11 attacks, and more than seven years after NATO formally took over the ISAF operation in Afghanistan. In between, the world has experienced rather dramatic changes which have directly influenced the Euro-Atlantic community: increasing prominence of energy security, rapid economic growth and political rise of Asian powerhouses, resurgent Russia, or the impact of the global financial crisis and its aftermath. Major amendments to NATO strategy and posture were clearly due.

Did the Lisbon Summit deliver the change which experts and politicians craved? The process of drafting the new Strategic Concept based on the recommendations of the group of experts and under tight oversight of the Secretary General raised hopes for a truly innovative approach. So did the gradual easing of tension between NATO and Russia which both signalled willingness to overcome their differences and strengthen cooperation in areas of mutual interests. But in some cases, inevitably, the Lisbon Summit could hardly bring a radical breakthrough: the fate of Afghanistan, for example, is going to be decided by NATO soldiers in the country (among other factors), not in diplomatic venues.

Nevertheless, the conceptual decisions reached in Lisbon need to be carefully assessed, starting with the new Strategic Concept and ending with the alleged 'reset' of NATO-Russia relations. All in all, there is ample food for thought and discussion – an excellent starting point for conference debates indeed.

Tomáš Karásek,

Director of the Research Center, Association for International Affairs

Sessions

Session I – NATO after the Lisbon Summit: Problems Solved, Challenges Ahead?

Despite the hype created by the new Strategic Concept, the Lisbon Summit had other important issues on its agenda. Two of these stand out: First, the relations between NATO and Russia. After several years of mutual suspicion and flashes of outright hostility, the two parties seem to be on a track towards a more cooperative and productive partnership. Will this spirit last? How will Russia cope with its consent to participating in NATO's redesigned Ballistic Missile Defence? Will the cooperation on a plethora of specific issues finally overcome the Cold War heritage?

The second issue which drew intensive attention was inevitably the NATO campaign in Afghanistan. After the departure of general McChrystal and arrival of general Petraeus, the counterinsurgency doctrine applied by Allied forces got a new impetus – this time from the officer who literally wrote the counterinsurgency manual for U.S. forces. But will it be enough, or is the latest NATO effort too little, too late? How realistic is the announced goal of transferring responsibility for the country's security to local forces in 2014? Will the NATO effort not be undermined by the Allies themselves, including the benchmark for the start of U.S. withdrawal in July 2011 as set by President Obama?

Apart from these two major topics, there were other discussions worthy of our attention, such as the reconfirmed NATO's commitment to an 'open door' policy concerning future enlargement, or the decision to further reform the Alliance's command structure in response to new operational needs and budgetary constraints.

Session II – NATO's New Strategic Concept: Where Do We Go From Here?

Crafting a major new strategic document inevitably carries the risk of eliciting too much excitement and raise unfounded hopes for far-reaching reforms and amendments. Sober evaluation of the document reveals nothing of the sorts: The new Strategic Concept is a well-written, skillfully structured and surprisingly readable text which is, however, short on delivering breaking new visions.

The Strategic Concept surely deserves credit for clearly articulating three NATO's core missions: collective defence, crisis management and cooperative security. It also includes several new ideas, from cybersecurity through enhanced intelligence sharing to explicit inclusion of counterinsurgency. The main question stands: is it enough to steer the Alliance through the difficult period ahead? That the document is conceptual is beyond any doubt, but does it provide sufficient strategic guidance? Should it not include a more elaborate hierarchy of objectives and means to achieve them?

Moreover, the Strategic Concept is just a beginning. Will the member states muster enough will and resources to live up to their declarations? How will NATO harmonize its strategic ambitions in the context of budgetary austerity which already forces the member states to cut defence spending and reduce their forces? In short, even if the new Strategic Concept is a valid guidance for the future, what are the chances of its proper implementation?

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Venue: CERGE-EI, Prague, Czech Republic

9:00 - 9:30 **REGISTRATION**

9:30 - 10:00 **OPENING SESSION**

Speakers:

Lembit Uibo, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Estonia, Prague

Jiří Schneider, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Prague

Tomáš Karásek, Director of the Research Center of the Association for International Affairs, Prague

10:00 - 11:30 **SESSION I - NATO AFTER THE LISBON SUMMIT:
PROBLEMS SOLVED, CHALLENGES AHEAD?**

Chair:

Rastislav Káčer, President of the Slovak Atlantic Commission, Bratislava

Speakers:

Petr Luňák, Deputy Section Head of the Outreach Section, NATO Public Diplomacy Division, Brussels

Jiří Schneider, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Prague

Dieter Dettke, Adjunct Graduate Professor at Georgetown University, Washington

Rod Thornton, Lecturer at University of Nottingham, Nottingham

11:30 - 12:30 **BUFFET LUNCH**

12:30 - 14:00 **SESSION II - NATO'S NEW STRATEGIC
CONCEPT: WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?**

Chair:

Tomáš Karásek, Director of the Research Center, Association for International Affairs, Prague

Speakers:

Sergio Catignani, University of Sussex, Brighton

Beata Górká-Winter, Security Programme Coordinator of the Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw

Mohammed Orfy, Independent scholar, Cairo

Jiří Šedivý, First Deputy Minister of Defence of the Czech Republic, Prague

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14:00 - 14:30 COFFEE BREAK

14:30 - 16:00 WRAP-UP SESSION

Chair:

Arnold Teicht, Faculty Member at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy, Geneva

19:00 DINNER

hosted by the Estonian Embassy in Prague (special invitations)

Venue: Estonian Embassy in Prague, Na Kampě 1, Prague 1

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SERGIO CATIGNANI

Lecturer at University of Sussex, Brighton

Sergio Catignani joined the Department of International Relations at Sussex University, UK, in Autumn 2009 as Lecturer in Strategic and Security Studies. He is currently on research leave funded by the Leverhulme Trust in order to carry out a research project on the US and British approaches to counterinsurgency in Afghanistan. Prior to Sussex, he was Lecturer in International Security (Leiden University, 2008-09), Max Weber Fellow (European University Institute, 2007-08) and Lecturer in War Studies (King's College London, 2005-2007). He is the author of *Israeli Counter-Insurgency and the Intifadas: Dilemmas of a Conventional Army* (Routledge, 2008) and co-editor of *Israel and Hizbollah: An asymmetric conflict in historical and comparative perspective* (Routledge, November 2009). He has published in *The Royal United Services Institute Journal*, *Terrorism & Political Violence*, and *The Journal of Strategic Studies*. He has carried out several counterinsurgency advisory jobs for British and US Army units preparing for deployment in Afghanistan.

DIETER M. DETTKE

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Dieter Dettke is Adjunct Professor at Georgetown University's Security Studies Program and Senior Non Resident Fellow of the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies. A U.S. Representative and Executive Director of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation from 1985 until 2006, Dr. Dettke was a Transatlantic Fellow of the German Marshall Fund in 2006, a Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in 2006-2007 and a Fellow in the National Endowment for Democracy (2008/09). He is a foreign and security policy specialist, author and editor of numerous publications on German, European and U.S. foreign and security issues (the recent was *Germany Says 'No': The Iraq War and the Future of German Foreign and Security Policy*, 2009). He studied in Germany and France and was a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Washington in Seattle in 1967-1968. He began his professional career as a Research Associate at the German Council on Foreign Relations in Bonn in 1969, served as Foreign Policy and Security Policy Advisor of the SPD Parliamentary Group of the German Bundestag from 1974 to 1984 and as Staff Director of the Office of State Minister in the German Foreign Office in 1982.

BEATA GÓRKA-WINTER

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Beata Górka-Winter is Senior Research Fellow and Security Programme Coordinator at the Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM). Since 2007, she has lectured at the PISM Diplomatic Academy and she is also a visiting lecturer at the European Security and Defence College, the National School for Public Administration. She undertakes research on Polish security policy, Common Security and Defence Policy, missile defence, international military operations, security sector reform; and advises different state institutions on issues concerning security policy. Author of various publications including: (ed.) *NATO Member States and the new Strategic Concept: An Overview* (2010), *A Long Way to Missile Defense Shield* („Yearbook of Polish Foreign Policy 2009”), *EU Operational Engagement: Struggling for Efficiency* (Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, 2007). She

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was also international polling supervisor in Kosovo (2001) and Ukraine (2006). She is the Member of Women in International Security at the Georgetown University, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies Alumni Association and U.S. State Department Exchange Programs Alumni Association.

RASTISLAV KÁČER

President of the Slovak Atlantic Commission, Bratislava

Ambassador (ret.) Rastislav Káčer serves as the President of the Slovak Atlantic Commission since 2008. He is publicly recognized as expert on Transatlantic Relations and Defence and Security Issues. He also serves as the Chairman of FIPRA Slovakia, a consulting company, which is part of FIPRA Group – Finsbury International Policy & Regulatory Advisers – a leading European independent network of Senior Public Policy and Regulatory Advisers. He is overseeing assignments in Strategic Government Relations for Foreign Investors, Governments and International Institutions. In 2008, he completed his five year term as the ambassador of Slovakia to the United States. Prior to this he served at different levels of government for almost 16 years. Between 1994 and 1998 he served as a liaison officer/diplomat at NATO HQ in Brussels. In 2001 he became the State Secretary at the Ministry of Defence responsible for negotiations and accession process of Slovakia to NATO.

TOMÁŠ KARÁSEK

Director of the Research Center, Association for International Affairs, Czech Republic

Tomáš Karásek is currently performing as the Director of the Research Center at the Association for International Affairs. He earned his master degree and Ph.D. in International Relations at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague (where he also graduated from the Law Faculty). Since 2004 he has been a lecturer at the Faculty's Department of International Relations. He has been actively involved in research activities and has coordinated several grants on the topic of European security. In 2009 he spent his sabbatical in Shanghai where he taught at the Fudan University. From September 2009 to June 2010 he was a Fulbright scholar at the Saltzman Institute of War and Peace Studies, Columbia University in New York.

PETR LUŇÁK

Deputy Section Head of the Outreach Section, NATO Public Diplomacy Division, Brussels

Petr Luňák is currently working as Deputy Section Head of the Outreach Section of the NATO Public Diplomacy Division where he oversees public diplomacy endeavors vis-a-vis partner countries such as Russia, Belarus, Moldova as well as native Czech Republic. Member of the Czech Foreign Service, he was Deputy Head of the Planning Staff of the Foreign Ministry before joining the NATO International Secretariat in 2000. Mr. Luňák holds a Ph.D. from Charles University where he taught International Relations and Modern History.

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MOHAMMED M. ORFY

Independent scholar, Cairo

Mohammed Orfy is an Egyptian diplomat, writer and academic lecturer. With wide practical and academic experience in various fields including mass communication, diplomacy, international law, human rights and international relations, he has published six books and written a number of articles covering a wide range of foreign policy issues. His first book *The New NATO: Its survival and Resilience* (2007) reviews the major developments of NATO since the end of the cold war and the nature of its new global role. Next, *The Transatlantic Alliance in the Middle East post 9-11* (2008) sheds light on the impacts of the events of 9-11 on the region of the Middle East and identifies the differences and similarities between the European and American policies towards certain Middle Eastern issues. His third book *Kalam beny w benek* in Arabic (*Talk between you and me*, 2009) includes his articles on various political, social as well as cultural issues. His PhD thesis was published under the title *NATO and the Middle East: The Geopolitical context post 9-11* (Routledge, 2010). Finally, Lambert Academic Publishing published his *Islam and International Human Rights and The Age of the American empire: What went wrong?*.

JIŘÍ SCHNEIDER

First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Prague

Jiří Schneider currently serves as First Deputy Minister of the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Previously, in 2005-2010, he worked as Program Director and Senior Adviser at the Prague Security Studies Institute (PSSI) and Partner at Keynote Inc. (2007–2010). He is former Political Director of the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs and former head of its Policy Planning Department (1993–1994, 1999–2001, 2003). From 1995 until 1998, he served as the Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Israel. He was also an International Policy Fellow at the Open Society Institute in Budapest (2002) and the Member of the Czechoslovak Federal Assembly (1990–1992). He also lectured at Charles University in Prague and New York University in Prague.

JIŘÍ ŠEDIVÝ

First Deputy Minister of Defence, Czech Ministry of Defence, Prague

Jiří Šedivý was appointed as First Deputy Minister of Defence in November 2010. Prior to this, he served as NATO Assistant Secretary General for Defence Policy and Planning from 2007. He was responsible for the development and delivery of NATO's defence policy and transforming planning mechanisms to support national and collective capabilities development. In 2007, he also worked as Deputy Minister for European Affairs with the responsibility of co-ordinating the development of priorities of the Czech EU Presidency, and as Minister of Defence, in 2006. From 2004 to 2006 he was Professor of Security Studies at the George C. Marshall European Centre for Security Studies. Between 1999 and 2004, he was Director of the Institute of International Relations in Prague, he lectured at Charles University, Prague, and at New York University in Prague. As an expert, he played an important role in the Czech Republic's accession to NATO and EU. He also served as external adviser to President Václav Havel. He is widely publishing in the field of international relations and security.

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ARNOLD TEICHT

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Colonel (GS) Arnold Teicht is seconded from the German Armed Forces to the GCSP as a faculty member since July 2008. He is currently Course Co-Director of the European Training Course in Security Policy (ETC) at the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP). Before moving to Geneva he served in the Bundeswehr Command and Staff College for two years as a Course Director within the Security Policy and Strategy Department followed by a two years assignment as Director of the International General/Admiral Staff Officers Course. Colonel Teicht gained extensive detailed national and international experience in the area of security policy and nuclear policy through several assignments within the Armed Forces Staff (Federal Ministry of Defence). His military career included also different positions within NATO Military Headquarters in Denmark and in Belgium in strategic, operational, exercises and training assignments.

ROD THORNTON

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Rod Thornton is Lecturer in International Security and Terrorism at University of Nottingham, UK. He was formerly a soldier, having spent nine years in a British Army infantry regiment - including three years in Northern Ireland in the 1980s and a year (1992-93) in Bosnia. In the latter role he acted as a Serbo-Croat interpreter. Post PhD, he taught for five years at the UK's Joint Services Command and Staff College and was also an occasional lecturer - on terrorism - at the NATO Defence College in Rome. At Nottingham, Rod teaches courses on 'Afghanistan-Pakistan: Crucible of Conflict'; 'Terrorism and Insurgencies', and 'Contemporary Warfare'. He has written a book called '*Asymmetric Warfare*' (2006) and is currently writing one on Russian military modernisation. Rod has just completed two booklets for the US Department of Defense (one on Russia's Airborne Forces and another on their Ground Forces). He has also had a number of articles written on a broad range of security subjects, including on NATO's presence in Afghanistan.

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