Munich Security Conference 2020

List of Selected Official Side Events

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Thursday, February 13

Pre-Events

01:00 p.m. – 07:00 p.m. Tabletop Exercise

High Consequence Biological Threats

hosted by the Nuclear Threat Initiative

Königssaal, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

The Nuclear Threat Initiative (NTI) is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization that works to prevent catastrophic attacks and accidents with weapons of mass destruction and disruption – nuclear, biological, radiological, chemical, and cyber. This high-level, facilitated tabletop exercise will include leading experts in policy- and decision-making, public health, international governance, biotechnology, and catastrophic risks. The goal is to examine current and proposed new mechanisms for preventing, deterring, and responding to deliberate and accidental biological events of high consequence. Participants will be called upon to discuss their views and recommend solutions to the issues, ideas, and gaps presented in the scenario. They will not be asked to role play a specific person or organization.

04:00 p.m. – 06:00 p.m. Energy Dialogue

Unprecedented Threats, Unprecedented Measures: The Geopolitical Risks of Climate Change

hosted by Pflüger International

Fürstensalon, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

Climate security – the concept that climate change is amplifying volatile situations around the world with dire geopolitical consequences – is a challenge that unfortunately has taken a backseat to priorities like energy security in the EU over the past few years. Yet, increasing manifestations of climate change have given the issue new urgency. Indeed, climate change has morphed into a threat multiplier that has become firmly intertwined with key issues of our time such as cross-border migration, conflicts over water and other resources, and competition over territories. For many, climate change poses an existential threat while for others, at least over the short-term, it can also become an advantage. This event will delve deeper into some of the current and emerging geopolitical threats stemming from climate change and also seek to find some answers on how to manage these threats.
From wildfires in Australia, to disappearing islands, and the melting Arctic: the changing climate is causing devastating environmental degradation across the world. What once seemed like a scenario for a far-away future has now become an existential threat as climate change is causing irreversible harm to the environment and the people that live in it. Climate change thus dramatically underlines that nowadays security is about much more than just preventing war: rising sea levels, heat waves and storms threaten the livelihoods of millions of people, with many calling climate change the biggest threat to mankind. Answers to climate change will have to be as diverse as the threats that it causes. A broad alliance of actors – from students to civil society organizations to military officials – is hence advocating for decisive climate action on mitigation and adaption. Will they be heard before it’s too late? The #MSC-Event aims to explore how climate change threatens human security across the world and what can be done to counter climate change and its fallout.

Deutsche Atlantische Gesellschaft is the German branch of the Atlantic Treaty Association and tasked by the German parliament to provide a platform for information and discussions about German security policy and transatlantic relations. DEFENDER-Europe 20 will be the largest multinational military maneuver in Europe in the past 25 years. 18 NATO and partner countries and approximately 37,000 soldiers will participate, with 20,000 soldiers deploying from the United States via Germany to Poland and the Baltic States. The exercise aims at both increasing the operational readiness within NATO and to strengthen the Eastern Flank of the alliance. It follows the logic that only an alliance which can move units quickly and ensure effective cooperation will be able to protect reliably and reassure its members. This event on the eve of the MSC 2020 will discuss the role of the EU, the Baltic states, Germany as well as the German federal states in this context. What contribution to internal cohesion can DEFENDER-Europe 20 make beyond the military theatre, especially in times when the alliance is also facing multiple political challenges and, partially, a critical stance of the public?
07:00 p.m. – 08:30 p.m.
Outreach Event
Security and Literature Series: Day 1
hosted by the MSC, Frankfurt Book Fair and the Literaturhaus Munich
Saal & Foyer, Literaturhaus

The Security and Literature Series, inaugurated at the MSC 2017, focuses on the relationship literature and politics share and examines the means by which literature can gauge security and stability in society. The series spans three evenings, commencing on Thursday, on the eve of the Munich Security Conference, and ending on the Saturday of the conference.

07:00 p.m. – 09:00 p.m.
MSC Innovation Night
Global Tech Competition and International Innovation Alliances
hosted by the MSC in cooperation with Siemens AG and the Bundeswehr Cyber Innovation Hub
Atrium, Siemens HQ

Siemens AG is the largest industrial manufacturing company in Europe. The Cyber Innovation Hub of the Bundeswehr is an interface between the startup scene in Germany and the German Armed Forces. Following the highly successful events of the past two years, the MSC is once again partnering with these two organisations to host the MSC Innovation Night 2020. The event brings together decision-makers and innovative thinkers from around the world in order to foster networks and help overcome systemic hurdles to modernisation and adaptation in crucial security environments.

07:00 p.m. – 09:00 p.m.
Panel Discussion and Concert
Klimasicherheit: Ein Akkord in Dur oder Moll?
hosted by the MSC and Münchener Kammerorchester
Prinzregententheater

This event will be held in German.

07:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Dinner Discussion  
**Sixth European Dinner**  
hosted by the Münchner Europakonferenz  
*Hotel Vier Jahreszeiten*

07:30 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Dinner Discussion  
**Post-Tabletop Exercise Dinner**  
hosted by Johnson & Johnson and the Nuclear Threat Initiative  
*Bibliothek, Hotel Bayerischer Hof*

08:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.  
Dinner Discussion  
**Atlantik-Brücke Dinner Discussion @ MunSecConf**  
hosted by Atlantik-Brücke e.V.  
*Gelber Salon, Hotel Bayerischer Hof*

Atlantik-Brücke is the leading German non-profit organization in the field of transatlantic relations. Since its founding in 1952, Atlantik-Brücke has worked successfully to foster meaningful exchange and close cooperation between the United States and Germany. At the onset of the 21st century’s second decade the world is marked by a multitude of global challenges – ranging from climate change, the rise of populism and authoritarian regimes, to demographic change, migration and mass protests; instead of the end of history, we are witnesses to a return of geopolitics and great power rivalry. In this dynamic and ambiguous environment, the premises that have guided transatlantic security cooperation are increasingly put in question – from both sides of the Atlantic. Against this backdrop, Atlantik Brücke’s Dinner Reception @ MunSecConf will discuss current global challenges and the future of transatlantic security cooperation.

08:00 p.m. – 09:30 p.m.  
Dinner Discussion  
**Transnational Security Dinner**  
hosted by the MSC in cooperation with PMI Impact  
*Galerie, Hotel Bayerischer Hof*

08:00 p.m. – 01:00 a.m.  
Reception  
**AWS Open Bar**  
hosted by Amazon Web Services  
*Amazon Web Services Office Munich*

09:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.  
Reception  
**The Security Times International Press Lounge**  
hosted by The Security Times  
*Blue Spa, Hotel Bayerischer Hof*

The Security Times is the exclusive newspaper for the Munich Security Conference. Traditionally, the current edition is launched at this reception on the eve of the conference.
Breakfast Sessions
07:30 a.m. – 08:45 a.m.

**Breakfast Discussion**

*America's Allies and Nuclear Proliferation*

hosted by the Chicago Council on Global Affairs

*Bibliothek, Hotel Bayerischer Hof*

The US nuclear and security guarantee to America's allies in Europe and Asia has been an essential nonproliferation tool for decades. As questions about the US commitment to allied security are raised, and doubts about America's nuclear guarantee surface, the continued allied commitment to remaining non-nuclear weapons state is becoming a matter of debate. The Chicago Council on Global Affairs has created a high-level task force of former senior officials from the United States, Europe, and Asia (co-chaired by Chuck Hagel, Malcolm Rifkind, and Kevin Rudd) to examine this new challenge and develop policy options to strengthen nuclear guarantees and try and forestall further proliferation. This session will bring together Task Force members for a first, introductory meeting.

07:30 a.m. – 08:45 a.m.

**Breakfast Discussion**

*From Fragility to Stability: Resolving Conflict in Burkina Faso, the Sahel and Beyond*

hosted by the United States Institute of Peace and European Institute of Peace

*Promenadesalon, Hotel Bayerischer Hof*

Addressing state fragility and conflict is one of the central challenges of the modern era. Violent conflicts have risen in number, duration and intensity in the last three decades, spurring the spread of violent extremism and one of the largest displacement crises in human history. In response, the US and EU have committed themselves to the more coherent use of hard and soft power to prevent and resolve violent conflict. What are the challenges of translating these policies into practice? This event, co-hosted by the U.S. Institute of Peace and the European Institute of Peace, will consider this question in the context of the Sahel – with particular focus on Burkina Faso – where a rapidly deteriorating security situation and burgeoning humanitarian crisis demands swift and concerted action to resolve conflict and build durable peace.

Morning Sessions
09:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Outreach Event**

*Security and Literature Series: Day 2*

hosted by the MSC, Frankfurt Book Fair and the Literaturhaus Munich

*Brasserie OskarMaria, Literaturhaus*

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09:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Cyber Security Roundtable

Between 5G and G-Zero: The Age of Tech Geopolitics
hosted by the MSC
Fürstensalon, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

Since the early days of the Internet, the discussions around new information technologies and cyberspace have turned away from cooperation and common progress towards fierce competition and even conflict. Concerns that the foundational digital technologies of the new decade – 5G, artificial intelligence, quantum computing, to name a few – could contain intentional security loopholes or baked-in illiberal biases have degraded trust between countries, even between allies. In response, calls for “digital sovereignty” or “tech sovereignty” have become louder. While these concepts are malleable, it seems assured that pursuing them would involve new industrial policies and general de-liberalization of the digital technology sector. Is aiming for more sovereignty a realistic and desirable path toward addressing the risks of technological interdependence? Will it lead to essential technologies of our digitally interconnected world becoming segregated along geopolitical lines? What would that mean for international cooperation and security?

09:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Energy Security Roundtable

Staring Down the Barrel – Energy Security, Geopolitics and Transatlantic Cohesion
hosted by the MSC and the Offshore Northern Seas Foundation
Gelber Salon, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

The MSC contributes to the debate on energy security through a series of events bringing together selected decision-makers at the highest levels of government, the private sector and civil society. This Roundtable is co-hosted by the ONS Foundation, a world-leading organisation facilitating discussion and collaboration on energy, technology and innovation. In the Middle East, tensions around the Strait of Hormuz and attacks on Saudi Arabian oil facilities are only the tip of the iceberg of a volatile energy security situation. Against this background, European ambitions to diversify the continent’s energy supply are an important part of the equation. European initiatives are exploring new alternatives in the Eastern Mediterranean and Central Asia. In addition, the US is making efforts to market its shale gas to Europe. Combined with the new “geopolitical” European Commission’s focus on renewables, the continent’s energy strategy seems at a crossroads. How will new projects affect Europe’s energy ties to existing partners, especially in the Middle East? Speculation already abounds about the future of the United States’ role as a security actor in the Middle East, not least because of its increasing domestic energy production. Could a decline in demand for energy supplies from the Middle East also negatively impact the overall stability of the region – with repercussions for Europe?
09:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.  
**Health Security Roundtable**  
*Yes, a Problem From Hell: Managing Dangerous Outbreaks amid Geopolitical Disorder*  
hosted by the MSC  
*Garden Restaurant, Hotel Bayerischer Hof*

Violent insecurity - along with community resistance and lack of trust, weak health systems, mal governance, disinformation - obstructs the response to the DRC Ebola outbreak. That story – the “new normal” - is part of a widening disorder across many geopolitically complex conflicts prone to dangerous infectious outbreaks: e.g. Congo, Afghanistan, Yemen, Syria, Venezuela, and South Sudan. This MSC roundtable aims to examine concrete innovations and to identify new ways for health, security and other sectors to work together to achieve safe access for delivery of services, deter violence against the health sector, protect providers and the community, bring forward real-time granular intelligence, build local trust and confidence, improve communications, and permit clinical trials of essential vaccines and therapies. Solutions require expertise in public health, diplomacy, security, private industry, anthropology, and media technology.

09:00 a.m. – 11.00 a.m.  
**Breakfast Discussion**  
*When Middle East Meets West: Europe, Russia, and the Newest Great Game*  
hosted by the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars  
*Restaurant Pageou*

As the United States reduces military operations in the Middle East, are Russia and Europe becoming the new power brokers? If so, what are their objectives? Join the Wilson Center for a conversation about ground truth in the region and future security opportunities and challenges.

Lunch Sessions

11:00 a.m. – 01:30 p.m.  
**Roundtable Discussion**  
*CSU Transatlantic Forum*  
Hosted by the Christian Social Union Bavaria  
*Saal & Foyer, Literaturhaus*

The Christlich-Soziale Union (CSU) is a Christian-democratic and conservative political party in Bavaria. NATO’s European and North American members have committed jointly and individually to provide the military capabilities necessary for the common defense. In the context of an increasingly challenging European security environment and the United States growing concern with security developments in the Asia-Pacific, European states have pledged to increase their defense budgets with a view toward developing a capability to act independently in pursuit of regional security. How can we move toward a separable European defense capability without creating the impression that US and European security are somehow separate?
11:30 a.m. – 01:30 p.m.

CEO Lunch
hosted by the MSC in partnership with the Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie (BDI) and Vontobel
Blue Spa, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

At the MSC’s CEO Lunch, high-ranking private sector representatives gather for an off-the-record lunch discussion on current security challenges.

11:30 a.m. – 02:00 p.m.

Lunch Discussion
Building Societal Resilience in the European Neighbourhood
Hosted by the BMW Foundation Herbert Quandt
Dachgarten I+II, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

The BMW Foundation is aiming to inspire global leaders to embrace their societal responsibilities and to advocate for a peaceful, just, and sustainable future as responsible leaders. In the past years, the EU has focused more on internal challenges than on increasing the resilience of its surrounding states and societies. Some argue that in the process it has missed the opportunity to create the stable and peaceful environment necessary to strengthen Europe as a whole. A new focus on an integrated European resilience policy promoting political reform, rule of law, economic convergence and cross-sectoral and civil society cooperation in its neighborhood is required! How can the EU combine its forces for a joint policy to promote resilience in its neighborhood? What are its key elements and benefits? What specific national approaches and which experiences can be transferred? How, in particular, can new, non-profit sector actors be strengthened and contribute to building resilient societies by enabling citizens to voice their interests? These issues are key to achieve a united and emboldened Europe, which the BMW Foundation advocates through its various activities of the European dialogue process.

12:00 p.m. – 01:30 p.m.

Lunch Discussion
hosted by the Atlantic Council
Atelier Restaurant, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

The Atlantic Council is a nonpartisan organization that galvanizes US leadership and engagement in the world, in partnership with allies and partners, to shape solutions to global challenges. The US-German relationship appears at its lowest point in 70 years. As both countries confront domestic woes, generational leadership change, and a shifting geopolitical environment, hoping for a return to the past is illusory. The next few years open a window of opportunity to start a debate over what the United States and Germany should expect from each other in what will only become an even more significant relationship. Succeed, and the US-German partnership becomes a force-multiplier for decisionmakers in Washington and Berlin, and the backbone of the Atlantic Alliance. Fail, and both sides lose an essential partner and weaken the West as a whole. The Atlantic Council will launch its “US-German Renewal Initiative” in 2020, gathering a biannual group of rising US and German policymakers, business leaders, and opinion-shapers to propose concrete solutions. This brainstorming session will offer participants an opportunity to provide their ideas for developing this initiative.
12:00 p.m. – 01:30 p.m.  
**Lunch Discussion**  
*Cyber Lunch*

hosted by the Israel National Cyber Directorate (INCD) and the Bavarian Ministry of Economic Affairs, Regional Development and Energy  
Garden Restaurant, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

12:00 p.m. – 01:30 p.m.  
**Lunch Discussion**  
*Disrupting Perceptions for Better Leadership*

hosted by Women Political Leaders (WPL)  
Promenadesalon, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

EY is one of the largest professional services firms in the world whose insights and quality services help build trust and confidence in the capital markets and in economies the world over. Women Political Leaders (WPL) is the global network of female politicians whose mission is to increase both the number and the influence of women in political leadership positions. Women’s leadership and participation belong in all areas of security and peace. From combatants to peace brokers, to counterterrorism and cybersecurity experts, to industry leaders, to political leaders: women are key players in conflict, peace and security. However, barriers still affect women’s path to leadership, and even in 2020 they remain a small number. Discriminatory perceptions of women as leaders play an important role. The Reykjavik Index for Leadership, launched by WPL and Kantar, illuminates the extent of prejudice against female leadership. Moreover, with the imminent 20th anniversary of UNSCR 1325 this year “Disrupting Perceptions for better leadership” it is overdue to accelerate working collectively towards identifying the best opportunities for claiming a seat for women at the table. This event seeks to achieve a concrete exchange of good practices and recommendations for eradicating prejudice against women in the defence and security sectors.

12:00 p.m. – 01:30 p.m.  
**Lunch Discussion**  
*Space: The Final Frontier*

hosted by the German Aerospace Center (DLR)  
Altstadtsaal, HypoVereinsbank

Space has become a strategic resource for the future and a driver of socio-economic development. Most of the crucial technical infrastructures, such as transport and traffic networks, energy supplies, and vital socio-economic service infrastructures, such as finance and insurance systems, rely on or are linked to space systems. Today, most military operations depend on space assets. As a testament of its growing important space has been recently recognized as an operational domain by NATO. Currently, we witness a dynamic and commercially vibrant space sector with new space actors, entrepreneurs and non-space industry and organizations that are creating new opportunities and vulnerabilities at the same time. The high-profile debate will elaborate implications on global security within the context of space considering the developing arms race, the dependency of society, economy as well as the political dimension including military and security aspects from space and the emerging ‘new space’ business.
Recent years have seen increasing transatlantic estrangement. As governments grapple with a new political era, how are the challenges ahead reflected in public opinion? This event will explore what Europeans and Americans think of one another, and the challenges facing their countries, including domestic politics, defence cooperation, and the rise of China. Given their expertise in polling and international affairs, the Pew Research Center and Körber-Stiftung are uniquely positioned to host this event. In addition to data gathered for the 2019/20 edition of The Berlin Pulse, the Center’s data on public opinion in Europe and the US towards NATO – released with the Munich Security Report on 10 February – will form the core of the discussion. With both the 2020 US elections and the end of Chancellor Merkel’s era approaching, this event will be perfectly timed to contribute to a better understanding of the road ahead for transatlantic relations.

The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) is a world-leading authority on global security, political risk and military conflict. This launch offers an exclusive opportunity to get the latest defence data and analysis from The Military Balance, the IISS’ annual assessment of the military capabilities and defence economics of 171 countries worldwide. Panelists will explore the book’s detailed analysis of defence developments – including on defence spending, defence policy and military capabilities – and its invaluable inventory assessments, providing important insights into topics set to dominate the Munich Security Conference this year. IISS speakers will present the main findings of the book and answer questions from the audience.

The Conference of European Rabbis is the foremost Rabbinical alliance in Europe and unites religious leaders from across the continent. The World Jewish Congress is the international organization that represents Jewish communities in 100 countries around the world. The lead for tackling hate crime must come from the local level, with professionals and communities working together to deal with local issues and priorities. Government, however, has a vital role to play in setting a national direction and supporting locally-led efforts. This event seeks to discuss how government can bring together the work of a wide range of departments to: prevent hate crime happening in the first place; increase reporting and victims’ access to support; and improve the operational response to hate crimes.
Panel Discussion
Die Welt im Umbruch: Perspektiven für die deutsche Sicherheitspolitik
hosted by Vereinigung der Bayerischen Wirtschaft (vbw) and Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie (BDI)
Karmeliterkirche

This event will be held in German.


Report Launch
Allied Military Presence in the Baltics: Deterrent or Provocation?
hosted by the International Centre for Defence and Security (ICDS)
Portiasaal, HypoVereinsbank

The International Centre for Defence Studies (ICDS) is an independent think tank, devoted to the analysis of security and defence policy questions. NATO continues to adopt measures to strengthen deterrence and defence in the Baltic region. The US has mostly concentrated its military presence in Poland, while other Allies staff the NATO battlegroups in Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania. The US Congress has, however, asked the Pentagon for a detailed assessment on whether to expand military presence in the Baltic states. What are the implications of the present Allied force posture for deterrence and defence? Is this simply fair burden sharing, or does it increase the vulnerability of the Baltic states? Would a permanent American military presence in the three Baltic states deter or provoke? ICDS will also use the opportunity provided by this event to launch its latest publication, “Capability and Resolve: Defence, Security and Stability in the Baltic Region”, which touches on these and other themes.
03:30 p.m. – 05:00 p.m. Roundtable Discussion  
**Bridging Troubled Waters – Alleviating Conflict Potential in the South China Sea**  
hosted by the NATO Centre of Excellence for Operations in Confined and Shallow Waters (COE-CSW) and the Center for China and Globalization (CCG)  
*Getber Salon, Hotel Bayerischer Hof*

The last two Maritime Security Roundtables underlined that the different views on the situation in the South China Sea (SCS) have the potential for global political turmoil. The Chinese narratives regarding the SCS situation were not fully comprehended by western perspectives. China’s apparent acceptance of a potentially isolated position within the international community, while simultaneously seeking to enhance its role on the global stage, begs explanation. Therefore, the Maritime Security Roundtable in February 2020 seeks to better understand the motivations and background of China’s current position on the SCS situation. In addition, the aim is to explore possibilities for conflict-preventing behaviour and cooperation, especially with non-adjacent nations.

03:30 p.m. – 05:00 p.m. Panel Discussion  
**#NotACrime: Decriminalizing Homosexuality**  
hosted by the Harvey Milk Foundation  
*Press Conference Hall, HypoVereinsbank*

In 2019, the U.S. government launched a new initiative to advance the decriminalization of homosexuality around the globe, in cooperation with other nations. Sixty-nine countries currently criminalize homosexuality and continue to punish, imprison, and execute individuals based on their sexual orientation. The U.S. government’s decriminalization initiative is rooted in its National Security Strategy which emphasizes the importance of protecting and advancing human dignity for all. Panelists, including U.S. Ambassador Richard Grenell, Harvey Milk Foundation President and Co-Founder Stuart Milk, and moderator Ali Hamedani (BBC) will explore the opportunities and challenges in advancing decriminalization around the world.

03:30 p.m. – 05:00 p.m. Roundtable Discussion  
hosted by the Global Initiative Against Transnational Organised Crime  
*Bibliothek, Hotel Bayerischer Hof*

Organised crime and illicit markets are of increasing concern in Africa and affect politics, distort economics and have social impacts, like increasing drug use. This event will introduce the Organised Crime Index in Africa as a multi-dimensional tool that measures the scope and scale of criminal markets, the structure and influence of criminal actors as well as resilience to threats, in order to gauge its impact on the people of Africa and allow key actors to develop strategies to effectively counter organised crime on the continent. The event will present the index methodology, highlighting the extensive 2-year process of data collection, analysis, scoring and verification, and showcase key continental trends. As a one-of-a-kind instrument for policy makers, the event will underscore the importance of the Organised Crime Index, particularly as a conversation starter rather than a judgement tool, in order to help understand organised crime and responses to it.
Kofi Annan Commission on Elections and Democracy in the Digital Age puts forward urgent recommendations to governments and Internet platforms to safeguard the legitimacy of elections. Digital technologies and social media platforms have profoundly altered democratic processes and the electoral environment, threatening democratic consolidation worldwide and creating tensions between and within European States. Recent electoral processes within Europe – including the 2019 European Parliamentary elections – have highlighted the threat of state-led cyberattacks and disinformation campaigns, and their impact on public trust and democratic processes. The Kofi Annan Commission on Elections and Democracy in the Digital Age, first proposed by Mr. Annan at MSC 2018, has identified a set of policies and actions for platforms, citizens and governments to protect the integrity of elections in our digital age. Join us for a roundtable discussion on the recommendations and their implementation within Europe.

At the MSC Core Group meeting in Cairo, a need for greater attention towards the Horn of Africa was emphasized. The regional security situation is one of the most complex in the world: Diverging regional, and global interests intersect and security challenges range from increasing militarization to transnational threats. Tensions from the Persian Gulf are manifesting themselves in the Horn as well. At the center, Somalia has experienced nearly three decades of instability driven by conflict and frequent natural disasters. More than 2.6 million people in a country of 15 million are internally displaced. Climate change puts an additional strain on the Somali society and intensifies conditions for the recruitment of insurgent groups such as Al-Shabaab. Despite considerable resources committed to countering Al-Shabaab, the group has been able to carry out large attacks including on US troops in neighboring Kenya in January. As the African Union Mission to Somalia is set to withdraw in 2021, the security gains that have been made are in peril. But there are also positive signs: Economic development in the Horn is improving and debt relief for Mogadishu is on the horizon for early 2020. As major donors have committed themselves to implementing the humanitarian-development-peace nexus, Somalia is a major test case for the operationalization of the concept. This MSC Roundtable will examine this triple nexus in Somalia and how it may contribute to regional stability.
Late Afternoon Sessions

05:15 p.m. – 06:00 p.m.   MSC Conversations
Joseph S. Nye: On Morals in Foreign Policy
hosted by the MSC
Dachgarten Lounge, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

05:30 p.m. – 07:00 p.m.   Balkan Security Roundtable
Coordinate, Cooperate, Consolidate? Moving the Western Balkans Forward
hosted by the MSC and Balkan Dialogues
Dachgarten II, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

While European leaders are discussing steps to reform the EU accession process, aspirants to EU membership in the Western Balkans, for their part, have explored moves towards boosting cooperation within their own region. Notable among these efforts is the one to create a so-called “mini Schengen,” namely a Balkan version of the EU’s border-free Schengen area. Against this background, the Balkan Security Roundtable seeks to take stock of recent dynamics in regional cooperation, discuss how they can help overcome unresolved conflicts and thereby contribute to peace and stability in Europe, and debate how the EU (and the US) can support the Western Balkans with regard to actual progress in this regard. In addition, the roundtable seeks to place internal regional dynamics in a broader geopolitical context, assess the effects of the recent EU decision to no yet open accession talks with Albania and North Macedonia, and discuss what an improved EU accession process could look like.

05:30 p.m. – 07:00 p.m.   Panel Discussion
Digital Sovereignty in a (Post-)Westphalian World
hosted by Microsoft
Fürstensalon, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

Across the globe, a technology race is underway. This is turning new technologies like 5G, facial recognition, and quantum computing into international security and diplomatic issues while accelerating broader concerns of a globally fragmenting digital ecosystem. Every aspect of the international economy now depends on data that crosses borders at the speed of light. Artificial intelligence, or AI, will reinforce this and reshape societies during the next three decades, much as the combustion engine did a century ago. All this is raising increasingly important questions for sovereignty in a Westphalian world. Governments are striving to protect national security and promote local economic prosperity amidst global technology that extends beyond their countries’ borders. The issues are framed in part by rising competition between China and the United States, but they increasingly also involve demands to support national technology champions in Europe and other regions. This session will discuss the intersection of global technology and international security in a world defined by national interests and borders.
The Sahel and West Africa Club (SWAC/OECD) promotes regional policies to improve the economic and social well-being of people in the Sahel region and West Africa. African governments are increasingly confronted with new forms of political violence. The situation is particularly worrying in the Sahara and Sahel region where violence is on the rise. This degrading security situation has prompted African countries and their partners to intervene militarily to stabilise the region and to prevent the spread of extremism and violence against civilians. However, these initiatives face many obstacles due to the transnational nature and geography of violence. Tensions regionalise across state borders when armed groups, defeated by counter-insurgency efforts, relocate to other countries. This event seeks to map the evolution of violence across North and West Africa, with a particular focus on Mali, Lake Chad and Libya. The event will be based on a new study from SWAC/OECD that identifies which regions have experienced the highest levels of political insecurity and whether conflicts tend to cluster or spread, potentially across national borders. The work is based on a new spatial indicator of political violence that assesses the long-term evolution of conflicts.

The German Aerospace Center (Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt; DLR) is the national aeronautics and space research centre of the Federal Republic of Germany. The “Need for Speed” has been an enduring theme of military aviation since man entered the sky. Hypersonic weapon systems operate at extremely high speeds and altitudes capable of executing complex manoeuvres, which are highly unpredictable and give very little warning time. At present, there are no effective defence systems that protect against hypersonic threats. The last MSC Technology Roundtable on hypersonics emphasized the game-changing nature of these kinds of weapon systems on doctrines and global security policy issues. In order to raise awareness for the disruptive hypersonic threat, the MSC 2020 will be coming from a technical perspective to offer a platform to further elaborate on the implications on doctrines and military operations. Discussing potential long term global security policy measures like arms control or non-proliferation arrangements will be the aim of this event.
Dinner Sessions

05:30 p.m. – 09:45 p.m.
Panel Discussion and Reception

Space Night
hosted by Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie (BDI) and Vereinigung der Bayerischen Wirtschaft (vbw)

Bibliothek, Literaturhaus

This event will be held in German.


06:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Reception

WFP Innovation Reception & Pitch Night
hosted by the United Nations World Food Programme
Boston Consulting Group Munich Office

In the run-up to the Munich Security Conference, WFP (the only UN Agency with an office in Munich!) will be running its Innovation Boot Camp - culminating in this Pitch Night and VIP Networking Event on Friday 14 February. Teams of innovators will pitch projects that have serious potential to disrupt the vicious circle of hunger and poverty, and save lives at scale - more often than not, in conflict-ridden areas or countries. The team who wins the pitch night, becomes eligible for WFP support totalling up to 100,000 USD. WFP's Executive Director will be in attendance, together with captains of industry and government officials, and all look forward to engaging substantially with their guests.

06:15 p.m. – 07:00 p.m.
MSC Conversations

Armen Sarkissian: On Quantum Politics
hosted by the MSC

Dachgarten Lounge, Hotel Bayerischer Hof
At the Munich Security Conference 2018, MSC and Siemens as well as other partners from industry signed the first joint charter for greater cybersecurity. The Charter of Trust calls for binding rules and standards to build trust in cybersecurity and further advance digitalization. Two years after the signing, a lot has been achieved: cybersecurity has been strengthened successfully along the entire supply chain and “Security by Default” is now a must-have feature for relevant next generation products. But we do not stop there. We further raise awareness on this important matter and drive cybersecurity – in business, politics and society. Because all partners are convinced: effective cybersecurity is a precondition for an open, fair and successful digital future.

In memory of our close friend, partner and long-time companion, the Munich Security Conference has decided to award an annual prize in John McCain’s name. Senator McCain was an integral part of the MSC for more than four decades. After first attending the conference as a young Navy officer he eventually came to lead the United States Congress delegation in his role as senator. As a strong supporter of the transatlantic relationship, Senator McCain believed in our common values and that we must work both hard and creatively to build foundations for a stable and enduring peace: “We are stronger, safer, and freer together”. As such he played a key role in establishing the conference as an important forum for the transatlantic community. In times when the transatlantic bond can no longer be taken for granted, we have decided to honour the lifetime achievements of Senator John McCain by awarding an annual John McCain Award for Academic Excellence. The prize giving ceremony will take place in the presence of members of the U.S. Congressional Delegation and selected high-ranking MSC participants. It will be followed by a reception.

The German Institute for Defence and Strategic Studies (GIDS) examines problems and phenomena that are of key relevance to Germany’s strategic capacity in the field of security policy and lays the foundation for providing advice to decision-makers in the Bundeswehr and the Federal Government. Climate change as a global risk factor is not only a hot topic among civil societies. The security sector is constantly gearing up to tackle the consequences of the growing impact of climate change as “THE” threat multiplier. States are raking Climate Change as one of the top threats to their national security causing regional
instability and conflict. This session will discuss the increasing but disputed role of Armed Forces as a large consumer of fossil energy and contributor to environmental degradation. On the other hand, the military proved to be an important mitigator to climate change effects. This event will focus on 1) How are Armed Forces adapting to the threats caused by Climate Change? 2) What are the impacts of such re-structuring? 3) Could the security sector serve as a climate-intermediary, act as a catalyst for technological solutions and be part of the solution by developing “climate-safe harbours”?

07:45 p.m. – 09:45 p.m.  
**MSC Thematic Dinner**  
**Central European Outlook for the EU: Winning the Next Decade**  
hosted by GLOBSEC  
*Kleine Abtei, Augustiner Klosterwirt*  

GLOBSEC is a global think-tank based in Bratislava committed to enhancing security, prosperity and sustainability in Europe and throughout the world. The European Union is at the threshold of a new era. A lot of work lies ahead for the new Commission: negotiating the post-Brexit relationship with the UK, the next MFF, European Green New Deal, to name just a few of its priorities. The tide of Euroscepticism, disillusionment, and populism are far from turned in Central and Eastern Europe. There is a feeling of an East-West divide, and of divergence at the EU level. Instead of helping to reinforce the divide, Central Europe should actively shape European affairs, drawing on its unique strengths, experiences and perspectives. What do the recent political developments in CEE countries indicate about the region and what impact will they have on the EU? What are the expectations and responsibilities of the CEE region vis-a-vis the ‘core’ EU countries? What are the CEE priorities for the new EU Commission? What lies ahead in terms of further integration?

07:45 p.m. – 09:45 p.m.  
**MSC Thematic Dinner**  
**Defending Democracy in the Digital Age**  
hosted by Microsoft and the Alliance for Securing Democracy  
*Atelier Restaurant, Hotel Bayerischer Hof*  

Nation state cyber-attacks on democratic institutions and processes are increasing and neither the status quo nor the trends are encouraging. This dinner will bring together high-level stakeholders from governments, industry and civil society for a discussion on foreign interference in elections. It will also mark the launch of the newly established Paris Call Community on Countering Election Interference – which is part of a broader multi-stakeholder effort to bring the principles contained in the Paris Call for Trust and Security in Cyberspace to life. Co-championed by Microsoft and the Alliance for Securing Democracy at the German Marshall Fund it will endeavor to bring together interested stakeholder across governments, industry and civil society to prevent malign interference in democratic elections by foreign actors.
Digitalization and automation are both innovation drivers for the automotive industry and the deciding factors for the future viability of car manufacturers. Today, they must meet various, sometimes conflicting demands. Customers’ expectations of connected (car) functionalities are increasing constantly. The benefits of connectivity and automation of the vehicle fleet, however, also entail certain risks. It is absolutely vital to respond appropriately to these risks. With cyber threats posing one of the strongest causes of manipulation, the complete and omnipresent connectivity of vehicles gives hackers, organized crime and other organizations new opportunities for attack scenarios. The BMW Group answers the demands arising from this trend by implementing technological, organizational and process-driven action plans. Customized, risk-based security concepts and penetration tests are important elements in the BMW Group’s security strategy.

NATO is currently facing a paradox. The Alliance should be able to present a positive narrative about recent progress in areas that for long have been of concern, such as defence spending, capabilities and how to prioritize NATO’s three core tasks. Yet, despite the recent progress, the Alliance appears increasingly fragile in areas that for 70 years have been NATO’s bedrock of strength – its status as a value community with a tradition for negotiation and consensus building. Today NATO’s status as a community of values is threatened by a growing cleavage between liberal internationalism and illiberal nationalism. The cleavage extends to national politics in several member states, where the traditional cross-party consensus on defence and security appears to have ended. The question now is how NATO can prepare for a future of fading support for its foundational values.

Gavi, the Vaccine Alliance and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation hosted a private high-level dinner to discuss the response of the international community to global health security threats. The spread of the novel Coronavirus and the ongoing fight against Ebola provide a stark reminder to world leaders and citizens that deadly diseases do not respect borders. Bold international efforts are needed to guard against existential threats to human security, the global economy, and political stability—threats which disproportionately affect the most vulnerable among us. Guests at the dinner discussed the possibilities for collective action to prevent the next health crisis.
The MSC’s traditional rooftop dinner offers a unique opportunity for informal networking on the first evening of the conference. It is meant to provide some breathing space between sessions and meetings and is traditionally supported by the MSC’s partner HypoVereinsbank who generously hosts us. Take the opportunity to engage with other MSC participants in an intimate setting and meet our special guest Oliver Kahn. The restaurant on top of Munich is located on the 4th floor of HypoVereinsbank (Kardinal-Faulhaber-Straße 14), directly adjacent to the Hotel Bayerischer Hof.

This closed dinner discussion will be a chance for policy planners from NATO Allies and select experts and practitioners to informally contribute to the thinking on the future of the Transatlantic Alliance. Today’s rapidly changing security environment requires NATO to ready itself to the emerging strategic questions of today and tomorrow – and policy planning is central to this. The dinner will offer an opportunity to consider the Transatlantic community in a geopolitical context, in 2030 and beyond, and identify the key geopolitical challenges, policy dilemmas and emerging opportunities that the Alliance should be reflecting upon as its continues its process of adaptation and looks at how to further strengthen its political dimension.

Improbable is a multinational technology company that makes distributed simulation software for video games and corporate use. The Atlantic Council is a nonpartisan organization that galvanizes US leadership and engagement in the world, in partnership with allies and partners, to shape solutions to global challenges. The same technology that’s powering a new generation of video games is set to transform the global defence and security environment. Vast, unimaginably complex synthetic environments will help us agree our assumptions, explore our options, examine the cascading consequences of our actions, and refine our strategies and tactics. This event seeks to explore how these virtual worlds will help us avoid conflict, cooperate more effectively and counter increasingly complex threats to global stability by helping us plan, train and rehearse to meet almost any challenge from humanitarian crises and natural disasters to multi-domain hybrid warfare.
The Tana High-Level Forum on Security in Africa is an annual meeting that brings together African leaders and stakeholders to engage and explore African-led security solutions. The African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) brings together 55 African economies, forming the world’s largest trading area with a gross domestic product worth USD $3.4 trillion and a population of more than one billion people. The agreement has the potential to boost intra-African trade by eliminating import duties, and to double this trade if non-tariff barriers are also reduced. This event - a preview of the discussions at the Tana Forum in April 2020 - will explore and unpack the political, economic and technological potential of the AfCFTA in resolving instability and transforming the socio-economic future of millions of African citizens.

The Atlantic Council is a nonpartisan organization that galvanizes US leadership and engagement in the world, in partnership with allies and partners, to shape solutions to global challenges. The internet has been a pivotal force behind the growth of a global digital economy, shaping the conduct of statecraft, altering the relationship among states, their citizens, and the private sector. These changes have disrupted the geopolitical balance of power; alongside economic growth and a generation of globally powerful multi-national companies have come new dynamics of conflict. These pressures are beginning to fragment the internet, threatening the basis for the global digital economy and auguring new limits on the exercise of power by all but a handful of states. As we step into this new decade, please join selected members of the MSC community for the newly rechristened Ellen O. Tauscher Memorial Dinner convened by Fred Kempe, President and CEO of the Atlantic Council, and Bill Deckelman, Executive Vice President and General Counsel for DXC Technology. The dinner will feature a thoughtful discussion with special comments from General James L. Jones, Jr., Atlantic Council Executive Chairman Emeritus and former National Security Advisor to the President of the United States, and Jeff Moss, Senior Fellow with the Atlantic Council and founder of DEF CON and Black Hat.
The German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP) is Germany’s oldest and most prominent network for foreign policy. As an independent, non-partisan, and non-profit membership organization, think tank, and publisher, DGAP has advanced foreign policy since 1955. Conflict, at least rhetorically, is again becoming a more systemic endeavor. Actors are especially successful when they use all available means to achieve their objectives. By including digital tools and technological innovation – as well as economic power – in their toolbox, they increase their potential to do even more damage even more quickly. New challenges must be handled at a far higher pace and with the involvement of more and new actors. This dinner event seeks to explore how successful governments have been in adapting to these changes that demand swift action and sometimes even offensive strategies.

The Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project (ACLED) is a non-governmental organization specializing in disaggregated conflict data collection, analysis, and crisis mapping. The Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) is an international foundation that was established to promote the building and maintenance of peace, security and stability. Disorder is increasing around the world. Violent political instability is widespread, diverse, and adaptive. It includes election violence, death squads linked to the authorities, and gangs that patrol cities offering services – for a price. The community of vigilantes providing local security services, cyber-encouraged lone-wolf attacks on vulnerable communities, orchestrated campaigns of violence against women, and assassinations targeting political leaders, journalists, migrants, and anyone else deemed ‘expendable’ by those in power. These scenes play out in conflicts from across the Philippines to the continuing crises of Africa’s Great Lakes region. They are present in divided and insurgent-dominated states like Libya, Yemen, Afghanistan, and Somalia. During this dinner, we will discuss the ‘marketization’ of violence, rising conflicts in ‘developed’ countries, the drastic increase in gang conflict within ‘inclusive’ political systems, and the obsolete categories and solutions currently used to address these threats.
This meeting expresses our worry that the growing divergences across the Atlantic threaten to harden into permanent fissures if we do not work now to strengthen relationships among people from both sides of the Atlantic who are committed to addressing our greatest shared challenges. To that end, we envision bringing together a group of leaders from both sides of the Atlantic-- people who are serving or are likely to serve in senior positions in government in the coming years or to be key voices analyzing trans-Atlantic relations -- and who are therefore likely to be decision-makers and collaborators in driving whatever period of re-building may await us. We'd like to have conversations both about the scope of the challenges facing us and likely modes and places of cooperation, but also do some deeper discussions about particular policy issues-- such as climate change, China, technology, trade, and migration. We want to begin to build a shared understanding of what a progressive trans-Atlantic agenda rooted in liberal values would look like and how we would take action to advance it. We intend this gathering to be one of several opportunities in the coming months to bring together a core group of trans-Atlantic leaders to shape a progressive agenda of cooperation.

The Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA) is a non-profit, non-partisan, public policy research institute with the mission to promote an economically vibrant, strategically secure, and politically free Europe with close and enduring ties to the United States. The New Strategy Center (NSC) is a Romanian think tank specialising in foreign, defence and security policy, a non-partisan, non-governmental organisation. The Black Sea region is critical for European security and stability, but it needs a unified strategy. The aim: to compete - and win - in this contested region. CEPA and NSC will be hosting a roundtable discussion to determine the next steps in formulating a comprehensive strategy for the Black Sea region. Featured participants will include high-level government officials and key decision-makers from Romania, Turkey, Ukraine, Georgia, Bulgaria, the United States, and NATO. Due to the heightened tensions over frozen conflicts and extensive militarization, deterrence around the Black Sea must be strengthened. By eliminating the distinction between “tailored” and “enhanced” in favor of one Forward Presence - “one flank, one presence” - and placing greater emphasis on the Black Sea region, NATO and its partners can reduce the likelihood of a tragic miscalculation by the Kremlin about the Alliance’s willpower, cohesion, and capabilities.
Technology is connecting more and more people around the globe. At the same time, we see autocratic nation states and their proxies using these same technologies to exert greater and greater control over their people. We face a fragmented world and experience a global phase in which the liberal international order is weakened. Technology and especially the internet can’t be detached from these developments - on the contrary. A new geopolitical race for ideas on how to govern tech and thereby societies has started. The question is: How do we respond and can we develop a joint vision based on shared values? We are delighted to have you as an expert to discuss with Facebook CEO Mark Zuckerberg and Sigmar Gabriel, Former Vice Chancellor and Foreign Minister of the Federal Republic of Germany.

The Center for China and Globalization (CCG) is a leading Chinese think tank that is dedicated to the study of Chinese public policy and globalization. China and the United States, the world’s two largest economies have been locked in a trade war that only recently saw a détente. The bilateral relationship is now frequently characterized as rivalry. Some are reaching for historical analogies, even 1914. More start to worry about a new kind of cold war driven by the notion of “decoupling”. From global supply chains to technology and people-to-people exchange, many see signs of bifurcation, exacerbating concern over stability of the international order. Drawing on insights of policy advisors and area specialists from China, the United States and Europe, this event aims to examine the bilateral relationship through both trade and security lenses. The central questions it seeks to address include: how can discussions about “decoupling” be ordered in perspective to promote practical solutions? What’s old and new about the current situation between China and the United States against the history of the original? Which proposals from the international community can help prevent the great power competition from escalating into a cold-war-like conflict?
07:45 p.m. – 09:45 p.m.

MSC Thematic Dinner

What if... Russia and China Became Allies?
hosted by the European Union Institute for Security Studies (EUISS)
Portiasaal, HypoVereinsbank

The prospect of an alliance between Moscow and Beijing haunts or excites the Western foreign policy community, but what would it actually mean in practice? This event will push beyond speculation by applying a rigorous ‘What if’ foresight methodology to the discussion: under what circumstances could a Russian-Chinese axis materialize, what outline would it have, and what it would mean for international politics? What can be done about it before it actually happens? Do we need to change how we see, or do things? Foresight is a useful tool in foreign and security policy - in contrast to prediction, it helps us understand the flaws in our own reasoning, stress-test our assumptions, and think through complex quantum problems. ‘What if’ scenarios are one of many ways to achieve this.

07:45 p.m. – 09:45 p.m.

MSC Thematic Dinner

Will Democracy Win?
hosted by Yalta European Strategy (YES) and the Victor Pinchuk Foundation
Tonnensaal, Augustiner Klosterwirt

Yalta European Strategy (YES) is a leading forum for discussing Ukraine’s European future and global context. The Victor Pinchuk Foundation, an international, private and non-partisan philanthropic foundation based in Ukraine, was established in 2006 by businessman and philanthropist Victor Pinchuk. Democracy is in crisis around the world. Governments with “alternative” approaches seem to be more successful in some aspects. This event will discuss whether democracy can remain the most attractive model to organize politics and societies, and if yes – what form of democracy? This question matters for the West, Europe – and Ukraine, which is at the cutting edge of the fight for freedom, and ground zero of the clash between autocratic and democratic political systems.

08:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

MSC Thematic Dinner

Transatlantic Dinner Reception
hosted by Linde and the MSC
Käfer-Schänke

Linde traditionally hosts selected participants for an informal get-together on the first evening of the Munich Security Conference at the famous Munich restaurant Käfer. This year, Stephen F. Angel, Chief Executive Officer of Linde plc invites members of the U.S. Congressional Delegation and selected high-ranking MSC participants and friends of the transatlantic community for a Transatlantic Dinner Reception.
After Dinner / Night Owl Sessions

Night Cap Session

**Before the Bad Guys Win the Web: the Search for a Democratic Internet**

hosted by the Institute for Strategic Dialogue (ISD)

*Dachgarten Lounge, Hotel Bayerischer Hof*

The Institute for Strategic Dialogue (ISD) is the leading global ‘think and do’ tank dedicated to understanding and innovating real-world responses to the rising tide of polarisation, hate and extremism of all forms. China has designed its own authoritarian vision for the internet. Russia is well on the way. While conversations about digital regulation continue apace in Europe, liberal democracies still lack a vision of what their version of the internet should be, incorporating the trade-offs between rights, responsibilities, enjoyment, commerce and safety that best reflect liberal democratic norms. Without this, regulation will only patch over problems and will not rise to the challenge of building a digital world that helps rather than hinders human rights. Moving to proactivity is the challenge that ISD, Agora at Johns Hopkins and Demos are taking on with an initiative designed to empower transatlantic democracies to design an internet that resists the authoritarian alternative. This session will seek to answer key questions lying at the heart of this challenge: What are the functions of liberal democracies that are not yet reflected in the digital world and how can we build out the international norms to reflect this?
Saturday, February 15

Breakfast Sessions

07:00 a.m. – 08:15 a.m.   Breakfast Discussion

10th Women’s Breakfast  
hosted by the Bavarian State Chancellery, Women in International Security (WIIS), and the Georgetown Institute for Women, Peace and Security  
Max-Joseph-Saal, Munich Residence

The Bavarian State Chancellery is serving as the executive office of the Bavarian Minister-President as head of the Bavarian government. Women In International Security (WIIS) is the premier organization in the world dedicated to advancing the leadership and professional development of women in the field of international peace and security. Georgetown University’s Institute for Women, Peace and Security seeks to promote a more stable, peaceful, and just world by focusing on the important role women play in preventing conflict and building peace, growing economies, and addressing global threats like climate change and violent extremism. The Women’s Breakfast is an integral part of the Munich Security Conference. The purpose of this breakfast is to provide women engaged in foreign and security policy with a unique networking opportunity. This year sees the 10th anniversary of this traditional event.

07:30 a.m. – 08:45 a.m.   Breakfast Discussion

Charlemagne Prize Breakfast  
hosted by Charlemagne Prize Committee  
Bibliothek, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

Within the last 70 years the Charlemagne Prize has acknowledged the founding fathers of a united Europe, the bearers of hope for enlargement and consolidation of European unity, those responsible for democratic institutions, key players in the reunification of East and West, and European thinkers, doers and sources of inspiration. Today – within a union of growing dissension on internal and global priorities – focal points and work processes will have to adapt to the challenges of a new decade. The new incentives of the European Commission offer the occasion to further engage with the need for structural reforms within the EU, aiming to define a joint strategy for Europe’s role on an international stage. This Breakfast Discussion should connect former Charlemagne Prize Laureates and European decision makers to discuss the current ambitions that respond to challenges the united Europe is facing.
Breakfast Discussion
German-Russian Business Breakfast
hosted by the German Eastern Business Association
Fürstensalon, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

The German Eastern Business Association is the major regional initiative of the German economy for 29 countries in Central Europe, Eastern and Southeastern Europe, in the South Caucasus and in Central Asia. Bringing together German and Russian entrepreneurs, the German Eastern Business Association traditionally hosts the German-Russian Business Breakfast on the second day of the conference. The breakfast session will discuss the current development and challenges of the German-Russian economic relations focussing on topics such as the Eurasian Union and strategies to improve the relations between the EU and Russia.

Breakfast Discussion
Global Security in a Warming World
hosted by the UN Foundation
Salon 18, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

The Climate in Foreign Policy Project (CFPP) is a nonpartisan effort that seeks to integrate climate change into broader discussions of foreign policy, and to preserve and expand diplomatic engagement on climate change at the highest levels. This intimate, off-the-record breakfast conversation and event aims at exploring some of the ways climate change will alter or exacerbate security challenges confronting the U.S., the EU, and the world.

Breakfast Discussion
Partner, Competitor, or Rival? Transatlantic Relations and the China Conundrum
hosted by the American Council on Germany (ACG) and the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies (AICGS)
Königssaal, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

The American Council on Germany (ACG) is an independent, nonpartisan nonprofit organization that was founded to strengthen German-American relations and the American Institute for Contemporary German Studies (AICGS) in Washington, DC, is the only think tank focused exclusively on the most pressing issues at stake for Germany and the United States. China’s growing international presence has far-ranging effects on both the United States and Germany in areas such as economics and trade, technology policy, human rights, the regional power balance, and international security. German and American wariness about these issues is growing and common concerns could serve as a foundation for greater transatlantic cooperation vis-à-vis China, but policies on these issues often have diverged. At a time when, the United States considers further trade measures against Europe following the first phase of a trade agreement between Washington and Beijing, our discussion will seek to identify shared American and German interests and assess the appropriate level of ambition and priorities for a transatlantic approach to Chinese influence.
07:30 a.m. – 08:45 a.m.

Breakfast Discussion
The Great Power Game: How Autonomous is Europe?
hosted by Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie (BDI) and European Leadership Network (ELN)
Gelber Salon, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

The Bundesverband der Deutschen Industrie (BDI) is the leading organization of German industry and industry-related service providers. The European Leadership Network (ELN) is a pan-European think-tank focusing on European foreign, defence and security issues. This session asks not whether Europe should resist foreign pressure, but whether in practice it can. The threat of US secondary sanctions has defeated the EU over the Iran nuclear deal. Russia has sought to manipulate European democratic processes, strategic Chinese investments enable Beijing to influence European decision making. In response, “European strategic sovereignty” has become a fashionable phrase. But it is a meaningless one unless European states and the European Commission underpin it with practical action. What, concretely, can Europeans do? Looking particularly at the economic sphere – US secondary sanctions, energy dependence, foreign direct investment – what should they prioritise? Will they succeed? What will the impacts be for European businesses?

07:30 a.m. – 08:45 a.m.

Breakfast Discussion
Wer verteidigt Europa?
hosted by MBDA Deutschland GmbH
Promenadesalon, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

This event will be held in German.

Mit neuen Initiativen haben die Mitgliedstaaten und die Europäische Kommission den Weg zu einer tieferen Verteidigungskooperation geebnet. Angesichts der geopolitischen und regionalen Entwicklungen ist Europa mit unterschiedlichsten Krisen und Konflikten konfrontiert, in denen weder die EU noch die einzelnen Mitgliedstaaten durchschlagende Handlungsfähigkeit an den Tag legen können. Der notwendige Weg zu einer echten Verteidigungsunion ist jedoch steinig und bedarf weiterer Anstrengungen und Kompromisse. Dabei kommt auch Deutschland und Frankreich eine tragende Rolle zu. Welche Maßnahmen müssen zügig umgesetzt werden, um den angedachten Weg fortzuschreiten und die EU als verteidigungspolitischen Akteur weiterzuentwickeln und gleichzeitig den europäischen Pfeiler in der NATO signifikant zu stärken?
Breakfast with The New York Times

**MSC Conversation with Steven Erlanger & David E. Sanger: On Democracy in the News**
hosted by the Athens Democracy Forum in association with The New York Times
*Dachgarten Lounge, Hotel Bayerischer Hof*

The New York Times journalists and moderators of the Athens Democracy Forum, (Steven Erlanger and David Sanger), will take the audience through that morning’s newspaper using it as a base to discuss how democracy, under immense pressure and challenge, is covered in the news. They will point to stories of the day (as well as recent stories in The Times) to exemplify the thinking behind the editorial department’s coverage of democracy as well as create a conversation on the current issues. This session is inspired by the Athens Democracy Forum in association with The New York Times. The theme of this year’s Forum is “Rebooting Democracy: From Ideas to Action” and assesses the impact of populism, inequality and the rapid technological transformation on governance and liberal democracy. Through this morning reading of The Times, David and Steven will also take us inside the themes of the Athens Democracy Forum’s programme and give an insight on the previous and expected outcomes and solutions.

09:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

**Breakfast Discussion**

**Which European Sovereignty? Which Implications for France and Germany?**
hosted by the Hertie School
*Blue Spa, Hotel Bayerischer Hof*

The Hertie School is a private university based in Berlin preparing students for leadership positions in government, business and civil society. In this strictly confidential exchange, we will discuss current political and economic challenges in the European Union, the requirements for building European sovereignty, and the ensuing implications for France, Germany and the Franco-German relationship.

**Morning Sessions**

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Tabletop Exercise**

**From Bytes to Bombs: A Live Cyber Wargame of an Unfolding Geopolitical Crisis**
hosted by the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, CrowdStrike, and the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS)
*Gelber Salon, Hotel Bayerischer Hof*

This Cyber Crisis Simulation side event will simulate an attack against the Western financial sector from an aggressor nation state. Participants will play the role of senior leaders in Western countries responding to this threat, with a focus on attribution, deterrence, and holding states accountable through consequences for aggressive behavior through offensive cyber activity and active measures, as reiterated in the September 2019 commitment of 27 states including US and most European countries (as well as Australia, Canada, Japan, New Zealand and South Korea). The simulation will include two injects.
It has now been almost a decade since Syria spiralled into conflict. While government forces have seized back parts of the country, significant areas are still under the control of non-state actors (NSA) who are de facto administrating these territories. In some cases, these NSAs are listed as or associated with terrorist organisations, making engagement difficult for international actors because of the deterrent political cost. However, no stabilisation efforts appear to be possible without dealing with these groups. Meanwhile, the results of negotiated de-escalation zones and local reconciliation deals across the country have been mixed. In this session, representatives from the key international actors will discuss the following questions: how can the Sochi agreements contribute to the stabilisation of Syria? What can be done to prevent the resurgence of ISIS? What tools and approaches can be leveraged to increase stability across the country?

The Heritage Foundation is a research and educational institution whose mission is to build and promote conservative public policies. China is becoming a key player in technologies and in industries that will shape the emerging geopolitical landscape. Beijing's commitment to "civil-military fusion," however, provokes serious questions about how Western nations can cooperate with China without fundamentally undermining their own economic and national security interests. This panel will explore this essential topic in a "round-table" format with a series of government and industry experts from the US and Europe. Key conversation points will include the role emerging technologies play in modern statecraft; the points of convergence and divergence between the West and China regarding government, industry and foreign policy; the interests that must be held in tension as the West seeks a more responsible relationship with China; what will happen if the West gets it wrong.

This event will be held in German.

Report Launch

No Peace without Feminism. Why Every State Needs a Feminist Foreign Policy
hosted by the Centre for Feminist Foreign Policy (CFFP)

Mini Pavillon

The higher the level of gender equality, the more peaceful a state is - internally and externally; states with a higher level of gender equality are more likely to respect international norms and have better relationships with their neighbouring countries. To put it simply: Without feminism, there will be no international peace and security. And despite this evidence, and 20 years after the adoption of the UN Security Council resolution 1325 on 'Women, Peace and Security', women and other political minorities are still largely excluded from foreign and security processes, their expertise largely ignored, and their needs overlooked. In far too many cases, foreign and security policies are reproducing discriminatory and patriarchal structures across the world, instead of actively countering them. A feminist foreign policy has the potential of changing this. At this event the Centre for Feminist Foreign Policy will be launching their 'WoX Network', a women experts' database in foreign and security policy; a tool that aims at contributing to a quick increase of women's and other political minorities' participation in foreign and security policy – a very first step of a feminist foreign policy.

Lunch Discussion

China’s Engagement in Multilateral Organizations - Implications for Germany and the EU
hosted by the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung

Bibliothek, Literaturhaus

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) is a political foundation that focuses on consolidating democracy, the unification of Europe and the strengthening of transatlantic relations, as well as on development cooperation. The event is planned as an exclusive lunch discussion prior to our panel discussion on the same topic (China’s engagement in multilateral organizations): The economic and political rise of China is an important megatrend of our time that is changing the
international order profoundly. The People’s Republic of China has become increasingly self-confident in recent years and seems to have abandoned its original international restraint. This is also reflected in China’s involvement in multilateral organisations. China is an active member of almost all major multilateral formats. This commitment is certainly to be welcomed in part, since the multilateral order has come under pressure. However, there is also suspicion that Beijing is using international forums to impose its own interpretation of controversial issues. What goals and interests does Beijing pursue in multilateral organizations and how does it enforce them? How can Germany and Europe react to Chinese influence in multilateral organizations?

Lunch Discussion
Lost in Globalisation? Europe’s Place in an Asian Century
hosted by the ZEIT-Stiftung Ebelin und Gerd Bucerius
Dachgarten II, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

The Zeit Foundation is one of Germany’s most preeminent foundations. It focuses on promoting international understanding. This lunch traditionally singles out a key challenge for the coming year. While Europe and America shaped the 19th and 20th century, the 21st century has been named the Asian century. The rise of China and other Asian countries will change the globalized order. How should Europe deal with the rising confrontation between China and the US? How do major Asian actors assess the cooperation with Europe? What are the opportunities and risks of the Chinese Belt and Road Strategy?

Lunch Discussion
Technology: The New Strategic Arms Race?
hosted by McKinsey & Company and the Aspen Strategy Group
Galerie, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

McKinsey & Company is an American management consulting firm that aims to help organizations across the private, public, and social sectors create change that matters. The Aspen Strategy Group’s mission is to provide a resolutely nonpartisan forum to explore the preeminent foreign policy challenges the United States faces. For a long time, R&D, innovation, and technology development have been matters largely confined to tech experts and the business sector. But this has changed. French President Macron’s choice of words at the end of last year makes this unmistakably clear: “The battle we’re fighting is one of sovereignty [...]. If we don’t build our own champions in all areas -digital, artificial intelligence -our choices will be dictated by others.” While the U.S. still holds the leading position in many tech areas, China is closing the gap. This can be seen in the rise of tech giants such as Huawei, Alibaba, Baidu, Tencent and Xiaomi. The strong pace of catch-up is also borne out by the numbers: China almost tripled its share of R&D spending in technology & hardware equipment between 2012 and 2019. How the U.S. and Europe should respond to this challenge will be the focus of this luncheon discussion.
01:00 p.m. – 02:30 p.m.   Lunch Discussion  
**The Rise of Hatred and Extremism: Is Democracy at Risk?**  
**hosted by the American Jewish Committee (AJC)**  
*Brasserie OskarMaria, Literaturhaus*  

The American Jewish Committee (AJC) is the leading global Jewish advocacy organization, with unparalleled access to government officials, diplomats, and other world leaders. Rising antisemitism and extremism in Europe and the United States have raised questions about the strength and resilience of liberal democracies. The beacons of democratic and pluralistic norms that have guided the future of nations since the end of the Second World War are under attack, as hatred and anti-democratic ideals tear at the fabric of societies. Are liberal democracies at risk? Can Europe and the United States forge a common front to protect shared values? Join the American Jewish Committee and key experts for an in-depth discussion on these questions and more.

01:00 p.m. – 02:30 p.m.   Lunch Discussion  
**Turkish Foreign Policy Options**  
**hosted by the Antalya Diplomacy Forum**  
*Blue Spa, Hotel Bayerischer Hof*  

The event will feature the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Turkey at a time when Turkish foreign policy is a trending topic globally. Faced with high instability in her neighbourhood, with several conflicts, flashpoints, and active terrorist networks and 8 nation-states experiencing loss of control over their territory, a robust foreign policy involving the smart use of soft and hard power instruments is a matter of necessity for Turkey. Turkey thus employs the Enterprising and Humanitarian Foreign Policy concept which allows the utilization of the world’s fifth biggest diplomatic network and NATO’s second largest military force, among several other policy instruments, to actively pursue stability, security and development in a multitude of strategic basins. The event will be a prelude to the Antalya Diplomacy Forum, an innovative platform to explore strategic trends impacting international affairs. The inaugural Forum will be held on 27-29 March 2020 under the theme of “Diplomacy in the Digital Age”.

01:00 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.   Lunch Discussion  
**Artificial Intelligence Goes Nuclear**  
**hosted by the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI)**  
*Watteausalon, Hotel Bayerischer Hof*  

Dynamics of world power are shifting with the rise of China, the reassertion of a great power role for Russia, and the relative neglect by the USA of the international institutions. Against this background, artificial intelligence (AI) is already influencing deterrence relations among nuclear-armed states. Integration of AI into military platforms offers weaker nuclear-armed states the opportunity to reset imbalances in capabilities. At the same time, concerns increase that stronger states use AI to reinforce their dominance in more provocative actions. On the other side, AI and related technologies can both increase transparency and reduce risk of accidental nuclear use, and thus be a factor for stability. How do we handle such a complex balance, maintain the nuclear disarmament agenda and keep pace with technological advance?
Panel Discussion

Drug Policy Reform: Opportunity or Threat to International Security?
hosted by the Global Commission on Drug Policy (GCDP)
Dachgarten Lounge, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

Decades after the adoption of the drug control, corruption and transnational organized crime treaties, the international community is facing growing illegal markets, more powerful criminal organizations and increasing illicit money flows. Transnational organized crime benefits from the drug trade more than any other activity it pursues (with a global market estimated at 500 billion USD annual turnover), due to the high levels of demand for drugs. Such financial power allowed criminals to reach the highest levels of states, with negative impacts on stability, governance, development and the rule of law. The response to drug trafficking as the most profitable illegal market also falls short in weakening organized crime. The Global Commission on Drug Policy will present its 2020 report to provide systemic analysis of the current response to drug-related activity of transnational criminal organizations; to link the fight against organized crime to the social, economic and cultural policies on drug control; and to provide high-level recommendations to the international community to better control the supply of drugs and enhance judicial cooperation and the fight against money laundering.

01:00 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.

Lunch Discussion

Peacing it together – Regional Security in the Horn of Africa
hosted by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
Garden Restaurant, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

As a service provider in the field of international cooperation for sustainable development and international education work, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) is dedicated to shaping a future worth living around the world. Countries of North-East Africa have unblocked conflicts through several bilateral confidence building measures. The peace agreement between Ethiopia and Eritrea has unleashed hopes and opportunities for all countries in the region. But will the governments be able to control local violence and fight terrorism on their own? Interests from the Gulf, China, and others are already part of the security setup. This lunch discussion will provide insights on the success factors for regional security – and on remaining challenges for peace and stability at the Horn of Africa.
Roundtable Discussion
Russia’s Foreign Policy Choices In the New Era of Great Power Competition
hosted by the Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations
Gelber Salon, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

The Primakov Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO), a leading Russian think tank, and the International Forum Primakov Readings will gather prominent experts and decision-makers to discuss the new phase of the international system, characterized by an intensification of great power competition. The strengthening of new leaders is increasingly affecting the existing global and regional balances of economic and military power and political influence. New global and regional players are trying to become more integrated into the global financial, economic and political architecture created by major powers of previous decades, but are simultaneously looking for a chance to shift the existing global hierarchy. This roundtable will discuss how Russia, together with India, the EU and other significant actors, is trying to define its interests and to find its paths in the quickly changing global environment which is showing a trend towards the development of a new bipolarity.

Lunch Discussion
Securing Democratic Societies Through Technology
hosted by Google
Fürstensalon, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

The ongoing threat of foreign interference in democratic and economic processes heightens the importance of protecting individuals and organisations - especially those who are at increased risk of cyberattacks. While cyberattacks have grown increasingly sophisticated and targeted, there is reason to be hopeful about the measures that companies and individuals can take to reduce the likelihood of account hijacking. During the luncheon, we look forward to discussing the challenges that exist and the promise of technology and policy solutions.

Lunch Discussion
Stoking the Fire: Conflict and the Climate Crisis
hosted by the Robert Bosch Stiftung
Dachgarten I, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

The Robert-Bosch-Stiftung is one of the leading private charitable foundations of Europe that is known for its promotion of natural and social sciences, including public health, society, culture, and international relations. Climate change is widely accepted as a serious threat multiplier which can exacerbate conflict dynamics in unforeseen ways. By exerting additional pressure on conflict regions, climate change often compounds problems and impedes the solution of existing conflicts. Complicating matters further, the lack of consideration and integration of climate change-related issues in the design of peacebuilding activities can have a multitude of unintended, adverse effects on peacebuilding and climate change adaptation efforts alike. At the same time, the interplay of conflict and climate change harbors innovative potential. Drawing on Mali and Afghanistan as case studies, the panel discussion will explore the societal, military as well as regional perspectives at play at the interface between conflict and climate change.
The Nuclear Threat Initiative, together with its partners the European Leadership Network, the Munich Security Conference, and the Russian International Affairs Council, established the Euro-Atlantic Security Leadership Group (EASLG) as an independent and informal group of former and current officials and experts from across the Euro-Atlantic security family and Russia to test ideas and develop proposals for improving security in areas of existential common interest. The Munich luncheon meeting will be an opportunity to discuss three “Year 2020” topics and their potential impact on Euro-Atlantic Security: European security in the face of Brexit and Middle East turbulence; possible steps forward in Ukraine; and the upcoming United States election. Guests to the luncheon will be encouraged to share their thoughts on their implications for Euro-Atlantic Security in 2020 and beyond.

The Europeans Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR), an internationally renowned pan-European think-tank, will host this high-level side event to discuss the future of Europe’s sovereignty together with the European External Action Service (EEAS) and nine foreign ministries. ECFR continues the ambitious project to identify Europe’s critical vulnerabilities in areas of military, economic, and political sovereignty and to lay out a roadmap how Europe can defend its interests more effectively. This event is also to serve as a high-level exchange on the ongoing works and the agenda of the new “geopolitical” European Commission to continue the debate from 2019.

In an increasingly complex world, calls are growing for significant and effective European military capabilities. The return of collective defence scenarios and the enduring task of crisis response operations pose twin challenges to European militaries in EU and NATO. Germany plays a critical role in this ongoing multinational capability development. After years of relative decline, the Bundeswehr is on a growth path, gaining personnel, adding material, and increasing defence spending. As a lead nation in NATO’s Framework Nations Concept, and as a driving force within the EU’s Permanent Structured Cooperation (PESCO), Germany works toward tangible European capabilities to
strengthen the European Pillar of NATO. Lieutenant General Christian Badia, Director-General for Planning at the German Federal Ministry of Defence, will use this working lunch to give an overview over where he sees the Bundeswehr in ten years’ time, and over Germany’s capability development priorities within NATO, the EU, and together with partners. His statement will be followed by an open and critical off-the-record discussion with invited analysts and professionals.

01:00 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.  
Lunch Discussion  
Ukraine: Moving Ahead  
hosted by Yalta European Strategy/Victor Pinchuk Foundation  
Saal & Foyer, Literaturhaus

Yalta European Strategy (YES) is the leading forum to discuss Ukraine’s European future and global context. With a new Ukrainian leadership elected in 2019 reforms and economic transformation move forward, while on the conflict in the East in spite of first steps a solution seems still elusive. What are the main internal and external factors that will shape Ukraine’s policy in the years to come? And how will they impact on Ukraine’s Euro-Atlantic perspective as well as on European security as a whole? World and Ukrainian leaders will address those questions and the outlook on what lies ahead.

01:15 p.m. – 02:30 p.m.  
Lunch Discussion  
U.S. Embassy-AmCham Congressional Business Luncheon  
hosted by the American Chamber of Commerce in Germany e.V. and the US Embassy Berlin  
Königssaal, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

This luncheon will be hosted by the U.S. Embassy and the American Chamber of Commerce in Germany. By bringing together Congressional representatives from the U.S. and leaders from a broad range of German and U.S. companies, this event seeks to foster an open and forward-looking exchange on the transatlantic economic partnership.

Early Afternoon Sessions

03:00 p.m. – 04:30 p.m.  
Panel Discussion  
China's Engagement in Multilateral Organizations: Implications for Germany and the EU  
hosted by the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung  
Karmeliterkirche

The Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) is a political foundation that focuses on consolidating democracy, the unification of Europe and the strengthening of transatlantic relations, as well as on development cooperation. The economic and political rise of China is a significant development of our time that is changing the international order profoundly. The People’s Republic has become increasingly self-confident in recent years. This is also reflected in China’s active involvement in multilateral organizations. This commitment is certainly to be welcomed in part, since the multilateral world order has come under considerable pressure. However, there is also suspicion that Beijing is stealthily using international
forums to impose its own interpretation of controversial issues. What goals and interests does Beijing pursue in multilateral formats and how does China enforce them? How can Germany and Europe react to Chinese influence in multilateral organizations? At which points exist opportunities for Germany and China to develop a common understanding of multilateralism and what are the prerequisites for this?

03:15 p.m. – 04:00 p.m.  
**MSC Conversations**  
**Joseph E. Stiglitz: On People, Power and Profits**  
hosted by the MSC  
*Dachgarten Lounge, Hotel Bayerischer Hof*

03:30 p.m. – 05:00 p.m.  
**Roundtable Discussion**  
**Blue Helmets Reloaded**  
hosted by the German Federal Ministry of Defence  
*Garden Restaurant, Hotel Bayerischer Hof*

How to make use of new technologies in peacekeeping missions? Which role do peacekeeping missions play in the climate security nexus and sustainability? Will increased diversity in deployed personnel contribute to more successful missions? Germany is a member in UN Security Council in 2019 and 2020 and has been a supporter of UN Peacekeeping for the past three decades. The Federal Ministry of Defence invites interested MSC participants to discuss the future of peacekeeping in an interdisciplinary group consisting of members of the German Armed Forces, the United Nations, the political sphere, the private sector, civil society and academia. The discussion will be moderated by a renowned foresight expert to allow for out-of-the-box thinking and creativity. Join us for this exchange of views under Chatham House Rules. The lines of discourse will be documented by graphic recording. A member of the Ministry leadership will give an introduction to the event.

03:30 p.m. – 05:00 p.m.  
**Panel Discussion**  
**Building More Effective National Defence & Security - Pathways to Reform**  
hosted by Transparency International  
*Dachgarten II, Hotel Bayerischer Hof*

How to govern military power presents one of the great global challenges of our age. Powerful, secretive and responsible for the world’s most destructive capabilities, when the governance of defence fails, it fails spectacularly, often leading to conflict and further instability. And yet many national defence sectors lack the basic governance standards of other public sectors. Reform programmes are difficult to steward through to success, but the rewards of doing so can improve military effectiveness and help reconnect armed forces with the societies they serve. To aid this process, Transparency International has developed the Government Defence Integrity Index as a tool to provide defence institutions with a comprehensive evidence-based corruption risk assessment, highlighting priority areas for improvement. The aim of the event is to leverage the experiences of high ranking practitioners to identify and discuss pathways to successful defence governance reform and the utility of Transparency International’s 2020 Government Defence Integrity Index.
Roundtable Discussion
Firming up Democracy’s Soft Underbelly
hosted by the National Endowment for Democracy (NED) and the Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA)
Dachgarten I, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

The National Endowment for Democracy (NED) is a U.S.-based, private, non-profit foundation dedicated to the growth and strengthening of democratic institutions around the world. The Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA) is a non-profit, non-partisan, public-policy research institute with offices in Warsaw and Washington, DC. Its mission is to promote an economically vibrant, strategically secure, and politically free Europe with close and enduring ties to the United States. Democracies around the world face existential threats to their political systems from hostile state activity—and are finding their defences unfit. Attacks are rising against the information space and its soft targets – journalists, activists, academics, publishers and the public – be it through bullying, manipulation, censorship, or deception. Public trust in democratic institutions and processes is falling. Governments may lead our response, but they cannot and should not work alone—they need strong partnerships with the private sector and civil society. All those who have a stake in democracy must share the burden of defending it; complacency is not an option. The fitness program starts here. This event seeks to sharpen the discussion, highlighting the new thinking needed to safeguard the health of a free media and information system. Difficulties and dilemmas abound, but the health and success of democracy depends on our willingness to confront them.

Roundtable Discussion
How to Speak the Language of Power?
hosted by Ernst & Young (EY)
Gelber Salon, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

EY is one of the largest professional services firms in the world whose insights and quality services help build trust and confidence in the capital markets and in economies the world over. In the light of an eruptive and unpredictable US foreign policy, Europe’s weak capacity to act in international relations has again become a strategic concern in EU capitals. There have been major institutional developments on European level in the past ten years, such as creation of a European Foreign minister called High Representative, the establishment of the European External Action Service, and the permanent structured cooperation (PESCO). But the international hot spots and, not least, the recent escalation of the conflict between the United States and Iran in the past few days have shown that Europeans are still not a key player for upholding and shaping international order. The transatlantic dimension remains central to the question of European strategic autonomy between the imperative of transatlantic commitments on the one hand and a foreseeable disengagement by the US, particularly in the Middle East, on the other hand. This event seeks to discuss how Europeans will be able to defend and promote their integrity and interests in the future in order not to lose the American commitment and be marginalized by global and regional power players.
As the Atlantic Alliance enters its eighth decade, it faces mounting challenges on its eastern flank. Russia’s foreign policy has become increasingly assertive in the past years, paired with an ambitious military reform program at home, which allowed the Kremlin to achieve considerable qualitative improvements in readiness and procurement. Moreover, beyond military hardware, Russia has proven to possess crucial grey zone capabilities, whether in the form of cyber, space, and (dis)information operations. This portfolio of both military and non-military means indicates that Russia will likely pose a significant threat to Europe throughout the next decade. Accordingly, European defence planners are pondering how to address blatant capability gaps in their own military posture in order to muster a credible deterrent against possible Russian aggression in the future. In case of a NATO collective-defence contingency, some of these shortcomings would be covered presumably by contributions from the United States. But European decision-makers have expressed doubts about Washington’s future military commitment and are looking for ways to bolster European nations’ military posture. This is all the more important against the backdrop of a rapidly deteriorating global security environment, marked by rising great-power competition between the United States and China. This roundtable will discuss what kind of capabilities are actually needed to build a continued and credible European deterrent against external threats.

The Ohrid Group is a group of former international statesmen, officials and soldiers who were all involved in delivering the Ohrid Accords of 2001 and who are convinced that the future of North Macedonia, and the Western Balkans in general, lies in integration into Euro-Atlantic structures. At this highly interactive roundtable session in the Oxford style format, four prominent speakers will kick-off an off-the-record discussion on the road ahead with arguments for and against offering full EU membership to North Macedonia and Albania.

The International Military Council on Climate and Security (IMCCS) is a group of senior military leaders, security experts and security institutions across the globe dedicated to anticipating, analyzing, and addressing the security risks of a changing climate. The Expert Group of the International Military Council on Climate and Security (IMCCS) consists of The Center for Climate and Security...
(CCS), the French Institute for International and Strategic Affairs (IRIS), the Hague Centre for Strategic Studies (HCSS) and the Netherlands Institute of International Relations (Clingendael). This special event will introduce the inaugural World Climate and Security Report 2020, the first report of its kind intended to inform future climate and security policy and analysis. The report is an international call to action, a clarion call to prepare for and prevent the security risks of climate change in a spirit of collective international cooperation.

04:15 p.m. – 05:00 p.m.

MSC Conversations
Francis Fukuyama: On the End of History
hosted by the MSC
Dachgarten Lounge, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

04:15 p.m. – 05:45 p.m.

Roundtable Discussion
Closing Ranks: Europe’s Eastern Flank and Alliance Cohesion
hosted by the MSC and the Federal Ministry of Defence
Montgelassaal, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

Recent years have witnessed growing challenges to the European security architecture, particularly on the Eastern flank. Russia’s increasingly assertive military posture in Eastern Europe is of particular concern to those members of NATO and the European Union that directly border the Russian Federation such as the three Baltic states and Poland. Their concerns are magnified by the ongoing discussions about the state and future of NATO and the EU as well as perceived decreasing alliance cohesion on core issues such as the relations with Russia. This ministerial-level event will zoom in on the region’s worries and explore options to strengthen collaborative deterrence and reassurance postures.

Late Afternoon Sessions

05:30 p.m. – 06:30 p.m.

MSC Conversations
Graham Allison & David H. Petraeus: On the Thucydides Trap
hosted by the MSC
Dachgarten Lounge, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

05:30 p.m. – 07:00 p.m.

Panel Discussion
Civil Society Contributions to Stable Security Forces: Examples from Central Africa
hosted by the International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD)
Portiasaal, HypoVereinsbank

The International Partnership on Religion and Sustainable Development (PaRD) seeks to foster the co-existence of religions and to engage the social capital and capacities vested in diverse faith communities for sustainable development. As experiences show regularly, military peace intervention lacks impact on transition from violent conflict to national security. Post-conflict national integration is challenged by security forces with their own traumatised agents and by re-framing warlord militia. The Interreligious Platform in the Central African Republic, based on human paradigm of religion, has chosen a specialized socio-
psychologic training approach and a social healing support to security forces as pragmatic contribution of civil society to socio-political stability. The side event will discuss conceptual baselines in order to allow relevant actors to conclude on and apply civil society involvement as a strategic approach to sustainable peace intervention. International Community representatives (development cooperation, Foreign Affairs, multinationals, donors of community organizations) may learn about how to support such strategic action.

05:30 p.m. – 07:00 p.m. Roundtable Discussion
The Future of China’s Participation in Arms Control Regimes
hosted by the Mercator Institute for China Studies (MERICS) and the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)
Garden Restaurant, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

The Mercator Institute for China Studies (MERICS) and the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) have teamed up to assess China’s defense and security policies and their impact on Europe and the world through the China Security Project. After the collapse of the INF Treaty, developing a new arms control regime that includes China and other global powers has become a priority for many governments, in hope of avoiding a new arms race. Understanding China’s general position towards arms control regimes is vital to this endeavor, and it could shed some light on the necessary conditions for Beijing to enter into negotiations for a new agreement. At this roundtable, the speakers will present their findings on China’s approach to arms control and will explore the potential for a new multilateral arms control agreement that includes China. The discussion also hopes to explore the role that Europe could play in this process.

05:30 p.m. – 07:00 p.m. Arctic Security Roundtable
The Game is on: Great Power Dynamics in the Arctic Region
hosted by the MSC
Dachgarten I, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

Great power competition is picking up steam and the ripple effects are widely felt. This no longer spares the Arctic region, which until recently was considered an exceptional region of peace and cooperation. Before this background, the Arctic Security Roundtables seeks to closer examine the link between growing great power competition on a global level and the way great powers manage their relations in the Arctic. To what extent have growing geopolitical tensions already spilled-over into the Arctic region and how can potentially escalatory dynamics best be contained? How can the Arctic’s rules-based order best be strengthened to maintain the cooperative spirit of the region? Conversely, to what extent are great power relations in the Arctic – including the many instances of successful cooperation, for instance among the United States and Russia – able to positively shape great power relations beyond the Arctic region? Which best practices of collaboration in the Arctic may inspire the US, Russia, and China to establish peaceful and cooperative ties in an incipient era of great power competition?
The Three Seas Initiative (3SI) is a Central European effort to accelerate cross-border energy, transport and digital infrastructure links between the Baltic, Black, and Adriatic Seas. It is critical to sustaining the region's remarkable economic growth, strengthening Europe's geopolitical resilience, and completing the region's full integration into the European economic space. 3SI promises a transformative effect on security and the economy on the eastern flank of the European Union and NATO. The challenge posed by malign Russian and Chinese influence makes the success of 3SI all the more imperative and urgent. Estonia will host the 2020 3SI summit, an action-forcing event to seize the full potential of the Initiative for stability and prosperity in the region. This high-level roundtable will address 3SI's progress to date, next steps --including the stand-up of the Three Seas Initiative Investment Fund -- and the key issues that will determine its success.

The MSC's Transnational Security Series seeks to examine the challenges of illicit flows that have become a by-product of our globalized world – from the trafficking of arms to that in drugs and people, as well as the associated illicit financial flows – and related transnational security threats. Unlike traditional "hard" security challenges, many transnational security threats have not yet elicited the same concerted international efforts to tackle them. Following previous editions in Minsk, Munich, Abuja, and Cairo, the Transnational Security Roundtable on the occasion of the MSC 2020 will place particular emphasis on the topic of illicit flows in conflict settings in the Sahel region and beyond. Economic life often takes on an informal character during conflict. Although this can help civilians to cope with a diverse set of pressures, so-called conflict economies can also evolve to incentivize the continuation of conflict, thus creating spoilers to peace. The off-the-record roundtable format will bring together up to 30 high-ranking participants from policy, military, intelligence, and academia for a frank and action-oriented debate, reflecting the fact that efforts to address transnational security threats effectively require close exchange and cooperation between states, international organizations, and relevant non-state actors alike. The discussion will be followed by a reception for roundtable participants.
06:30 p.m. – 08:30 p.m. Outreach Event

**Security and Literature Series: Day 3**
hosted by the MSC, Frankfurt Book Fair and the Literaturhaus Munich
*Saal & Foyer, Literaturhaus*

The Security and Literature Series, inaugurated at the MSC 2017, focuses on the relationship literature and politics share and examines the means by which literature can gauge security and stability in society. The series spans three evenings, commencing on Thursday, on the eve of the Munich Security Conference, and ending on the Saturday of the conference.

06:45 p.m. – 07:45 p.m. Reception

**hosted by Christopher J. Davis, President of Raytheon International**
*Blue Spa, Hotel Bayerischer Hof*

The President of Raytheon International invites selected participants of the MSC to join him for drinks in the Blue Spa of the Bayerischer Hof ahead of the State Dinner hosted by the Minister-President of Bavaria.

07:00 p.m. – 07:30 p.m. Reception

**hosted by Marc S. Firestone of PMI Impact**
*Foyer Fürstensalon, Hotel Bayerischer Hof*

08:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. Dinner Sessions

**Bavarian Dinner**
hosted by the MSC
*Palaiskeller, Hotel Bayerischer Hof*

This informal dinner concludes the second day of the conference with a celebration of traditional Bavarian food and music.

08:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m. State Dinner

**hosted by the Bavarian State Chancellery**
*Kaisersaal, Munich Residence*

This state dinner is traditionally held in the magnificent Kaisersaal of Munich’s royal residence. It marks the end of the formal proceedings of the conference’s second day and offers the perfect setting for the presentation of the annual Ewald von Kleist Award.
The Munich Security Conference is thrilled to announce that the Munich Security Cup will return in 2020 for a second edition. The idea for the Munich Security Cup was born in Schloss Elmau during the Munich Security Forum 2018. Building on the active participation of MSF participants at late-night table soccer games, the MSC has decided to establish a Munich Security Cup in table soccer, to be held at the MSC’s traditional “Drinks and Diplomacy” session on Saturday night at the Munich Security Conference. It will provide another great opportunity for MSC participants to interact in an informal setting. In keeping with the MSC’s mission of promoting peace, understanding and exchange, teams from various countries participating in the MSC will face off against each other in a peaceful contest of skill and wit - ping pong diplomacy at its very best.
Sunday, February 16

Breakfast Sessions

07:30 a.m. – 08:45 a.m.  Breakfast Discussion
**European Commitment to Future Defense Capabilities**
*hosted by the Hudson Institute*
Atelier Restaurant, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

The Hudson Institute challenges conventional thinking and helps manage strategic transitions to the future through interdisciplinary studies in defense, international relations, economics, health care, technology, culture, and law. Europe’s increasing investment in its defense capabilities has significant implications for its role as a global security actor for decades to come. Increased investment comes against the backdrop of rising and unprecedented geostrategic challenges in areas critical to Europe as well as a changing battlefield shaped by an array of next-generation weaponry by a variety of actors engaged in “adversarial competition” or grey zone operations, developing and relying on asymmetric advantages and approaches to exploit areas of weakness. To be prepared for this next major phase of military competition, Europe is considering how to invest in the integration and utilization of new and emerging technologies and increase the operational effectiveness of their military forces. The Hudson Institute would like to offer leading thinkers and decision-makers of defense transformation and next-generation weaponry a breakfast setting to examine these areas of strategic opportunities.

07:30 a.m. – 08:45 a.m.  Foundation Breakfast
*hosted by the Munich Security Conference Foundation*
Gelber Salon, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

The Chairman of the Munich Security Conference, Ambassador Wolfgang Ischinger invites members of the MSC Foundation Council, the MSC Advisory Council and the MSC Board of Trustees to a joint working breakfast.

7:30 a.m. – 08:45 a.m.  Breakfast Discussion
**Prospects for the Sahel Countries to 2040**
*hosted by the Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSS)*
Fürstensalon, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

The Hanns Seidel Foundation is engaged in political education with the aim of promoting the democratic and civic education of the German people on a Christian basis. The Sahel countries have attracted considerable international attention due to the increased activities and spread of violent extremist organizations, as well as role of the region as a transient for migrants to Europe. This event will be executed by the HSS in cooperation with the ISS. The event will focus on Sahel’s security and development challenges. Real-life-stories explaining why people get involved in extremist groups and the impact of this on livelihoods will challenge the traditional security concepts and open the floor for a panel discussion focusing i.a. [1] on links between local conflicts and violent extremism and the challenges in the responses; [2] how to strengthen trust between defense
and security forces and civilian populations. Outstanding keynote speakers and panelist will be supplemented by interventions of experts who work in the region with the aim to identify new perspectives and solutions to the most urgent needs afflicting the Sahel.

07:30 a.m. – 08:45 a.m.   Breakfast Discussion
Russia Beyond 2024: A Scenario Exercise
hosted by the Centre for East European and International Studies (ZOiS) and the Regional Office for Cooperation and Peace in Europe (ROCPE) of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation
Altstadtsaal, HypoVereinsbank

"Russia beyond 2024" is an initiative of the Centre for East European and International Studies (ZOiS) in Berlin and the Regional Office for Cooperation and Peace in Europe (ROCPE) of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation in Vienna. Both partners have brought together a high-level group of experts from different countries to develop four scenarios on the future of Russia. Although the constitutionally mandated end of Vladimir Putin’s presidency is still over three years away, possible pathways and implications of 2024 should be discussed now. The scenario exercise has identified two main structural conditions shaping continuity or change beyond 2024: social (in)stability and confrontation vs. cooperation with the West. The Breakfast Meeting will launch the publication of the scenarios and provides an opportunity to discuss different possible developments up to and beyond 2024, ranging from a more optimistic “Golden Eagle” scenario to the “Broken Eagle” scenario. After a brief presentation and comments by two discussants, guests will be encouraged to participate in an open discussion, reflecting on the potential consequences of each scenario for Russia and for Russia’s relations with the US and the EU.

Morning Session
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.   Panel Discussion
Deutsche Sicherheitsinteressen an internationalen Seewegen
hosted by the Bundeswehr University Munich
Karmeliterkirche

This event will be held in German.

Das Beispiel der Straße von Hormus zeigt, wie zahlreiche Akteure sicherheitspolitische Interessen für einen internationalen Seeweg artikulieren und Konfrontationen kurz vor einer Eskalation stehen können. Solche Konfrontationen können schnell aus einem regionalen einen Internationalen Konflikt machen. Es stellt sich die Frage, welche Interessen Deutschland an den Seewegen als große Industrie- und Exportnation hat und welche Mittel, auch militärische, sie bereit ist dabei einzusetzen. Der ehemalige Bundespräsident Köhler wurde aufgrund von geäußerten deutschen Interessen an internationalen Seewegen massiv angefeindet und ist zurückgetreten. Wo stehen wir heute?
10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  Report Launch

Integrating European Defence: EU-NATO-UK and the potential of Central Europe
hosted by GLOBSEC
Promenadesalon, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

GLOBSEC is a global think-tank based in Bratislava committed to enhancing security, prosperity and sustainability in Europe and throughout the world. The case for enhanced European defence is resounding. Its implementation though will ultimately depend on overcoming political and budgetary constraints and converging the interests of NATO, the EU, individual countries, and defence industries. A still sceptical participant of European defence integration projects, Central Europe has the potential to facilitate the EU-NATO-UK partnership. What is a feasible and desired level of ambition for European defence integration? What measures can be taken to deliver tangible results? What institutional structures for EU-NATO-UK cooperation can be developed to accommodate both strategic and operational goals? How should the creation of a common industrial base, intended to build up relevant military capabilities, be approached? How can Central Europe be embedded into European defence initiatives and what role can Central Europe play? The session will address these questions and launch the GLOBSEC European Security Initiative Report, which lays out a pathway towards achieving a new level of European Defence competence and Europeanisation of NATO that will strengthen the Atlantic Alliance.

10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.  Tabletop Exercise

The Art of Crisis Prevention – Maritime Security in the Red Sea
hosted by the German Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi)
Gelber Salon, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

The Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi) is an independent non-profit think tank based in Berlin whose mission is to improve global governance through research, policy advice and debate. Taking the recently proposed Council of Arab and African Littoral States of the Red Sea and the Gulf of Aden (AARSGA) along with existing formats as a starting point, this table top exercise will allow players to explore ways of addressing shared interests between local stakeholders, on the one hand, and external stakeholders whose commercial shipping is critically dependent on safe passage through the Red Sea and Gulf of Aden, on the other hand. With the war in Yemen involving Riad and Teheran, a low-intensity armed conflict in Somalia and continuing volatility in Sudan, Ethiopia and Eritrea, as well as critical interests at stake for the US, Russia, China, Japan, India and the European Union, the Red Sea region will continue to present challenges to the international community at large. The diplomatic table-top exercise will explore ways towards pragmatic, effective cooperation between local and external stakeholders, with a specific focus on maritime security.

10:30 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.  MSC Conversations

Ivan Krastev & Thomas Kleine-Brockhoff: On the West
hosted by the MSC
Dachgarten Lounge, Hotel Bayerischer Hof
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.  
Roundtable Discussion  
The Future of Influence: Technology and the Challenge to Free Will  
hosted by the NATO Strategic Communications Center of Excellence
Fürstensalon, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

The NATO Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence helps NATO and the nations prepare for the security challenges of tomorrow. The new data economy, with pervasive surveillance at its heart, poses profound challenges to democratic societies. Is the business model compatible with freedom of will? How can governments and regulators respond without resorting to authoritarian solutions? Technology is revolutionising tools & techniques at a whirlwind pace. Artificial intelligence, big data, high-speed networks, facial recognition and deep fakes are already shifting the range of opportunities available to malign actors. The increasing value of social data means that knowledge about citizens, and the power this brings, is shifting from governments to private mega-corporations, who are increasingly reluctant to share data. Monitoring the information space becomes harder. The time of big, open, social data is over. Simultaneously, people are connecting more devices to the web. From wearable tech to self-driving cars, new sources of data present fresh vectors of influence to be exploited. NATO StratCom COE research demonstrates this is a global problem, from digital sweatshops in the Philippines to Russian social media manipulation providers. Services offering manipulation of major platforms such as Facebook, Instagram, YouTube and Twitter advertise fearlessly on major search engines. Experiments show the social media giants fail to prevent the vast majority of fake messaging. What does this avalanche of technological change mean for the individual? Are societies capable of adapting? Join our discussion, where we explore the future of influence and try to work out how we can be ready for it.

Lunch Sessions

01:00 p.m. – 03:00 p.m.  
Concluding Lunch  
hosted by the MSC  
Königssaal, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

01:30 p.m. – 03:30 p.m.  
Panel Discussion  
11. Expertenrunde zur Münchner Sicherheitskonferenz / Europa - Global Player oder Mitläufer?  
hosted by Junges Forum der Gesellschaft für Außenpolitik

This event will be held in German

Das Junge Forum der Gesellschaft für Außenpolitik fördert den Austausch zwischen Young Professionals, Studenten sowie Politikern, Militäroffizieren, Journalisten und Wirtschaftsexperten. Der globale Aufstieg des Populismus, eine neue Dimension bewaffneter Konflikte und das Hinterfragen alter Bündnisse bedrohen zunehmend die liberale Weltordnung. In diesen turbulenten Zeiten muss die Europäische Union eine fundamentale Entscheidung treffen: Soll sie weiterhin eine vernachlässigbare Rolle auf dem internationalen Parkett spielen oder mehr Verantwortung übernehmen und zu einem „Global Player“ aufsteigen?
Kann die EU ein Gegengewicht zu russischen sowie chinesischen Expansionsgelüsten entwickeln und sich gleichzeitig von der US-amerikanischen Außenpolitik emanzipieren? Im Rahmen eines Expertengesprächs, an dem Staatssekretär Dr. Peter Tauber MdB (Bundesministerium der Verteidigung), Omid Nouripour MdB (B’90/Grüne), Dr. Ulrike Esther Franke (European Council on Foreign Relation), Kristina Dunz (Rheinische Post), sowie Ali Aslan (TV-Moderator & Journalist) teilnehmen, wird die Fragestellung ausführlich erörtert.

Dinner Sessions

07:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

Chairman's Dinner
hosted by the Chairman of the MSC
Garden Restaurant, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

Ambassador Wolfgang Ischinger cordially invites the MSC’s “friends and family” to join him for an informal dinner discussion on the last evening of the Munich Security Conference.

Townhall Events

Friday, February 14

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Townhall on Arms Control
hosted by the Missile Dialogue Initiative of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)
Palaishalle, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

Rapid advances in missile and other weapons technology are challenging the current arms control architecture. New arms developments complicate existing verification mechanisms and undermine trust in established agreements. As key components of the international arms control architecture – particularly in the realm of nuclear weapons – are collapsing, fostering dialogue becomes crucial. This MSC Townhall event will discuss possible policy responses that could help adapt the international arms control architecture to modern challenges.

03:00 p.m. – 04:00 p.m.

Townhall on Women, Peace, and Security
hosted by the Foreign & Commonwealth Office and the German Federal Foreign Office
Palaishalle, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

Violent extremism is a geo-political threat. Extremist groups often share a key characteristic: they suppress women’s influence and silence peacebuilders who counter their violent ideologies. At this interactive UK-Germany hosted event, hear from women with first-hand experience countering violent extremism and learn how to tackle this threat.
Hunger has made a comeback. After two decades of decline, food insecurity is on the rise again and is affecting more than 820 million people worldwide, putting the Sustainable Development Goal of “Zero Hunger” by 2030 at risk. Many countries in Sub-Saharan Africa have been hit particularly hard as combinations of factors – including conflict and climate change – drive food insecurity in this region. As instability rises further, action is needed urgently. The MSC Townhall on Food Security aims to examine the dynamics behind this new food insecurity and explore existing and emerging solutions.

Google’s Trust & Safety team is responsible for making the internet safer, protecting free speech, and fighting online abuse in areas such as disinformation, violent extremism and account hijacking. Jigsaw applies cutting-edge research and technology to defend civil society, journalists, activists and those at the forefront of digital conflict. Both teams within Google share the common goal of forecasting and confronting emerging threats. This town hall-style conversation will probe deep into the newest trends, how states and non-state actors are leveraging the asymmetric power of information and disinformation, and the role of technology to help both individuals and institutions prepare for what comes next.

On January 30, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared the coronavirus outbreak a Public Health Emergency of International Concern. The outbreak’s startling trajectory, within and beyond China, has triggered mass quarantines, barriers to migration, disruption of trade and travel. Scientific unknowns – the virus’ source, transmissibility, severity – stoke fear. This town hall explores what lies ahead in this dynamic globalized crisis.

Elected in 2019 with 73% of the vote, President Zelensky has embarked on an ambitious reform program while also working to end the conflict in Eastern Ukraine. Much depends on the success of President Zelensky – for Ukraine and for Europe. This MSC Townhall will provide an opportunity to discuss internal and external challenges to Ukraine.
Townhall on AI
hosted by the National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence
Palaishalle, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

The US National Security Commission on Artificial Intelligence (NSCAI) was established to consider the methods and means necessary for the development of artificial intelligence (AI) and associated technologies to further the national security of the United States. The pace of technological advances makes it increasingly difficult for political and security decision-makers to maintain more than a vague understanding of the essence, possibilities and risks of artificial intelligence. This Townhall aims to break down the current state of AI issues in a tangible way.

MSC HARDtalk
hosted by the MSC and CNBC
Palaishalle, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

Sunday, February 16

08:00 a.m. – 09:00 a.m.

Townhall on the Future of Diplomacy
hosted by the Harvard Kennedy School and the MSC
Palaishalle, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

Diplomacy is a vital tool for the 21st century world. With a rise in transnational threats from terrorism, to pandemics to nuclear proliferation to the detrimental impact of cyber aggression, diplomacy must be faster, more responsive - even anticipatory. This requires new thinking about the promise of diplomacy and its reach. In a Townhall co-sponsored by the MSC and Harvard Kennedy School’s Future of Diplomacy Project we will discuss the challenges - and possible solutions -- with invited guests.

11:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Townhall on Palestine
hosted by the MSC
Palaishalle, Hotel Bayerischer Hof

The issue of Palestine was thrust back into the international spotlight when US President Trump presented his plan regarding the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. While the plan was summarily rejected by Palestinians, the Arab League and the Organization for Islamic Cooperation, the ensuing discussion highlighted the absence of a peace process and raised fundamental question about the future of the Palestinian territories and its people. This MSC town hall event is intended to take stock of the new situation and to identify possible next steps.