



National Security and Hybrid Threats

PROGRAMME

13:00 - 13:40 National Security and Hybrid Threats: Opening Session

Conference chair: **Jón Gunnar Ólafsson**, Acting Director, Institute of International Affairs, University of Iceland

Opening remarks: **Katrín Jakobsdóttir**, Prime Minister and Chairman of the National Security Council

Keynote address: **James Dipple-Johnstone**, Deputy Commissioner Operations, UK Information Commissioner's Office

13:40 - 14:40 Hybrid Challenges: Conventional and Unconventional Responses

Opening lectures:

Antonio Missiroli, Assistant Secretary General for Emerging Security Challenges, NATO
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Sveinn Helgason, Strategic Communications Officer, NATO
Helga Þórisdóttir, Data Protection Commissioner, the Icelandic Data Protection Authority
Björn Bjarnason, Rapporteur on Foreign and Security Policy on behalf of the Nordic Foreign Ministers

Moderator: **Pia Hansson**, Director, Institute of International Affairs, University of Iceland

14:40 - 14:50 Coffee Break

14:50 - 15:50 Hybrid Defense: Safeguarding Democratic Values

Opening lectures:

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Elfa Ýr Gylfadóttir, Director, Icelandic Media Commission
Ólöf Hrefna Kristjánsdóttir, Minister Counsellor, Defence Directorate, Ministry for Foreign Affairs
Pór Matthíasson, Expert in Analytics and Search Engine Marketing, Co-Owner of Svartigaldur

Moderator: **Sveinn H. Guðmarsson**, Press Officer, Ministry for Foreign Affairs

15:50 - 16:50 The Importance of Fostering Resilience

Opening lectures:

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Kirsti Narinen, Director of International Relations, European Centre of Excellence for Countering Hybrid Threats

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Bergur Ebbe Benediktsson, Author and Societal Analyst
Hákon Lennart Aakerlund, Specialist in Cyber Security, Landsbankinn
Hrefna Sigurjónsdóttir, Director, Home and School – the National Parents Association

Moderator: **Svana Helen Björnsdóttir**, President of the Association of Chartered Engineers in Iceland

16:50 - 17:00 Closing remarks