

# LEANGKOLLEN CONFERENCE

The Norwegian Atlantic Committee

THE 52<sup>nd</sup> ANNUAL SECURITY CONFERENCE

## Security in Northern Europe after Crimea, Brexit and the U.S. election

February 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> 2017



# Welcome to the Leangkollen Conference

The Norwegian Atlantic Committee is honoured to welcome you to the 52nd Leangkollen Security Conference. We can offer excellent speakers, first-rate moderators and serious debates on a broad range of demanding, contemporary security issues.

The title: *“Security in Northern Europe after Crimea, Brexit and the U.S. election”*, was chosen to illustrate how new choices, policies and actions made by Russia, Great Britain and the United States have direct impact on the security dynamics in northern Europe and particularly the Nordic region.

When Russia in March 2014 violated the territorial integrity of Ukraine and annexed Crimea, they broke away from the rule-based international order in place since WWII. With Brexit and the election of Donald Trump as the 45th president of the United States, the liberal post-Cold War order seems to have come to an end as well. Brexit demonstrates that European integration is reversible. Trump is placing “America First” and dismissing NATO as “obsolete”. The “West” – a community of democracy, rule of law, division of power, and market economy – has become increasingly challenged both by external and internal forces. The roots of these forces are manifold. How they might change our collective, rule based security institutions is impossible to foresee. That big changes are facing the transatlantic relationship is no exaggeration. That’s why these broader topics of a “crumbling liberal order” will serve as a “guideline” for discussions throughout this year’s Conference.

To the Nordics and other small and medium size states in northern Europe the possibility of a world order where “might trumps right” is disturbing. However, in the view of all the uncertainty it helps to take a sober look at the strategic circumstances, the geopolitical outlook from different capitals involved as well as the cohesion and flexibility of central security institutions.

“We face the greatest challenges to our security in generations. This is no time to question the value of the partnership between Europe and the United States”, NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg wrote in the Guardian in a response to Trump’s election as President. We end the 52nd Leangkollen Conference by letting five excellent thinkers reflect on what we might see in the future of the transatlantic order.



Kate Hansen Bundt

Secretary General of the Norwegian Atlantic Committee

**Monday, February 13<sup>th</sup> 2017**

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**08:15-09:00** Registration and coffee at the Nobel Institute,  
Henrik Ibsens gt. 51

**09:00-11:00** **Opening session at the main auditorium of the  
Nobel Institute**

## **“The changing security dynamics in northern Europe”**

*Chaired by:  
Secretary General of the Norwegian Atlantic Committee,  
Kate Hansen Bundt*

Words of welcome by the **Chair of the Norwegian  
Atlantic Committee, Anne-Grete Strøm-Erichsen**

Opening speech by the **Minister of Defence of Norway,  
Ine Eriksen Søreide**

From a Swedish point of view, **Minister of Defence of  
Sweden, Peter Hultqvist**

From a Finnish point of view, **Minister of Defence of  
Finland, Jussi Niinistö**

NATO’s North seen from NATO HQ, **NATO Deputy  
Assistant Secretary General for Political Affairs and  
Security Policy, James Appathurai**

**Q&A**

**11:15** Bus from the Nobel Institute to Leangkollen Conference  
Center for lunch and afternoon session

**11:45-12:45** Lunch

12:50-14:50

Session II at Leangkollen Conference Center

## “Key players in transatlantic and European security after Brexit and Trump”

*Chaired by: Asle Toje,*

*Research Director at the Norwegian Nobel Institute*

### **U.S. perspectives**

*Heather Conley, Senior Vice President for Europe, Eurasia, and the Arctic and Director of the Europe Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies*

### **German perspectives**

*Constanze Stelzenmüller, Robert Bosch Senior Fellow - Foreign Policy, Center on the United States and Europe at the Brookings Institution*

### **French perspectives**

*Dr. Bruno Tertrais, Deputy Director of Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique*

### **British perspectives**

*Professor Paul Cornish, Chief Strategist at Cityforum Public Policy Analysis Ltd and Associate Director of Oxford University’s Global Cyber Security Capacity Centre*

### **What does this mean for our institutions?**

*Professor Dr. Sven Biscop, Director of the Europe in the World Programme at the Egmont Institute*

Panel discussion and Q&A

Coffee & snacks

14:50-15:15



**15:15-16:30**      **Session III at Leangkollen Conference Center**

## **“Russia and the Nordics”**

*Chaired by: Heather Conley,*

*Senior Vice President for Europe, Eurasia, and the Arctic and Director of the Europe Program at the Center for Strategic and International Studies*

### **Russia and the Nordic region – a historic perspective**

*Halvor Tjønn, journalist and historian*

### **Security in the Baltic Sea vs. the North Atlantic - Differing dynamics?**

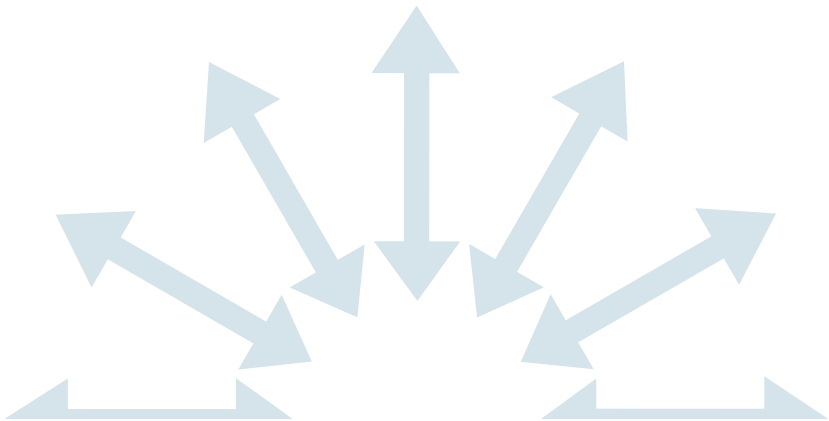
*Paal Sigurd Hilde, Associate Professor at the Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies*

### **Trump and Putin: a “reset” with northern European consequences?**

*Kristin Ven Bruusgaard, Research Fellow at the Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies*

Panel discussion and Q&A

**16:45**      Departure by bus to Oslo, Fridtjof Nansens pl. 8, City Hall  
(Estimated arrival at 17.15)



**Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> 2017**

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**08:00** Bus to Leangkollen. Departure from Fridtjof Nansens pl. 8, City Hall

**08:30-09:00** Registration and coffee

**09:00-11:00** **Session IV at Leangkollen Conference Center**

## **“Defending northern Europe”**

*Chaired by: Professor Paul Cornish*

*Chief Strategist at Cityforum Public Policy Analysis Ltd and Associate Director of Oxford University's Global Cyber Security Capacity Centre*

**Opening Speech** by *Lieutenant General Rune Jakobsen*,  
Commander of the Joint Headquarters, Norwegian Armed Forces

### **The Strategic dimensions of the North Atlantic**

*Rolf Tamnes*, Professor at the Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies

### **NATO's maritime strategy**

*Vice Admiral Clive C C Johnstone CB CBE*, Commander of NATO's Allied Maritime Command

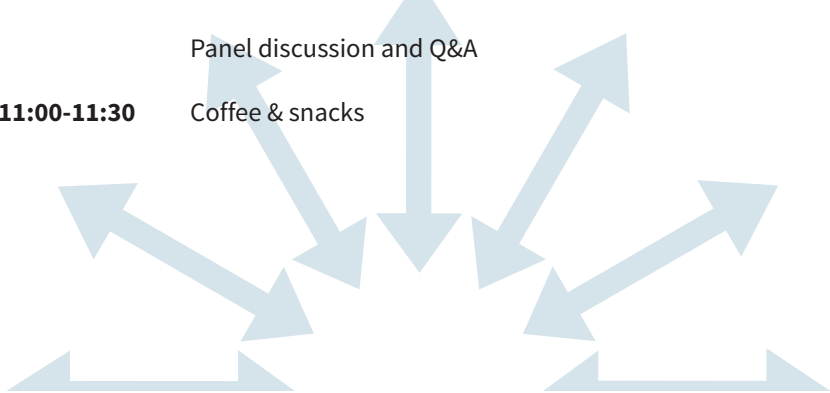
### **U.S. naval strategy in the North Atlantic**

*Bruce B. Stubbs*, Director of Strategy for the Chief of Naval Operations, Pentagon

Panel discussion and Q&A

**11:00-11:30**

Coffee & snacks



**11:30-13:15**      **Session V at the Leangkollen Conference Center**

## **“What do we see in the future of the transatlantic order?”**

*Chaired by: Constanze Stelzenmüller,  
Robert Bosch Senior Fellow - Foreign Policy, Center on the United States and Europe  
at Brookings Institution*

### **The future transatlantic security order**

*Espen Barth Eide, United Nations Special Adviser on Cyprus*

### **“Just another major crisis”- Past and future in Atlantic relations**

*Geir Lundestad, Professor Emeritus, University of Oslo*

### **Trump’s foreign policy: isolationism vs. expansionism**

*Barry Pavel, Senior Vice President of the Atlantic Council*

### **The illusion of “the end of history”: a crumbling liberal order?**

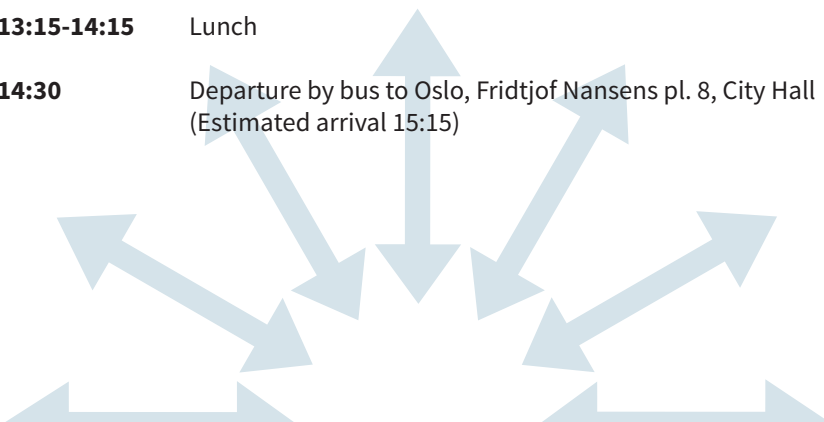
*Asle Toje, Research Director at the Norwegian Nobel Institute*

Panel discussion and Q&A

**Closing remarks** by *Kate Hansen Bundt, Secretary General of the Norwegian Atlantic Committee*

**13:15-14:15**      Lunch

**14:30**              Departure by bus to Oslo, Fridtjof Nansens pl. 8, City Hall  
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## Speaker biographies in order of appearance

Monday, February 13th

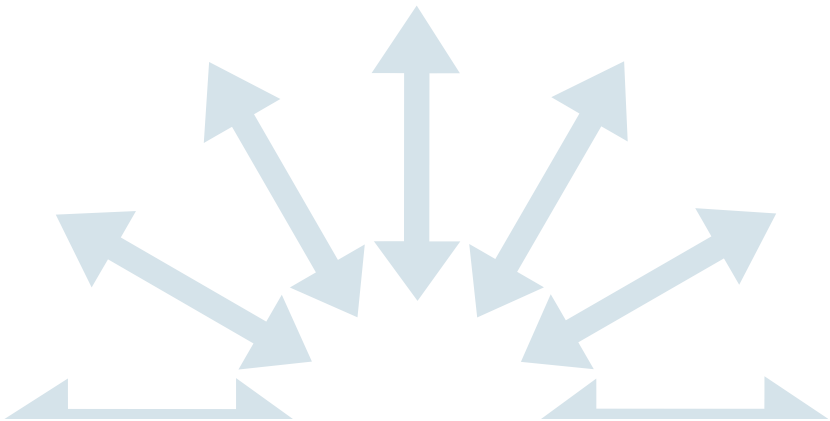
### Opening session: The changing security dynamics in northern Europe



**Kate Hansen Bundt**

Secretary General of the Norwegian Atlantic Committee

Bundt has been Secretary General of the Norwegian Atlantic Committee since 2010. She is a political scientist from the University of Oslo with additional studies from the Humboldt University in Berlin. Bundt was a fellow at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) from 1990–1993, Research Director at “Europa-programmet”, an Oslo-based think tank, from 1993–2006, and worked as an independent researcher, lecturer, writer, and commentator of European affairs from 2006. In 2009 she graduated from the Senior Executive Course at the Norwegian Defence University College. She has been a member of several Government appointed review committees. She has been chair of the board at NUPI since May 2014 and vice-president of the Atlantic Treaty Association since December 2014.



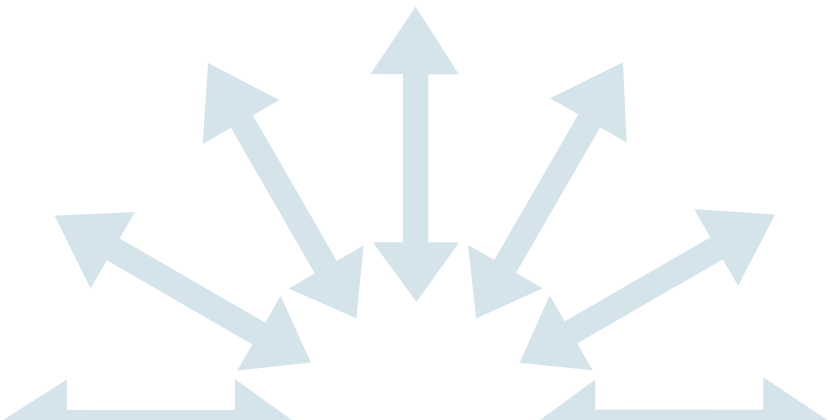




**Anne-Grete Strøm-Erichsen**

Chair of the Norwegian Atlantic Committee

Anne-Grete Strøm-Erichsen is a Partner in Rud Pedersen Public Affairs Norway and the Chair of the Norwegian Atlantic Committee. Strøm-Erichsen served as Minister of Defence and Minister of Health and Care Services in Jens Stoltenberg’s second government (2005–2013). She has served as a local representative in the City Council for Bergen (1987–2005), as well as Mayor and Chief Commissioner (1999–2003). Strøm-Erichsen was elected to Parliament 2005–2013 for the Labour Party. In addition to her political positions, Strøm-Erichsen has gained international experience through NATO, EU and WHO, as well as Chair of the board of West Norway’s Brussels office. Strøm-Erichsen has also been a member of the Council of Europe, and President of the Organization of World Heritage Cities. Strøm-Erichsen is the Vice President of the Norwegian Brain Council, and a member of the board at KONGSBERG. She is educated as a Computer Science Engineer at Bergen University College and has additional studies from South Dakota School of Mines & Technology.





**Ine Eriksen Søreide**

Minister of Defence of Norway

Ine Eriksen Søreide is the Norwegian Minister of Defence (2013–) and former Chair of the Norwegian Parliament’s Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence, and the Enlarged Foreign Affairs Committee (2009–2013). Søreide represents the Conservative Party (Høyre), and is elected to parliament from the constituency of Oslo. She holds a graduate degree in Law (Cand. jur.) from The University of Tromsø (2007).



**Peter Hultqvist**

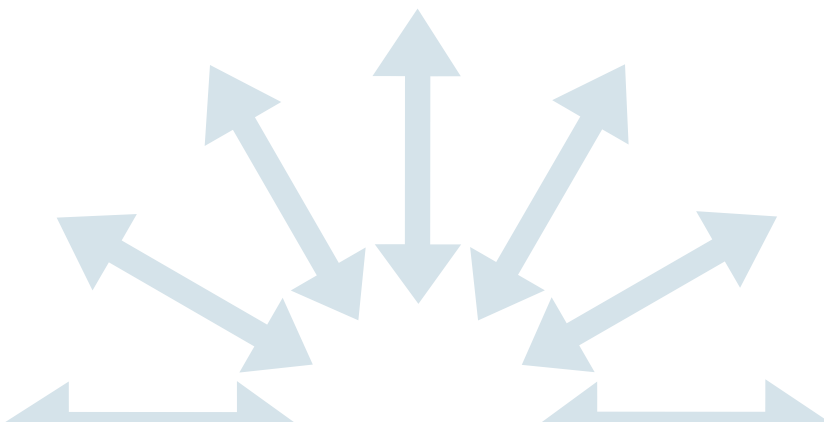
Minister of Defence of Sweden

Peter Hultqvist is the Swedish Minister of Defence (2014–). He was a member of the Riksdag (Swedish Parliament) from 2006–2014 where he represented the Swedish Social Democratic Party (Socialdemokraterna). He is former Chair of the Parliamentary Committee on Defence Members (2011–2014) and group leader of the Parliamentary Committee on the Constitution (2010–2011). He has also been the Chair (2009–2014) and a board member (1989–2014) of HSB Dalarna.



**Jussi Niinistö**  
Minister of Defence of Finland

Jussi Niinistö is the Finnish Minister of Defence (2015–). He is a military historian and politician. Since 2011, he has been a member of the Finnish Parliament and as of May 2015 Minister of Defence of Finland. Before entering into politics, Niinistö made a distinguished career within the field of Finnish history as well as military history. He received his M.A. in 1994 and Ph.D. in 1998, both of which from the University of Helsinki. Niinistö, a docent of Finnish history at the University of Helsinki and a docent of military history at the Finnish National Defence University, has worked on various extensive history related research projects and published several books. Jussi Niinistö has been a member of the Finns Party Parliamentary Group since 2011 and vice-Chair of the party since 2013. Prior to becoming Minister of Defence in 2015, the parliamentary career of Niinistö includes serving as Chair for the Defence Committee (2011–2015). Within local politics, he has been a member of the municipal council of Nurmijärvi between 2009 and 2015. Jussi Niinistö is a reserve officer with the rank of Senior Lieutenant.

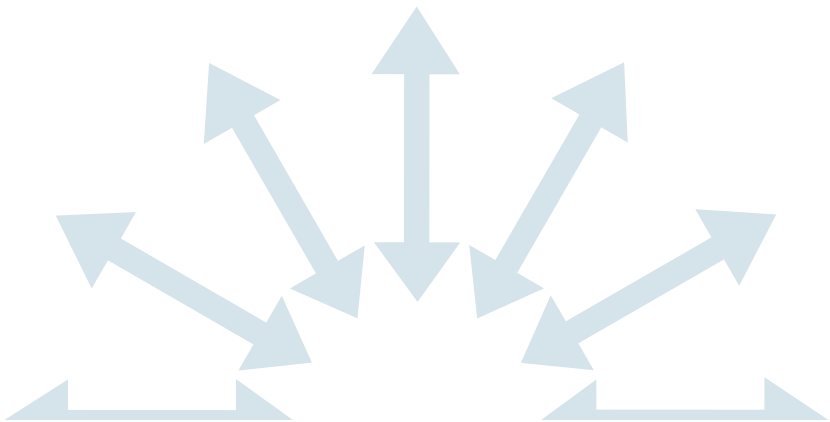




**James Appathurai**

Deputy Assistant Secretary General, NATO

James Appathurai is the Deputy Assistant Secretary General (DASG) for Political Affairs and Security Policy (2010–) and the Secretary General’s Special Representative for the Caucasus and Central Asia in NATO. As DASG, he is responsible for NATO’s political relations with countries across the globe, international organisations, enlargement, and arms control. He provides policy advice on political issues affecting the security of the Alliance. He is responsible for implementing and developing NATO’s relations with all its partner countries and organisations, including through Political Agreements, Partnership Cooperation Programmes, and other bilateral and multilateral arrangements. As the Secretary General’s Special Representative, he is responsible for carrying forward the Alliance’s policy in the two strategically important regions of the Caucasus and Central Asia. Mr. Appathurai previously served as NATO’s Spokesperson from 2004 to 2010. Prior to that he served as Deputy Head and Senior Planning Officer in the Policy Planning and Speechwriting Section of NATO’s Political Affairs Division from 1998 to 2004. He served in the Canadian Defence Department from 1994 to 1998.



## Session II: Key players in transatlantic and European security after Brexit and Trump



**Asle Toje**

Research Director, the Norwegian Nobel Institute

Asle Toje is the Research Director at the Norwegian Nobel Institute in Oslo, and an occasional lecturer at the Institute for Political Science at the University of Oslo. Toje's research interests are found at the intersection of security studies and European studies. Since Toje graduated from Cambridge University in 2006, Toje has published widely on European security and foreign policy. Among his last works are *America, the EU and Strategic Culture* (London, Routledge); *The European Union as a Small Power* (London, Macmillan, 2010) and *Neoclassical realism in Europe* (Manchester University Press, 2012). He has also authored two monographies in Norwegian on the economic and political crisis in Europe: *Red, White & Blue* and *The Iron Cage* (Dreyer 2012, 2014).



**Heather A. Conley**

Senior Vice President, Center for Strategic and International Studies

Heather A. Conley is senior vice president for Europe, Eurasia, and the Arctic and director of the Europe Program at CSIS. Prior to joining CSIS in 2009, she served as executive director of the Office of the Chair of the Board at the American National Red Cross. From 2001 to 2005, she served as deputy assistant secretary of state in the

Bureau for European and Eurasian Affairs with responsibilities for U.S. bilateral relations with the countries of northern and central Europe. From 1994 to 2001, she was a senior associate with an international consulting firm led by former U.S. deputy secretary of state Richard L. Armitage. Ms. Conley began her career in the Bureau of Political-Military Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. She was selected to serve as special assistant to the coordinator of U.S. assistance to the newly independent states of the former Soviet Union. Ms. Conley is a member of the World Economic Forum's Global Agenda Council on the Arctic and is frequently featured as a foreign policy analyst on CNN, MSNBC, BBC, NPR, and PBS. She received her B.A. in international studies from West Virginia Wesleyan College and her M.A. in international relations from the Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS).



**Constanze Stelzenmüller**  
Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution

Constanze Stelzenmüller is an expert on German, European, and transatlantic foreign and security policy and strategy, is the inaugural Robert Bosch senior fellow in the Center on the United States and Europe at Brookings. Prior to working at Brookings, she was a senior transatlantic fellow with the German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF), where she directed the influential Transatlantic Trends survey program. Her areas of expertise include: transatlantic relations; German foreign policy; NATO; the European Union's foreign, security, and defense policy; international law; and human rights.





**Bruno Tertrais**

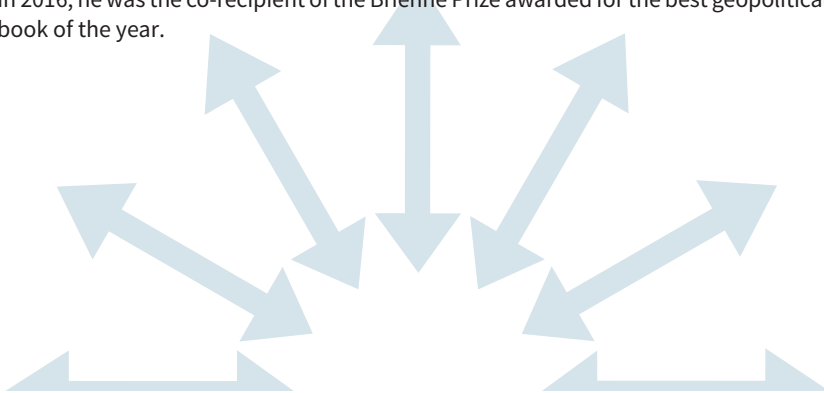
Deputy Director, Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique

Dr. Tertrais is the Deputy Director of Fondation pour la Recherche Stratégique (FRS). He graduated from the Institut d'études politiques de Paris (Sciences Po) in 1984. He also holds a Master's degree in Public Law of the University of Paris (1985), and a Doctorate in Political Science of the Institut d'études politiques de Paris (1994).

In 1990-1993, he was the Director of the Civilian Affairs Committee, NATO Parliamentary Assembly. In 1993, he joined the Policy Division of the French Ministry of Defense. In 1995-1996, he was a Visiting Fellow at the RAND Corporation. From October 1996 until August 2001, he was Special Assistant to the Director of Strategic Affairs at the French Ministry of Defense. In September 2001, he joined FRS as a Senior Research Fellow, working on geopolitics and international security issues, with a special emphasis on transatlantic, Middle East and Asian security, as well as a particular focus on military and nuclear policies.

He was a member of the two Presidential Commissions on the White Paper on Defense and National Security appointed in 2007 (under President Sarkozy) and in 2012 (under President Hollande). Tertrais is a member of the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS), and an associate editor of Survival. He is a member of the editorial board of the Washington Quarterly.

In 2010, he was the recipient of the Vauban Prize, awarded for his distinguished career. In 2014, he was made a knight of the Legion of Honor by President Hollande. In 2016, he was the co-recipient of the Brienne Prize awarded for the best geopolitical book of the year.

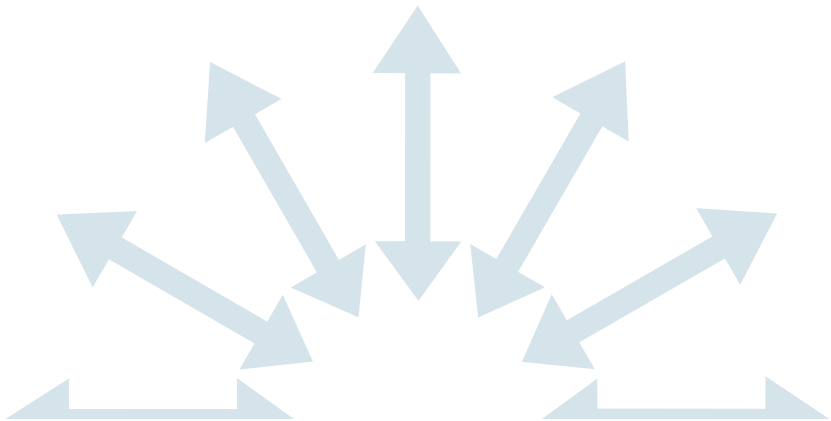




**Paul Cornish**

Chief Strategist, Cityforum and Associate Director of Oxford University’s Global Cyber Security Capacity Centre

Professor Paul Cornish is Chief Strategist at Cityforum Public Policy Analysis Ltd, Associate Director of Oxford University’s Global Cyber Security Capacity Centre, and participates in UK-China Track 1.5 discussions on cyber security. He was educated at the University of St Andrews, the London School of Economics and the University of Cambridge. He served in the British Army and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and has held senior/professorial appointments in UK research institutes and universities: Chatham House; UK Defence Academy; Centre for Defence Studies; RAND Corporation (Europe); and the Universities of Cambridge, Bath and Exeter. His work covers national strategy, cyber security, international security futures, arms control, the ethics of conflict, and civil-military relations. He is Visiting Professor at the Australian National University’s National Security College, 2017–2018.



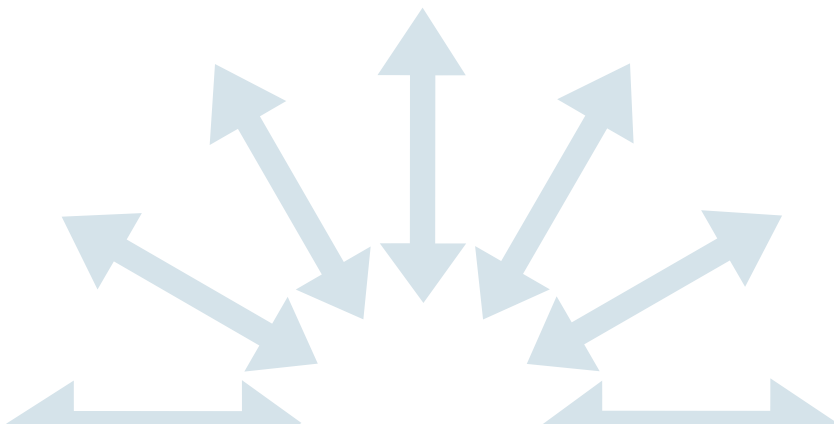




**Sven Biscop**

Director, Europe in the World Programme, Egmont

Prof. Dr. Sven Biscop is the Director of the Europe in the World Programme at the Egmont – Royal Institute for International Relations in Brussels, and a Professor at the Ghent Institute for International Studies at Ghent University. He also teaches at the College of Europe in Bruges, at LUISS in Rome, and at the People’s University of China in Beijing, where he is a Senior Research Associate. As an Honorary Fellow of the European Security and Defence College, he is a regular lecturer in its courses, as well as in various staff colleges in Europe and beyond.



## Session III: Russia and the Nordics



**Halvor Tjønn**

Journalist and author

Halvor Tjønn is cand. philol. in history from the University of Oslo and has worked as a journalist in different Norwegian news outlets since the 1970's. From the late 1980's to the early 2000's he covered the Soviet Union and Russia for the major Norwegian daily, Aftenposten. He was correspondent in Moscow for three periods. From 2001 to 2014 he worked in Aftenposten mainly with international terrorism, migration and Islamic fundamentalism. He is now an independent journalist and author, and he has published a number of books about Norwegian, Russian and Islamic history.



**Paal Sigurd Hilde**

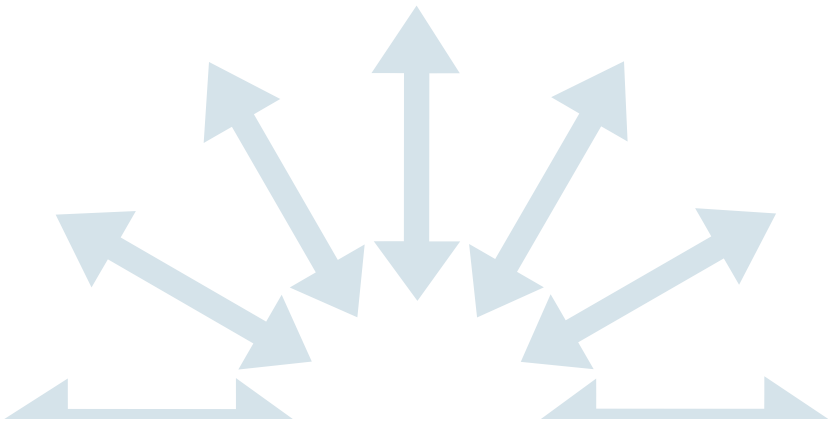
Associate Professor, Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies

Paal Sigurd Hilde is an Associate Professor at the Centre for Norwegian and European Security of the Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies (IFS), Norwegian Defence University College. He was Head of the Centre from 2008 to 2013. Previously, he served amongst other as Head of the Secretariat for the Norwegian Commission on Afghanistan (2015–2016) and Senior Advisor in the Norwegian Ministry of Defence (2004–2008). His main research interests are NATO and Norwegian security policy.



**Kristin Ven Bruusgaard**  
Research Fellow, Norwegian Institute for  
Defence Studies

Kristin Ven Bruusgaard is a Research Fellow at the Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies (IFS) and a PhD Candidate in Defence Studies at King’s College London. Her work focuses on Russian strategic thought, nuclear strategy and civil-military relations. Prior to joining IFS, Kristin worked as Senior Advisor on Russian security and defence policy with the Norwegian Armed Forces, as a researcher with the Norwegian Defence Research Establishment, and she interned with the Congressional Research Service in Washington, DC, with the Norwegian Delegation to the EU in Brussels, and at NATO HQ. She has an MA in Security Studies with Diploma in Russian, Eurasian and Eastern European Studies from Georgetown University. Bruusgaard has authored several academic articles and reports, most recently “Russian Strategic Deterrence” in *Survival*.



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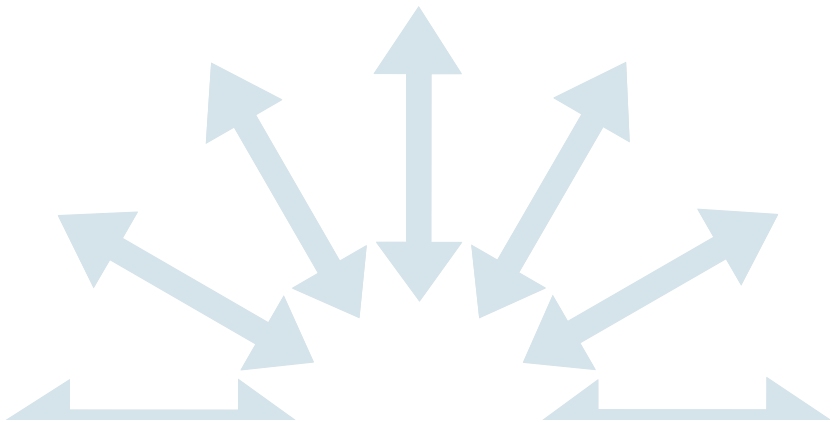
## Session IV: Defending northern Europe



**Rune Jakobsen**

Commander of the Norwegian Joint Headquarters

Lieutenant General Rune Jakobsen is the commander of the Norwegian Joint Headquarters. He has previously held the position as Commander General of the Norwegian Army (2013–2015). His extensive professional background, both nationally and internationally, include the National Staff College, Führungsakademie der Bundeswehr (Germany) and NATO Defence College in Rome, Italy. He started his military career at the Garrison of South Varanger and has since held different positions in the Brigade, the National Staff College, the Telemark Battalion, the Army Staff and the Defence staff. In 2006–2007 he served as a National Contingent Commander (NCC) in Afghanistan. From 2011–2013 he was Chief of Operations at the National Joint Headquarters in Bodø.





**Rolf Tamnes**

Professor, Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies

Rolf Tamnes is professor at the Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies (IFS). He served as its director for sixteen years (1996 to 2012), head of the international research programme “Geopolitics in the High North” (2008–2012) and adjunct professor at the University of Oslo (1995–2009). Dr. Tamnes has been visiting fellow at CSIS, St. Antony’s College, Oxford, and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington, D.C. Most recently he chaired the Expert Commission on Norwegian Defence Policy, appointed by the Norwegian MoD, and served as core member in the Afghanistan Inquiry Committee, appointed by the Norwegian government.



**Clive C C Johnstone**

Commander of NATO’s Allied Maritime Command

Vice Admiral Clive C C Johnstone CB CBE is the Commander of NATO’s Allied Maritime Command. He is NATO’s principal maritime adviser and has operational Command of NATO’s Standing Naval Forces.

A graduate of Durham University and Britannia Royal Naval College, Vice Admiral Johnstone has served as Navigator, Fighter Controller and Principal Warfare Officer in ships ranging from Minesweepers to Aircraft Carriers. He has been engaged on operations in the North Atlantic, Caribbean, the Gulf and Indian Ocean, the Balkans

and the Eastern Mediterranean. He also served in HM Yacht BRITANNIA during an appointment that culminated in the handover of Hong Kong.

At sea he has commanded HMS IRON DUKE (a Type 23 Frigate) and HMS BULWARK (an amphibious assault ship and the Royal Navy's Amphibious Flagship), undertaking operations in the Northern Gulf, Horn of Africa and off Lebanon. He was awarded a CBE for an extended Gulf Deployment and the evacuation of British Nationals out of Beirut.

Ashore, he has worked in procurement, resources and operational planning. In more senior positions he had roles in personnel, strategy and leadership of the Naval Staff (in London). In 2008 he was selected to be Principal Staff Officer to the Chief of Defence Staff. Promoted Rear Admiral in 2011, Clive Johnstone served as Assistant Chief of Naval Staff (Training) and Flag Officer Sea Training (FOST) through to April 2013. He then became Assistant Chief of Naval Staff prior to assuming command of NATO Allied Maritime Command in October 2015. A defining theme in Flag Rank has been the projection of a considered maritime voice in the National and NATO defence and security debate, linking across boundaries with partners of all forms, friends and allies.



**Bruce Stubbs**

Director, Strategy Division, Pentagon

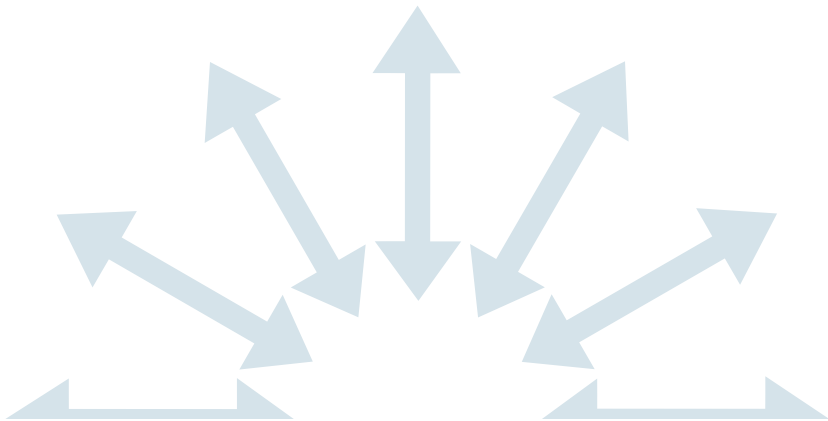
Bruce Stubbs, a member of the Senior Executive Service, serves as the Director of the Strategy Division for the Chief of Naval Operations, Pentagon. This Division develops capstone Service strategies and strategic guidance for building the annual budget. He has served on the Secretary of the Navy's staff and on the National Security Council staff. He is one of the principal authors of the Navy's 2015 Maritime Strategy and the National Strategy for Maritime Security. As a career Coast Guard officer he had operational oversight of the Coast Guard's multi-billion dollar project to replace its ships and aircraft, commanded a major cutter, and served a combat tour with the Navy in Vietnam. He received his BS from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, his MBA from the University of Washington, and his MA with distinction from the Naval War College

**Session V: What do we see in the future of the transatlantic order?**



**Espen Barth Eide**  
United Nations Special Adviser on Cyprus

Espen Barth Eide was appointed as United Nations special adviser on Cyprus in August 2014, where he assists the parties in the conduct of negotiations aimed at reaching a comprehensive settlement. Mr. Eide is also currently the managing director and a member of the Managing Board of the World Economic Forum in Geneva. Prior to this, he served as the Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2012 to 2013, as Minister of Defence from 2011 to 2012, as deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2010 to 2011 and 2000 to 2001, and as Deputy Minister of Defence from 2005 to 2010. Mr. Eide was a senior researcher and research director at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) from 1993 to 2000 and from 2002 to 2005, specializing in peacekeeping, peacebuilding, and regional and global security issues. Since the early 1990s, he has been involved in a series of UN-initiated best practices and reform processes, and he has been closely involved with similar processes in NATO and the European Union.

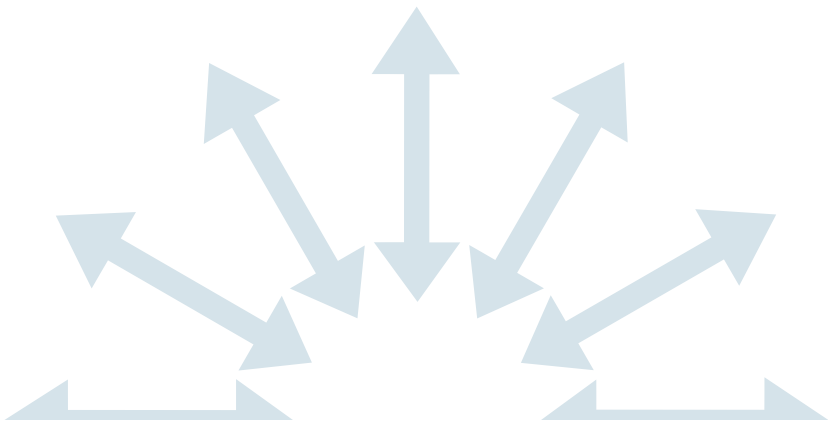




**Geir Lundestad**

Professor Emeritus, University of Oslo

Geir Lundestad was Director of the Norwegian Nobel Institute and Secretary of the Norwegian Nobel Committee 1990-2014. He was also professor of History and of American Civilization at the University of Tromsø (1974-1989) and Adjunct professor of International History at the University of Oslo (1991-2014). He has been a fellow at Harvard University (1978-79, 1983) and at Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington DC (1988-89). He has written numerous books about the origins of the Cold War and about transatlantic relations, most of them published by Oxford University Press. The 8<sup>th</sup> edition of his *East, West, North, South, Major Trends in International Relations Since 1945* will be published in 2017.

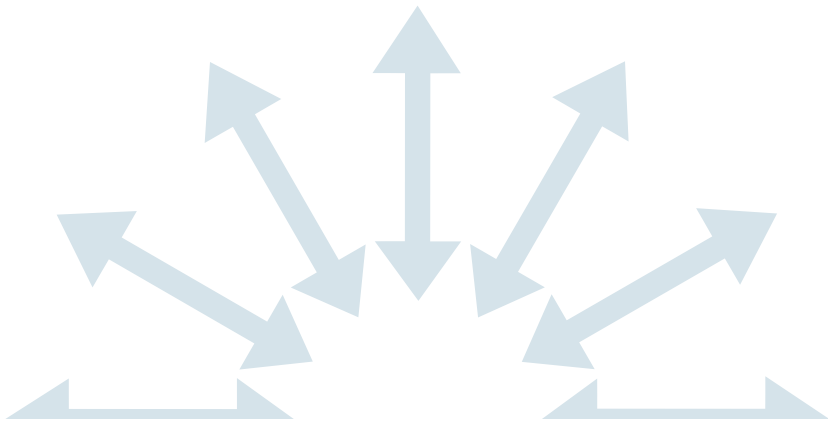




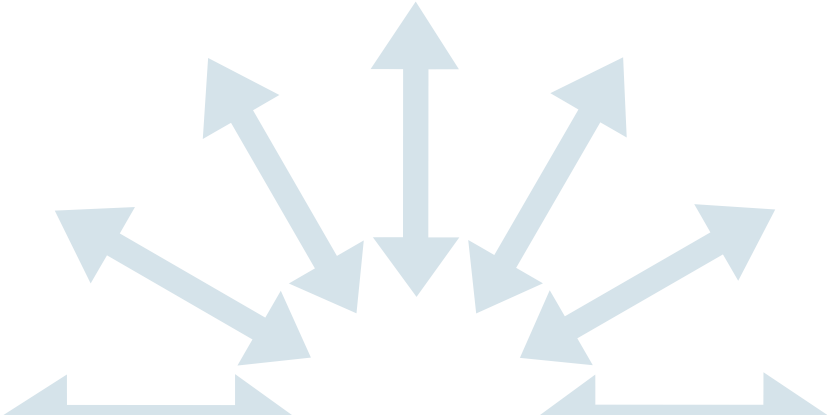


**Barry Pavel**  
Senior Vice President, Atlantic Council

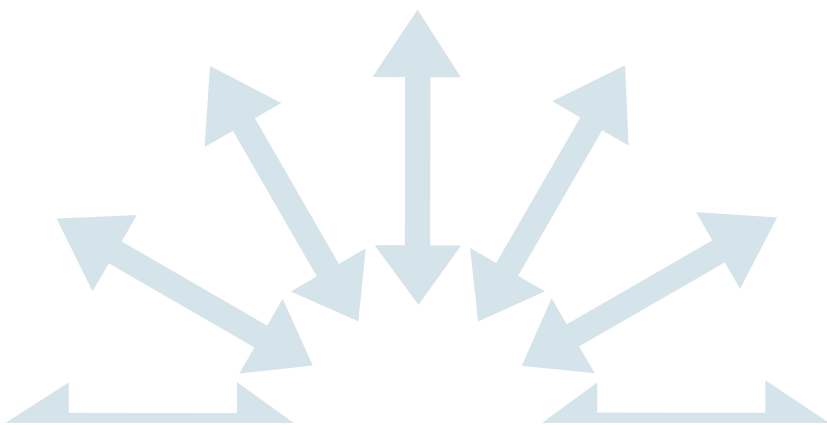
Barry Pavel is senior vice president of the Atlantic Council, Arnold Kanter Chair, and director of the Brent Scowcroft Center on International Security, focusing on emerging global challenges and opportunities, strategy, technologies, and key regional security issues. Prior to joining the Atlantic Council, he was a career member of the Senior Executive Service in the Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy for almost eighteen years. From October 2008 through July 2010, he served as the Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Defense Policy and Strategy on the National Security Council staff, serving both President George W. Bush and President Barack Obama. In this capacity, Mr. Pavel led the development of five of the first eight Obama Administration Presidential Study Directives. He was the initiator and architect of the NSC's first-ever National Security Priorities Review and a key contributor to the President's 2010 National Security Strategy. From October 1993 through November 2006, Mr. Pavel led or contributed to a broad range of defense strategy and planning initiatives for both the Clinton and George W. Bush Administrations. Mr. Pavel received a Presidential Rank Award in 2007 in recognition of his career accomplishments.



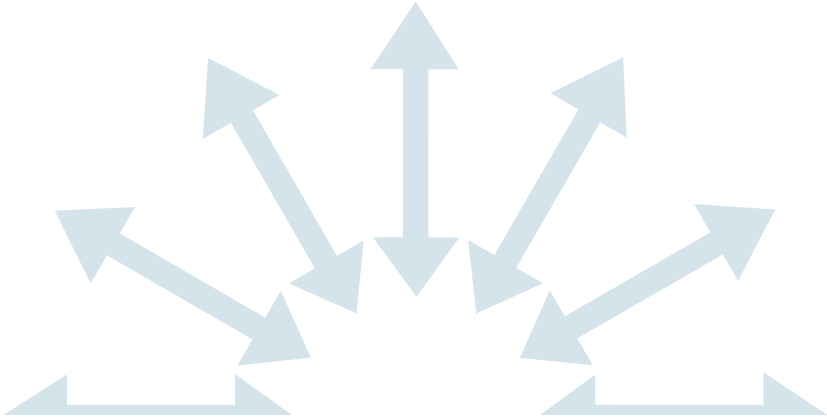
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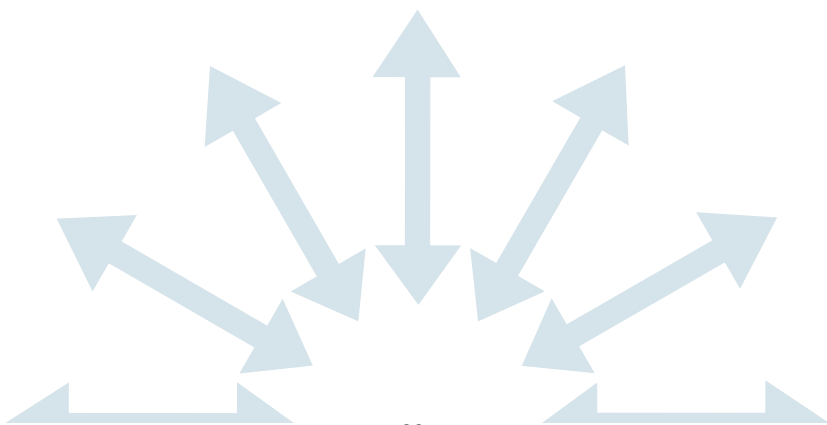


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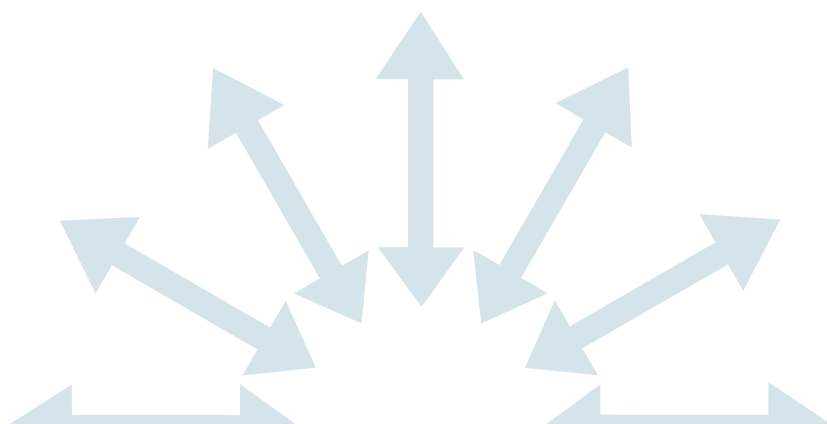
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