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The China Challenge: Remaking the Landscape of Transatlantic Security

Monday, February 3rd 2020

Opening Session: The China Challenge and Transatlantic Security

Time: 09.30 – 11.05

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

Opening session at the main auditorium of the Norwegian Nobel Institute, Henrik Ibsens gt. 51

In recent years, China has been expanding its international influence. The re-emergence of China as not just a regional, but also a global power, poses structural challenges to the U.S.-led international order established after the Second World War. At the Leaders Meeting in London, a unanimous NATO agreed, for the first time, to address the rise of China – both the challenges and the opportunities it poses. This indicates that we need more knowledge about China's ambitions, culture and relationship with the rest of the world. How should the U.S. and the West deal with "the China challenge"? And how do small states, such as Norway, maneuver in this new landscape?

Anne-Grete Strøm-Erichsen, Chairwoman, the Norwegian Atlantic Committee

Words of welcome

Ine Eriksen Søreide, Norwegian Minister of Foreign Affairs

Keynote address

Robert S. Ross, Professor, Boston College and Associate, John Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University

Toward a New Global Security Order

Q&A

11.15 Departure by bus from the Norwegian Nobel Institute to Leangkollen Conference Center for lunch and afternoon sessions

11.45 – 12.45 Registration and lunch at Leangkollen Conference Center

Session II: China's Role in the Global Order

Time: 12.50 – 14.35

Chaired by: **Robert S. Ross, Professor, Boston College and Associate, John Fairbank Center for Chinese Studies, Harvard University**

One of the most important global developments in the last few decades has been the rise of China. The country's behavior in state-to-state relations and organizations has changed the dynamics of international relations. Some argue that this has led to a more complex world order, with a great power rivalry between the U.S., China and Russia. How do these actors view each other? How are they trying to operate in this new international system? And what are the implications for Europe?

Interpreting China's Rise in the Existing World Order

Xing Li, Professor and Director of the Research Centre on Development and International Relations, Aalborg University

U.S.-China Relations

Elizabeth Van Wie Davis, Professor, Colorado School of Mines

Russia-China Relations

Igor Denisov, Senior Research Fellow, Moscow State Institute of International Relations

Europe-China Relations

Mathieu Duchâtel, Director of the Asia Program, Institut Montaigne

Panel discussion and Q&A

14.35 – 15.00 Coffee

Session III: Global Order and Chinese Power Projection: Hard, Soft and Smart

Time: 15.00 – 16.30

Chaired by: **Øystein Tunsjø, Professor, Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies**

China's economic, military and technological rise has recently resulted in a debate in the U.S. as well as in European countries about potential vulnerabilities, and growing concerns related to the security-economy nexus. The response signals that the era of globalization and multilateral order faces serious challenges. China's growing global engagement is no longer perceived as public goods driven with mutual gains, but as part of a global power contest driven by relative gain. China's global investment portfolio, the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), its soft power strategies as well as cyber and new technologies are all increasingly viewed as part of a new paradigm in world politics characterized by rivalry and contest.

From Globalization to a Polarized Economic Order in an Era of China-U.S. Rivalry

Jo Inge Bekkevold, Head of Center for Asian Studies, Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies

The Belt and Road Initiative and China's New Economic Statecraft

Audrye Wong, Postdoctoral Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School

Cyber & Standards

Julia Voo, Research Director, China Cyber Policy Initiative, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School

China's Grand Strategy: From Soft Power to United Front Work

William A. Callahan, Professor, London School of Economics

Panel discussion and Q&A

16.45 Departure by bus to Oslo, Fridtjof Nansens pl. 8, City Hall (Estimated arrival at 17.30 hrs)

Tuesday, February 4th 2020

08.00 Bus to Leangkollen Quality Hotel. Departure from Fridtjof Nansens pl. 8

08.30 – 09.00 Coffee and registration

Session IV: China's Military Capacity and Strategy

Time: 09.00 – 11.00

Chaired by: **Julian Lindley-French, Professor, Senior Fellow, Institute for Statecraft**

Last year, Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg stated that NATO needs to understand the implications of China's rise. "This is not about moving NATO into the Pacific, but this is about responding to the fact that China is coming closer to us", Stoltenberg underlined. China's increasing assertiveness, including in the South China Sea and the Arctic, has raised concerns about its intentions. Is China's increasing presence in Europe and the Arctic a challenge for NATO? And if so, how should NATO respond to their increased interest in the region?

Opening Remarks: A Norwegian Perspective

Admiral Haakon Bruun-Hanssen, Norwegian Chief of Defence

China's Growing Military Power: Toward World-Class Armed Forces

Andrew Scobell, Senior Political Scientist, RAND Corporation, Adjunct Professor, Edmund A. Walsh School, Georgetown University

NATO's New China Focus: Back to Great Power Rivalry

LTG Ben Hodges, Pershing Chair, Center for European Policy Analysis & Former Commander, U.S. Army Europe

China as a Near-Arctic State: Establishing Presence and Influence

Camilla T. N. Sørensen, Associate Professor, Royal Danish Defence College

Panel discussion and Q&A

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee

Session V: Toward a New Cold War?

Time: 11.15 – 13.00

Chaired by: **Jo Inge Bekkevold, Head of Center for Asian Studies at the Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies**

Some argue that the international system is moving towards a U.S.-China standoff. A U.S. that is preoccupied with China leaves Europe more alone to guarantee for its own security. This could in turn mean that European nations, in addition to dealing with internal challenges, would have to deal with a more assertive Russia by themselves. How would a new bipolar order impact small states like Norway? And to what extent do our politicians take this into account in our new Long-Term Plan (LTP)?

The Return of Bipolarity in World Politics?

Øystein Tunsjø, Professor, Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies

Panel discussion with Norwegian Members of Parliament (MPs)

Espen Barth Eide, Member of Parliament, Labour Party

Liv Signe Navarsete, Member of Parliament, Centre Party

Hårek Elvenes, Member of Parliament, Conservative Party

Christian Tybring-Gjedde, Member of Parliament, Progress Party

12.45 – 12:55 Conference Summary by Jo Inge Bekkevold, Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies

12:55 – 13.00 Closing remarks by Kate Hansen Bundt, Secretary General, the Norwegian Atlantic Committee

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.15 Departure by bus to Oslo, Fridtjof Nansen pl. 8, City Hall (Estimated arrival at 14.30 hrs)