



Russia, NATO & Nuclear Weapons; How do we protect liberal values in a new security context?

We are now heading to a new security situation within the European Union, with a more aggressive Russia as well as a more shattered European Union. In the Nordic-Baltic region all liberal parties have not agreed upon how a NATO-membership is the way to go to ensure liberal values. And now when then Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons is topical it is more important than before to discuss the future cooperation in security issues between liberal democracies. How do we ensure the survival of liberal democratic states in a new insecure time and what can Europe/European countries do to prevent authoritarian trends?

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION

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18.30-20.30 Preparatory dinner

Kerstin Lundgren

Magnus Christiansson

Niklas Granholm

Marko Mihkelson

Keit Pentus-Rosimannus

Mikaela Hellman

Christoffer Nilsson

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12.00 Lunch

12.30 Welcome by

Karin Carlesten, representative from the board of The Centre Party International Foundation

12.35 Presentations

Keit Pentus-Rosimannus, Member of Estonian Parliament

Marko Mihkelson, Member of Estonian Parliament

Magnus Christiansson, Research Fellow at Swedish Defence University



Niklas Granholm, Deputy Director of Studies at Swedish Defence Research Agency

12.45 Discussion about how to protect liberal values in a new security context

Moderated by **Kerstin Lundgren**, Member of Parliament, The Centre Party, Sweden

13.30 End of the seminar

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By connecting the roundtable series with the name of Lord Dahrendorf, ELF wishes to underline his achievements. In his many functions he championed liberal democracy and European integration. He consistently promoted the role of the EU as a guarantor of human rights and liberty. His wide experience combining science and politics provided an excellent background to his activity in the German Parliament for the liberal Free Democratic Party, as European Commissioner, as member of the British House of Lords and as Chairman of the Board of the Friedrich Naumann Foundation (1982-1987).

During his four years in Brussels (1970 – 1974), Lord Dahrendorf was responsible for the European Community's Foreign Relations and Trade, and later for Research, Science and Education. He actively supported a stronger Europe. As Commissioner he was a sharp critic of European Union bureaucracy while he was passionately in favour of a European Parliament exercising greater power.