

**SECURITY CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN THE MEDITERRANEAN – BLACK – CASPIAN
SEAS: ROLE OF NATO AND OTHER ACTORS**

*NATO SPRING ACADEMY IN ODESA
22-24 May 2006*

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22 May 2006

Chair: *Oleksander Dergachev, Institute of Ethno-political Studies, Ukraine*

George Kent, Deputy Political Counsellor, Embassy of the United States in Ukraine

10:00 – 11:00	Opening remarks by the organizers: 10:00 – 10:05 <i>Prof. Valentyn Smyntyna, Rector of the I.I. Mechnikov National University of Odesa</i> 10:05 – 10:10 <i>Mr. Michel Duray, Director, NATO Information and Documentation Centre, Ukraine</i> Key-note Opening Addresses: 10:15 – 10:30 - - <i>H.E. Ron Keller, Ambassador of the Netherlands, NATO Contact Point Embassy in Ukraine</i> 10:30 – 10:45 - <i>Oleh Mialnytsia, Head, Euro-Atlantic Security Section, NATO Department, MFA</i> 10:45 – 11:00
11:00 – 14:00	Session 1: The European Component of Euro-Atlantic Security <i>Chaired by Oleksander Dergachev, Institute of Ethno-political Studies, Ukraine</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Panel Discussion: NATO-EU Cooperation - - <i>Michael Emerson, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European and Policy Studies, Brussels, Belgium</i> - <i>Dmytro Shulga, European Programme, International “Renaissance” Foundation, Ukraine</i>
12:00 – 12:30	Short Break and Media Opportunity
12:30 – 12:50	The Legal Aspects of NATO-EU Cooperation <i>Bastian van Bockel, Lecturer and Researcher, Leiden University, The Netherlands</i>
12:50 - 13:10	Experience of a New Member State in Both Organisations - Estonia <i>Merle Maigre, MOD Estonia, NATO Liaison Office in Ukraine</i>
13:10 – 13:30	European Neighbourhood Policy: What is its Added Value? <i>Irina Solonenko, European Programme, International “Renaissance” Foundation, Ukraine</i>
13:30 – 14:00	Discussion
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00 – 17:30	Session 2: Democracy, Stability and Security <i>Chaired by George Kent, Deputy Political Counsellor, Embassy of the United States in Ukraine</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Building Democracy, Stability and Security Through Information: Example of NATO Information Programmes in the Caucasus <i>Monique Tuffelli-Pierre, Head, OCS, Public Diplomacy Division, NATO HQ</i>
15:30-16:00	Regional Instability in Central Asia: Rethinking Western Engagement <i>Dan Vexler, Director of Research, International Crisis Group, Belgium</i>
16:00 – 16:30	Democracy as a Basis for European Security <i>Oleksander Dergachev, Institute of Ethno-political Studies, Ukraine</i>
16:30 – 17:30	Discussion
18:00	Opening Reception

23 May 2006

Chair: *Ihor Koval, Odesa National University, Ukraine*
Sharyl Cross, Senior Research Fellow, George C. Marshall Centre

09:00 – 14:00	Session 1: NATO Cooperation with Partners: Aims and Benefits <i>Chaired by Ihor Koval, Odesa National University, Ukraine</i>
09:00-10:30	Panel Discussion: NATO-Russia Relations - <i>Paul Fritch, Head, Russia and Ukraine Section, Political Affairs and Security Policy Division, NATO HQ</i> - <i>Sharyl Cross, Senior Research Fellow, George C. Marshall Centre, Germany</i>
10:30 – 12:00	Panel Discussion: NATO-Ukraine Relations - <i>Paul Fritch, Head, Russia and Ukraine Section, Political Affairs and Security Policy Division, NATO HQ</i> - <i>Volodymyr Dubovyk, Odesa National University, Ukraine</i>
12:00 – 12:30	Short Break
12:30 – 13:00	NATO Cooperation Framework Beyond the Euro-Atlantic Partnership Council and the Partnership for Peace: NATO's Mediterranean Dialogue and Istanbul Cooperation Initiative <i>Gilles Vander Ghinst, Regional Affairs and Mediterranean Dialogue, NATO HQ, (video conference)</i>
13:00 – 14:00	Discussion
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00 – 17:30	Session 2: The Transatlantic Component of the Euro-Atlantic Security <i>Chaired by Sharyl Cross, George C. Marshall Centre</i>
15:00 – 15:30	<i>Zoltan Nagy, Head, NATO and Multilateral Affairs, Political Affairs and Security Policy Division, NATO HQ (video conference)</i>
15:30 – 16:00	U.S. Foreign Policy: Global Priorities and Regional Dimensions <i>George Kent, Deputy Political Counsellor, Embassy of the United States in Ukraine</i>
16:00 – 16:30	The US Increasing Role in the Black and Caspian Seas <i>Volodymyr Dubovyk, Odesa National University, Ukraine</i>
16:30 – 17:00	The US Role in the Resolution of the Arab-Israeli Conflict <i>Alla Zakharchenko, Odesa National University, Ukraine</i>
17:00 – 17:30	Discussion

24 May 2006

Chair: *Volodymyr Dubovyk, Odesa National University, Ukraine*
Michel Duray, Director, NATO Information and Documentation Centre, Kyiv

10:00 – 14:00	Session 1: Security in the Black and Caspian Seas: Role of NATO and Regional Initiatives <i>Chaired by Volodymyr Dubovyk, Odesa National University, Ukraine</i>
10:00 – 10:30	GUAM: Security in the Black and Caspian Seas <i>Sergiy Glebov, Odesa National University, Ukraine</i>
10:30 – 11:00	Turkey's Contribution to Maritime Security in the Mediterranean and the Black Sea <i>Serdar Kilic, Minister Plenipotentiary, Deputy Director General for NATO and Euro-Atlantic Security Affairs, Turkey</i>
11:00 – 11:30	The Black Sea Forum: partnership for dialogue <i>Cerasela Nicolas, Consul General of Romania in Odessa</i>
11:30 – 12:00	Discussion
12:00 -12:30	Short Break
12:30-13:00	NATO, Ukraine and Energy Security in the Black Sea-Caspian Region <i>James Sherr, Conflict Studies Research Centre, United Kingdom</i>
13:00 – 13:30	Regional Cooperation on the Baltic-Black -Caspian Sea Area: Real Partnership or Domination of Individual Players <i>Zurab Marshaniya, Consul General of Georgia in Odessa</i>
13:30 – 14:00	Ukraine and Democratization in the Black Sea Area <i>Lada L. Roslycki, Independent Consultant and PhD Candidate in International Security, University of Groningen, The Netherlands</i>
14:00 – 15:00	Lunch
15:00 - 17:00	Session 2: Upcoming Challenges and Regional Security <i>Chaired by Michel Duray, Director, NATO Information and Documentation Centre, Kyiv</i>
15:00 – 15:30	Energy Aspect as a Security Challenge <i>Adrian Kendry, Regional Economic and Security Affairs, NATO PASP (video conference)</i>
15:30 – 15:50	Regional Aspects of Security in Central and Eastern Europe <i>H.E. Urban Rusnak, Ambassador of Slovakia to Ukraine</i>
15:50 – 16:10	The European Union Border Assistance Mission and the Management of the Common Border of Ukraine and Moldova <i>Ferenc Banfi, Head, EU Border Assistance Mission to Ukraine and Moldova</i>
16:10 – 16:30	Addressing Instability: Theoretical Approaches and Practical Recommendations <i>Igor Koval, Odesa National University, Ukraine</i>
16:30 – 16:50	Settling the Transnistrian Issue in the Context of Moldova-European Integration <i>Irina Severin, Second Secretary, Embassy of Moldova in Ukraine</i>
18:00	<i>Drawing conclusions – final comments</i> Closing of the Academy