



## **NATO at 60 – A Conference Exploring NATO's Past Through Its Archives PROGRAMME**

**13 March 2009, at 9:30**

**Luns Auditorium, NATO Headquarters**

**9:30 Opening words**

**9:45 Introductory Address**

From Release of NATO Information to NATO Archives on-line: a short history of the NATO Public Disclosure Programme

**10:10 Presentation of the NATO History DVD**

"The NATO History DVD"

Dr Audrey Darell, Publications & Exhibits Section, NATO Public Diplomacy Division

**10:30 Coffee break**

**11:00 Panel 1 – Using NATO Sources to Explore its History**

"NATO and the Vietnam War, 1961-1965: the View from the Archives"

Prof Lawrence Kaplan: Emeritus Director, Lyman L. Lemnitzer Centre for NATO and European Union Studies, Kent State University

"A History of NATO Information Service: NATO Films and Filmography"

Dr Valérie Aubourg, University of Cergy-Pontoise

"A Black Hole in the NATO Archives: Planning for Occupation Preparedness (Stay Behind)"

Professor Olav Riste, Research Director of the Norwegian Institute for Defence

**Lunch 12:30**

**13:30 Panel 2 – Cold War Strategy and Leadership**

"High Command: Allied military leadership, coalition building and the defence of Central Europe, 1948 – 1967"

Mr Diego Ruiz Palmer, Head, Planning Section, NATO Operations Division

"NATO and the Second Berlin Crisis, 1958-1962"

Dr Gregory Pedlow, Chief, Historical Office, SHAPE

"NATO's Part in Ending the Great Cold War"

Mr Gordon S. Barrass, Cold War Studies Centre, London School of Economics



**15:00 Coffee break**

**15:30 Panel 3 – NATO Diplomacy and Decision-making**

“NATO’s dual track decision of December 1979”

Prof. Albert E. Kersten, Leiden University

NATO’s evolving relationship with Partner States 1990 – 2003”

Chris Donnelly, Former Special Advisor to the NATO Secretary General for Central & Eastern European Affairs, and Senior Fellow, The Defence Academy of the UK”

“The attempts of successive French presidents to rejoin NATO”

Prof Maurice Vaïsse, Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Paris

**17:00 Close of Conference**

Morning and afternoon coffee/tea will be provided to all participants.

Gordon Barrass’ book *The Great Cold War: A Journey Through the Hall of Mirrors* (Stanford University Press, 2009) will be available for signature in the NATO Library.