

Seminar: **Arms control – the ultimate challenge**

Venue Bratislava, Hotel Crowne Plaza

Date: October 24, 2019

Aim: Distrust and hostility in the current security environment have also resulted in violations and significant weakening of the pillars of arms control and non-proliferation regime being present and recognized for several years. These regimes are challenged on multiple levels, e.g. by the collapse of US-Russia bilateral cooperation on arms control, the US withdrawal from the JCPOA, the increasing nuclear and ballistic challenges in North East Asia, including the nuclear crisis in the Korean peninsula, etc. We are also witnessing that the existing arms control framework is not able to reflect the emerging technological developments and prevent the spread of new types of weapons to non-state armed groups as well as states.

The main aim of the event is to present the most important challenges of the arms control, disarmament and non-proliferation regimes, examine the role of different security organizations in arms control architecture and to identify how can the current developments effect the future strategic stability.

Program

9:00 – 9:10 **Opening remarks**
Tomáš Strážay, Director, RC SFPA

9:15 – 10:30 Panel I: **Arms control regime and the role of international organizations**

Panel will examine the current state of arms control regime, discuss the effectiveness of existing tools, documents, discussion formats on different levels. The main question is which are the main shortcomings and limitations and how to improve the existing?

Chair: **Michal Onderčo**, Assistant Professor, International Relations, Erasmus University Rotterdam

Speakers: **Dáša Adašková**, Member, Task Force for the Slovak OSCE Chairmanship 2019
Federica Dall'Arche, Researcher, International Affairs Institute (IAI)
Robin Mossinkoff, Head, OSCE Forum for Security Cooperation Support Section
James Reville, Researcher, UN Institute for Disarmament Research

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 12:00 Panel II: **Current trends and developments: what are new risks for arms control?**

Main aim of the panel will be to present and discuss the main challenges which the arms control regime faces nowadays. What are the new weapons technologies? How the current crisis in arms control (JCPOA, North Korea, INF, New START) affects the arms control regime?

Chair: **Nikolai Sokov**, Senior Fellow, Vienna Center for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation

Speakers: **Tomáš Hrozenský**, Research Fellow, European Space Policy Institute
Götz Neuneck, Deputy Director, Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy, University of Hamburg
Simon Weiß, Research Associate, FES ROCPE

12:00 – 13:00 Lunch

13:00 – 14:15 Panel III: **How will Slovakia react to new arms race?**

Main aim of the panel will be to discuss concrete challenges which Slovakia will face in the field of arms control and examine how Slovakia is prepared for these challenges. How political leaders and decision makers can contribute to addressing these challenges?

Chair: **Andrej Matišák**, Journalist, Pravda daily

Speakers: **Pavel Macko**, representative of the political party SPOLU – občianska demokracia
Jaroslav Naď, representative of the political party OBYČAJNÍ ĽUDIA a nezávislé osobnosti- OĽaNO
Tomáš Valášek, representative of the political party Za ľudí

14:15 **Conclusion**
Samuel Goda, Head of Future of Security and Cooperation in Europe Program, RC SFPA