

NATO'S ROLE IN THE CONTEMPORARY WORLD



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Polish Naval Academy

The history of the Polish Naval Academy dates back to 1st October, 1922. It educates civilian and military students as well as officers. The mission of the Academy is to create the necessary conditions to provide security for the Republic of Poland at sea through disseminating comprehensive knowledge, conducting research work, educating and developing midshipmen and civilian students, as well as teaching professional military, and civilian workers, in the administration and maritime industry.



Universidad Carlos III

University Carlos III of Madrid was created the 5th May of 1989. Since its birth, its vocation has been to be an innovative public university, with reduced sizes but excellent quality and with a priority orientation towards investigation. The mission of the University is to contribute to the improvement of society with a high quality teaching and advanced investigation in accordance with international standards.



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COAJE

COAJE, the Spanish Youth Atlantic Council, is the youth section of the Spanish Atlantic Treaty Association and the official chapter of the Youth Atlantic Treaty Association (YATA) in Spain, international organization supported by NATO. COAJE has as its main purpose to promote the relations amongst young leaders from member countries of NATO and its different alliances (Istanbul Initiative, Mediterranean Dialogue...) with the final aim to create a strong network of contacts and common collaborations promoting International Security.





Aim and purpose

The purpose of the event is to provide students with the opportunity to engage with both civilian and military researchers and professors specialized on security and defence studies, in order to understand its role in today's world.

This convention's main propose is to promote awareness and understanding of security among young students from NATO countries while giving them the chance to be heard, to share knowledge and to find different perspectives for today's threats.

Why is it relevant?

Despite the distance, Poland and Spain have a long and strong relation sharing several cultural bonds that date to Late Middle Ages. Now not only under the umbrella of European Union, but also under NATO, links are every time stronger.

NATO is committed to the defence and protection of its allies and therefore, by extension, to the surveillance and monitoring of its eastern and southern flank. While Poland is directly linked to Eastern Europe, Spain is undoubtedly related to the Mediterranean.

This seminar pretends to put together points of view and critical opinions about threats and opportunities of both flanks, promoting the exchange of participants' different perspectives and their interaction with experts of both spheres and topics.

Where?

It will take place at the Universidad Carlos III. Social Sciences Campus (Getafe)

When?

This seminar will start the 7th of June until the 8th.



How?

During 7th and 8th of June forty students from the Naval Polish Academy and University Carlos III will attend to the seminar "NATO's role in the contemporary world" at the Social Sciences Campus (Getafe) of the UC3M.

The event will count on high-level panellists who will focus in two main topics: Russian threat and the Eastern flank (June, 7th) and the challenges in the Mediterranean and the Southern flank (June, 8th).

After presentations, Polish and Spanish students will be divided in five mixed groups, participating in workshops to discuss about problems and threats in each flank of NATO. English will be the working language.

Participants will work on different problems and issues related to NATO's eastern and southern flank, describing goals of main stakeholders, finding conditions that influence the most at the problem and preparing a possible scenario for the future.

Here is a summary of the main points which will be developed during the workshops:

Day one: Russian threat and the Eastern flank

- Threats for Baltic States.
- Crisis on Ukraine.
- Anti-Ballistic System in Poland.
- Conflict in Syria.
- Threats for Black Sea region

Day two: Challenges in the Mediterranean, Southern flank

- Migration crisis.
- Role of Turkey in the Mediterranean Sea region.
- Threats for Balkan region.
- Threats for Mediterranean Sea
- Instability in Libya



Panellists and mentors

Professor Adolfo Calatrava: Lecturer at University Carlos III.. Expert on International Relations and Comparative politics, his main fields of research include International Security and the Euroasiatic space.

Colonel Pardo de Santayana: Expert on geostrategic studies. Historian, master on International Relations, licenced on Higher International Studies. He has participated in six international missions and today is Main analyst of the Spanish Institute for Strategic Studies.

MA Paweł Kusiak: Coordinator, political science, interested in the politology of religion. Polish Naval Academy, Institute of International Relations.

Professor Jerzy Kojkoł: Philosophy and religious studies, Dean of Faculty. Polish Naval Academy, Institute of International Relations.

PhD Iwona Jakimowicz-Ostrowska: Political science, international relations, specialist on migration. Polish Naval Academy, Institute of International Relations.

PhD Gracjan Cimek: Political science, international relations, specialist on Russia. Polish Naval Academy, Institute of International Relations.

MA Łukasz Wszyński: Coordinator, political science, interested in Naval studies. Polish Naval Academy, Institute of International Relations.

Sonia Velázquez León: COAJE's Vice-president for Organization. Licenced in International Security in the Mediterranean and Middle East.



Schedule

DAY ONE

9:00	Welcoming remarks
9:15-9:50	First presentation and questions (20min presentation + 15min for questions)
9:50-10:00	Break
10:00-10:35	Second presentation and questions (20min presentation + 15min questions)
10:35-10:45	Division of participants into groups
10:45-13:00	Group work
13:15-14:45	Lunch time (*)
15:00- 17:00	Presentation of problems and discussion with mentors

DAY TWO

9:00-9:35	First presentation and questions (20min presentation + 15min for questions)
9:35-9:45	Break
9:45-10:20	Second presentation and questions (20min presentation + 15min questions)
10:20-10:30	Division of participants into groups
10:30-13:00	Group work
13:15-14:45	Lunch time (*)
15:00- 17:00	Presentation of problems and discussion with mentors
17:00-17:15	Closing remarks

(*) Attendance to the seminar is free. Cost of meal is not included.