

Kokoomus Network for International Affairs & Toivo Think Tank Conference  
In Cooperation with Centre for European Studies

## **Fight Against Terrorism & Development Policy: Two Sides of the Same Coin?**

November 1-2, 2008, Turku

### **Saturday, 1 November**

**12.00 Lunch at the Manor & Welcome**

**13.00 Opening remarks: State of the World**

Since the fall of the Berlin Wall and the end of confrontation between the West and Communism we have seen many attempts to redefine the geopolitical scene. Politicians, academia et al have tried to capture the State of the World in a new slogan. We have gone from the End of History to the Clash of the Civilizations and from the Axis of Evil to the Coalition of the Willing. What is the big picture today?

*Keynote Speaker*

*Mr. Gustavo de Aristegui, MP, Spain*

**13.30 Panel Discussion: Defining New Threats, New Catalysts**

Chair: Mr. Ilkka Kanerva, MP, Chairman of the OSCE parliamentary delegation and the Kokoomus Network for International Affairs

**Food Crisis, Climate Change & Migratory Pressures**

In recent years our attention has been grabbed by very powerful and interlinked challenges, which do not respect national borders, but on the contrary affect us all on our planet. Food crisis and climate change have serious foreign and security policy ramifications. Both phenomena have the ability to wreck fragile states and democracies. Demographic changes in the affluent post-industrial West mean an increasing need to recruit more and more workers from the developing countries making it more difficult for them to cope.

*Mr. Jyri Raitasalo, Major, Lecturer on Strategy*

*Mr. Veli-Pekka Talvela, Director General, Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry*

**14.45 Coffee Break**

**15.15 Panel Discussion: Who Are We Up Against?**

**Islam Reacting to Western Ways – The Rise of Networking and Brand-Happy Terrorists**

Ever since 9/11 radical Islam has been seen as the new enemy. Much attention and resources have been devoted to fighting this dangerous adversary. In the name of self defense life for the ordinary citizen has changed much. But do we really understand this new approach to global terrorism and do we have a clear understanding how it operates. And lastly, how should we best counter the threat it imposes? Also the actions in Afghanistan should be evaluated; how to prevent the Taliban renaissance?

*Mr. Gustavo de Aristegui, MP, Spain*

*Mr. Toby Archer, Researcher, The Finnish Institute for International Affairs*

*Mr. Pauli Järvenpää, Head of Department , Ministry of Defence*

**17.00 Departure to Turku Medieval Castle**

**18.00 Welcome drinks & Medieval Dinner at the Castle**

**“Europe – White Man’s Burden”**

*Dinner Speech by Jean Monnet Chair ad personam , Dr.Esko Antola*

**21.30 Fireside Talk**

**Embracing a Murderous Ism: How Should Europe Approach the Radicals // Case Spain**

*Mr. Gustavo de Aristegui, MP, Spain*

**Sunday, 2 November**

After having looked at the present situation and the present and future challenges we face and having glimpsed at our most determined enemy, it is time to move our focus from problems to solutions.

**9.00 Development Aid – Part of the Problem or Part of the Solution?**

Many agree that the reduction of poverty is one of best possible weapons in our arsenal to fight terrorism and increase international stability. But how far are we in achieving this goal? Development aid has not been drastically retooled since the end of the Cold War. There exists no consensus on the best methods and still the member countries of the European Union allocate for defense policy over four times the resources than they do to development policy. One could also say that in some cases traditional development aid contributes to some of the new global problems we face.

*Mr. Markku Kauppinen , Ambassador*

*Ms. Nina Suomalainen, Chairperson, Development Policy Committee and Senior Adviser, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities*

*Comment: Dr. Pauli Järvenpää, Head of department, Ministry of Defence*

## 10.00 Panel Discussion: How Will the West Respond?

### Future Foreign and Security Policy Strategems

The Lisbon Treaty gives the European Union new tools to use its voice in the world. Will this opportunity be seized? The forth-coming American Elections serve as a fresh opportunity to forge a new consensus between the old and strained Transatlantic partnership. Or will the United States of America continue on building coalitions of willing? BRICs are gaining more economic strength, more political clout and more strategic importance. How will the post-WWII multilateral system fare in the budding multipolar world?

*Multilateral Approach: Dr. Günter Krings, MP, Germany*

*UN Role: Mr. Kai Sauer, Head of Department ,Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland*

*U.S. Views on Security Policy: Dr. Michael Butler, Deputy Head of Mission, U.S. Embassy*

## 11.30 Conclusions & Discussion

Chair: Mr. Ilkka Kanerva

## 12.30 Lunch and farewell

The programme includes joint transport from Helsinki to Harjattula on Saturday and return on Sunday, accomodation at the Harjattula Manor and all meals. Participants need to cover other potential travel costs themselves.

**Registration by October 17 at the latest** by e-mail to

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*Welcome to Turku!*

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