

Seminar on NORDEFCO

Tuesday June 3, 2014

13:00 - 17:00, room 35.3.12 Department of Political Science Øster Farimagsgade 5

NORDEFCO – Nordic Defense Cooperation - is often presented as a great example of Smart Defense and a model of "pooling and sharing" for other countries and regions to copy in times of financial restraints. Others point to a series of unsuccessful armaments projects as proof of NORDEFCOs limited potential.

But NORDEFCO is much more than just a money-saving device or failed armament ventures. The five Nordic countries engage in a whole range of joint defense programs and projects, ranging from weekly air exercises to maritime operations and a multitude of activities in between.

What does Nordic Defense Cooperation look like today from a practical perspective, or how far can it evolve, given the fact that two of the Nordics are still non-aligned?

What will be the impact of the new Swedish-Finnish initiative for even closer military cooperation?

And how is NORDEFCO affected by events in Ukraine?

These and other aspects of NORDEFCO will be discussed at this seminar hosted by the Centre for Military Studies.

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The seminar will be followed by a reception.

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Program:

13:00-13:05

Welcome

13.05-13:20

Denmark and NORDEFCO

Mr. Mogens Christoffersen (Ministry of Defence)

13.20-14.00

Strategy

Professor Mikkel Vedby Rasmussen (CMS)
Comments by Dr.Hans Mouritzen (Danish Institute for International Studies)

14:00-14:40

Operations and exercises

Dr. Paal Sigurd Hilde (Norwegan Institute for Defense Studies, Oslo) Comments by Dr. Ann-Sofie Dahl (CMS)

14:40-15:10 **Coffee**

15:10-15:50

Professional Military Education

Dr. Gary Schaub (CMS)

Comments by Dr. Kristian Søby Kristensen (CMS)

15:50-16:30 Procurement

Dr. Pauli Järvenpää (International Center for Defense Studies,

Tallinn)

Comments by Dr. Henrik Breitenbauch (CMS)

Reception