

Conference Agenda

**BALTIC SEA STRATEGY FORUM 2017**  
**“Baltic Sea Security: Today and Tomorrow”**  
**30 November, 10:00 – 16:30, Åbo Akademi University, Vaasa**

*What are the critical maritime security challenges of the confined Baltic Sea region today and to what extent are they inter-regional? What counter-strategies do key stakeholders employ and what are their security policy implications? What are the risks and prospects for tomorrow?*

These questions will be addressed by the panellists of the inaugural symposium of the annual **Baltic Sea Strategy Forum** series in Vaasa, Finland, co-arranged by Åbo Akademi University (ÅA), Swedish Defence University (SEDU), Institute for Security Policy at Kiel University (ISPK) and Centre for Military Studies (CMS) at the University of Copenhagen. Successive events will be held in Copenhagen, Denmark (2018) and in Kiel, Germany (2019). This symposium series offers opportunities for academics, policy-makers and military representatives to engage in dialogues on the multi-faceted maritime security issues of a region marked by current challenges to the rules-based security order. It aims to shed light on the role of the maritime domain in its current political and military development, broader geopolitical implications, recognising the risks to the interests of states large and small but also the international political system as a whole.

The afternoon symposium is preceded by the public PhD viva voce of Lt Cdr Stefan Lundqvist, orally defending his thesis titled “Continuity and Change in post-Cold War Maritime Security: A Study of the Strategies Pursued by the US, Sweden and Finland 1991–2016” in the presence of Professor Geoffrey Till, King’s College London, UK.

Participation in this event is open for anyone interested and free of charge. The symposium is particularly aimed at academics, policy-makers, and military professionals. A limited number of 100 seats are available, dress code: *uniform / business casual* for the symposium and the dinner. To secure your seat, registration is available online until 1 November. For more information about the symposium and the series, please visit [www.kielseapowerseries.com](http://www.kielseapowerseries.com).

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**PROGRAMME**

**Registration & Welcome Coffee** 08:45 – 09:45

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**PRECEDING EVENT:**

**Public PhD viva voce** 10:00 – 12:00

Chair: Dr. Steve Lindberg, Åbo Akademi University

Candidate: Lt Cdr Stefan Lundqvist, Swedish Defence University

Opponent: Professor Geoffrey Till, King's College London

**Refreshments** 12:00 – 12:30

Examination Board Deliberations and  
Announcement of PhD Grading

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**Additional Registration Opportunity** 12:00 – 12:30

**Networking Lunch** 12:30 – 13:30

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**Welcome Address** 13:30 – 13:40

Professor Mikko Hupa,  
President, Åbo Akademi University

**Introduction** 13:40 – 13:50

Commodore Ewa Skoog Haslum,  
Deputy Vice-Chancellor, Swedish Defence University

Dr. Sebastian Bruns,  
Institute for Security Policy at Kiel University

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### Panel

13:50 – 15:30

Chair: Lt Col Anders Enström, Swedish Defence University

Panelists:

- Dr. Sebastian Bruns, Institute for Security Policy at Kiel University: *The Baltic Sea and German Maritime Strategy*
- Dr. Gary John Schaub Jr, Centre for Military Studies at the University of Copenhagen: *Hybrid Maritime Warfare: Building Baltic Resistance*
- Professor Geoffrey Till, King's College London, UK: *T.B.A.*

N.B. the concluding discussion of this panel is held under Chatham House Rules.

### Vin d'honneur, Coffee and Networking

15:30 – 16:30

Registered participants

### Press Conference

16:00 – 16:30

Symposium panellists and organisers

### Symposium/Doctoral Dinner

19:00 – 22:00

Registered participants

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### Organising Committee

- Professor Göran Djupsund, Åbo Akademi University, Vaasa
- Lt Cdr (PhD.c.) Stefan Lundqvist, Swedish Defence University, Stockholm
- Dr. Sebastian Bruns, Center for Maritime Strategy & Security at the Institute for Security Policy, Kiel University
- Dr. Henrik Ø. Breitenbauch, Centre for Military Studies at the University of Copenhagen

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