

Short Event Report

Russia, NATO & Nuclear weapons: How do we protect liberal values in a new security context?

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The seminar took place in Stockholm, on 3 May, in Fores National Office. The seminar started at lunch with an introduction of Kerstin Lundgren, The Centre Party's spokesperson on foreign policy and security and deputy speaker of the Swedish parliament on the theme "Russia, NATO & Nuclear weapons". Thereafter, the four panellists had the opportunity to introduce their view and perspective on the very important topic. First up was Niklas Granholm, deputy director of studies at FOI, the Swedish Defence Research Agency followed by Magnus Christiansson, Research Fellow at Swedish Defence University, speaking about their research on the Nordic-Baltic region security. Afterwards, Marko Mihkelson, member of the Estonian parliament, followed by Keit Pentus-Rosimannus, member of the Estonian parliament and former foreign minister, gave their perspective on the new security context in the Nordic-Baltic region. The event brought out some important policy-recommendations. Europe needs a stable NATO, enlightened politicians and a firm EU. Regarding the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear weapons, the panel concluded that it should not be signed in its present form, due to the security risk as well as its effectiveness on the existing nuclear states. The event was successful in its content, and lifted crucial information amongst the panellists, moderator and participants. Among the participants, we had representatives from United Nations Association of Sweden, Lithuanian, Belgium and Estonian embassies, SAAB and Fores.