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Invitation to attend the conference

”The future of the United Nations in international peace and security”

Dear members of Udenrigsudvalget,

We are pleased to invite you to a conference on 17 January 2019, offering an opportunity to consider the UN’s role in the (new) global order. The UN is currently finding its place in relation to contemporary conflicts and emerging types of threats to international peace and security. In this period of on-going reform efforts, the purpose is to strengthen the debate about how the UN contributes to international peace and security. Further, the conference provides an opportunity to discuss the role of small states and how these can improve international peace and security through the world organization.

The conference is organized by the Centre for Military Studies at the University of Copenhagen, in cooperation with the Danish UN Association and the Academic Council on the UN System. The conference is supported by the Hermod Lannung Foundation. Mogens Lykketoft, as former President of the UN General Assembly, will host the conference in Fællessalen at Christiansborg.

We are proud to announce that the former Deputy Secretary-General of the UN, Jan Eliasson, will deliver the keynote address. Moreover, the conference will have three panel debates with world leading scholars and practitioner experts in each area. The themes of the panels will be:

- The UN’s position in the new global order
- The UN’s conflict management: Between peacekeeping, prevention, human rights, and development
- The UN’s reforms: Progress or deadlock?

The conference will round off with a political debate. On the following page, you will find the tentative programme including speakers.

This is an early and privileged invitation. As of 1 December, the invitation will be made public, and the available seats are likely to fill quickly. RVSP to Troels Engell, who is the conference manager on behalf of the organizers. He is available via email (tge@ifs.ku.dk) and phone (+45 30746401).



Tentative programme for conference: “The future of the UN in international peace and security” (Subject to changes) 17 January 2019 - Fællessalen, Christiansborg, Copenhagen	
08.45	<i>Doors open</i>
09.30	Opening address by organizers
09.45	Welcome speech by Mogens Lykketoft
10.00	Theme 1 - The UN’s position in the new global order <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thomas Weiss (Presidential Professor, City University of New York) • Ellen Margrethe Løj (former Special Representative of the Secretary-General, and former Permanent Representative of Denmark to the UN Security Council) • Ole Wæver (Professor, University of Copenhagen, and Director of the Centre for the Resolution of International Conflicts) (TBC) <i>Moderator: Louise Riis Andersen (Senior Researcher, DIIS)</i>
11.10	<i>Break</i>
11.30	Theme 2 - The UN’s conflict management: Between peacekeeping, prevention, human rights and development <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Michael Lollesgaard (Lt General, former Force Commander of MINUSMA) • Emily Paddon Rhoads (Assistant Professor, Swarthmore College) • Sebastian von Einsiedel (Vice-Rector of the United Nations University) <i>Moderator: Ingvild Bode (Senior Lecturer, University of Kent, and board member of ACUNS)</i>
12.40	<i>Hosted lunch</i>
13.30	Keynote speech by Jan Eliasson
14.00	Theme 3 – The UN’s reforms: Progress or deadlock? <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sam Daws (Director, Project on UN Governance and Reform, Oxford University) • Raimonda Murmokaite (Director of the Security Policy Department, MFA of Lithuania, and former Permanent Representative to the UN Security Council) (TBC) • UN official (TBC) <i>Moderator: Kurt Mosgaard (former Force Commander of MINURSO, and board member of the Danish UN Association)</i>
15.10	<i>Break</i>
15.30	Political debate on Denmark and the future of the UN in peace and security <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign policy spokespersons and members of Parliament <i>Moderator: Henrik Breitenbauch (Director, Centre for Military Studies)</i>
16.30	<i>Reception</i>