



# Helsinki Roundtable on **AI AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY**

**13 March 2025, 9:00 - 12:00**

***Aalto University, Espoo, Helsinki Metropolitan Area***

**Artificial intelligence** has become a transformative force reshaping industries, economies, and societies on a global scale.

AI can have far-reaching implications also for international security and global relations. In the face of growing strategic competition from authoritarian nations, democratic countries must act swiftly to strengthen collaboration with their reliable allies and partners.

**The Helsinki Roundtable on AI and International Security**, convened by Finland's Minister for Foreign Affairs Elina Valtonen, will bring together leading international experts, policymakers and industry innovators to explore the profound impact of artificial intelligence on global security.

This half-day event is organised by the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs in co-operation with Aalto University. The event is by invitation only but will be live-streamed via our YouTube channel for all interested viewers.



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Affairs of Finland**



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Aalto University**

# Draft programme

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**Aalto University, Dipoli, Otakaari 24, Espoo**

**08:30 Registration**

**09:00 Welcoming remarks**

Stefan Lindström, Tech Ambassador, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

Ilkka Niemelä, President, Aalto University

**09:10 Opening remarks**

Elina Valtonen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland

**09:20 Fireside chat**

Peter Sarlin, CVP and co-founder, AMD Silo AI

Pekka Lundmark, CEO, Nokia

Elina Valtonen, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Finland

moderated by Daniel Michaels, Brussels Bureau Chief, The Wall Street Journal

**10:00 Panel 1: International security implications of AI**

Kajsa Ollongren, former Minister of Defence and Minister of the Interior of the Netherlands

Benedikta von Seherr-Thoß, Managing Director for Peace, Security and Defence, EEAS

Leah Walker, Director, Berkeley Risk and Security Lab, University of California

John Hultquist, Chief Analyst, Mandiant

moderated by Daniel Michaels, Brussels Bureau Chief, The Wall Street Journal

**10:45 Coffee break**

**11:15 Panel 2: Research, investments and governance  
required to keep democracies ahead**

Bengt Holmström, Nobel Laureate, Professor of Economics, Emeritus, MIT

Ilkka Niemelä, President, Aalto University

Jyri Engeström, Managing Partner, Lifeline Ventures and Yes VC

moderated by Daniel Michaels, Brussels Bureau Chief, The Wall Street Journal

**11:55 Closing remarks**

Stefan Lindström, Tech Ambassador, Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland

**12:00 End of event**