



**PROGRAMME**

# **We Stand With Ukraine**

Historical & Current  
Perspectives

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Europe House  
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Stockholm

# SPEAKERS



**Aho Rebas**

President, Estonian World Council (ÜEKN),  
General Inspector of the Estonian Armed Forces 1993.



**Karin Karlsbro**

Member of the European Parliament, Liberalerna.



**Sofi Oksanen**

Finnish-Estonian novelist and playwright.



**Hain Rebas**

Historian, Prof.Dr.a.D., Minister of Defence in Estonia, 1992-93.



**Martin Kragh**

Deputy Director of the Stockholm Centre for Eastern European Studies (SCEEUS) and  
Senior Research Fellow at the Swedish Institute of International Affairs.



**Gunnar Hökmark**

Chairman of Stockholm Free World Forum and of The Swedish Pan European Association  
as well as International Senior advisor at Kreab Worldwide. He is a former member of  
European Parliament representing the Moderate Party and vice chairman of the EPP-  
group. He is also a former Secretary General of the Moderate Party and Member of  
Swedish Parliament. He once started the popular Monday-movement in support for Baltic  
freedom which is recently restarted in support for Ukraine.



**Björn von Sydow**

Chair of The Royal Swedish Academy of War Sciences. Chair of Swedish Defense Research  
Agency, since 2019. Chair of the Riksdag Delegation to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly  
2014-2018. Chair of the Defence Commission 2017-2019. Minister and Head of the  
Ministry of Defence 1997-2002. Speaker of the Riksdag 2002-2006.



**Judith Gough CMG**

Her Majesty's Ambassador to Sweden, since 2019; Ambassador to Ukraine 2015-19;  
Ambassador to Georgia 2010-12.



### **Dr. Laima Liucija Andrikiene**

Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Parliament of Lithuania. Member of the Committee on European Affairs of the Parliament of Lithuania. Vice-Chair of the Committee on Political Affairs and Democracy of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. Member of the European Parliament (2004-2014, 2016-2019). Signatory to the Act of Independence of Lithuania (11 March 1990).



### **Marko Mihkelson**

Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Estonian Parliament (Riigikogu). He has worked as director of the Baltic Centre of Russian Studies, as editor-in-chief, Moscow correspondent and foreign news editor of the daily Postimees.



### **Alexandra Ivanov**

Speechwriter and advisor on European Affairs to the leader of the Swedish Moderate Party. She has worked as an advisor in the European Parliament and as an editorial writer in the Swedish daily newspaper Svenska Dagbladet.



### **Marcus Kolga**

The founder and director of DisinfoWatch and a senior fellow at the Macdonald-Laurier and CDA institutes. He is a journalist, filmmaker, digital communications developer and human rights activist. He led the Canadian civil society campaign for Magnitsky legislation and continues to advocate for global human rights and democracy activists. He was named to The Kremlin's sanctions blacklist in March 2022.



### **Patrik Oksanen**

Swedish award winning journalist, writer and security expert. Senior fellow at Stockholm Freeworld Forum, and is associated with the Swedish Defence University. He is also a member of Royal Swedish Academy of War Sciences and Royal Swedish Societies of Naval Sciences.



### **Jessikka Aro**

Finnish journalist working for Finland's public service broadcaster Yle and an author of a non-fiction book, Putin's Trolls. In September 2014, she began to investigate pro-Russian Internet trolls and became a victim of their activities.



### **Hanna Liubakova**

Journalist and non-resident fellow at the Atlantic Council. She has published in the Washington Post, the Economist, Deutsche Welle, and worked as a correspondent for RFE/RL and the only independent Belarusian channel Belsat TV.



### **Alina Zubkovich**

Chairperson, Ukraine Nordic Forum. PhD in social science, scholar on contemporary Ukraine.



### **Reet Marten Sehr**

Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Estonian World Council. Vice President, Estonian Central Council in Canada.



# AGENDA

## 13.00 Welcoming speech

- **Aho Rebas** (SE)
- **Karin Karlsbro** (SE)

## 13.10 “Shared memories of Russian occupation”

The role of Russia in East European history. Why is it important to remember the communist crimes committed and Russia to acknowledge its role? What is happening in Ukraine right now? Is it true that history keeps repeating itself?

- Keynote Speaker: **Sofi Oksanen** (video) (FI-EE)
- Discussion: **Hain Rebas** (SE) & **Martin Kragh** (SE)
- Q &

## 14.10 Coffee break

## 14.40 “Never alone: NATO’s changing role in Europe”

Russia has broken the promises of peace in Europe on several occasions. As a result, there is a growing need for increased military defense in the region. Sweden and Finland have changed their positions regarding Nato. Countries like Ukraine, Georgia and Moldova struggle to defend the right to make their own choices. What is Nato’s role in Europe today and in the future?

- Panel discussion – **Gunnar Hökmark** (SE), **Björn von Sydow** (video) (SE), **Judith Gough** (UK), **Laima Liucija Andrikienė** (video) (LT), **Marko Mihkelson** (EE). Moderator: **Alexandra Ivanov** (SE)
- Q & A

## 15.40 Coffee break

## 16.00 “Information wars across the globe”

The susceptibility of uninformed social media users is changing our democratic societies and making us vulnerable to foreign influence operations. How are our weaknesses being used during the recent crisis and in the context of the Ukrainian war? What can we do to be stronger and more resilient?

- Discussion: **Marcus Kolga** (CA), **Patrik Oksanen** (SE), **Jessikka Aro** (FI) (video), **Hanna Liubakova** (BY)
- Q & A

## 16.50 Closing remarks

- **Alina Zubkovych** (UA)

## 16.55 Conference conclusion

- **Reet Marten Sehr** (CA)

Introductions by **Nora Sööt** (SE)

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