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‘High Studies for Security and Defence, a multisectoral approach’ SESSION 2018-2019

A SUCCESS SINCE 2005

Since January 2005 the Royal Higher Institute for Defence has been organising the High Studies for Security and Defence in cooperation with Egmont, the Royal Institute for International Relations for the benefit of Belgian senior managers or officials.

In the most recent decennium, the need for a multidisciplinary approach in security and defence matters has been increasingly felt in the face of various crises breaking out in the four corners of the world. Globalisation is not only an economic phenomenon. The rise of international terrorism, which we nowadays painfully experience in our country and in other places in Europe, is for instance only reinforcing the need for a global approach.

An efficient but, more importantly, responsible management of security and defence starts with a good understanding of the existing phenomena. An accurate multidisciplinary analysis can prevent subjective, corporative or individual feelings to get the upper hand over reason. This is the objective and challenge that the participants in the fourteenth session of the High Studies for Security and Defence will have to meet as from September 2018.

During the previous sessions, not only did the Defence staff (both civilian and military) take part in the various activities but also members of the Belgian Development Cooperation, the Ministries of Foreign Affairs, Home Affairs and Justice, the federal police, the economic and industrial sectors, the academic community, NGOs, and so on. The Royal Higher Institute for Defence is an interface between those worlds: this is one of its core tasks.

Ten seminars of two days are each devoted to a specific issue. During the monthly seminars participating members first attend conferences given by renowned professors or academic, political or diplomatic experts charged with issues relating to the theme of the seminar. Those conferences are followed by a debate with the speaker. Participants then form discussion groups in which they share their personal experiences and views, enabling them to get a more comprehensive insight into the broached issues.

In addition to the seminars ten visits of major institutions in the sectors of security and defence in Belgium are organized.

The analysis of the participants' reactions shows that they unanimously think that this formula is of great interest. The knowledge they gain from the workshops makes them even more effective in their tasks. The aim of those High Studies for Security and Defence is indeed rather to better equip officials from various sectors of the wide security and defence field than to provide regular academic training.

PROGRAMME 2018-2019

07-08 September 2018

Seminar 1

Basic principles

Belgian foreign and defence policy
Theoretical models of international relations
Globalisation: conceptual analysis and concerned actors
Comprehensive approach of security

12-13 October 2018

Seminar 2

Key factors and tendencies

Economic, demographic, environmental factors and factors related to science and technology
International, national and regional governance
Growing internal and external security nexus
Space

09-10 November 2018

Seminar 3

Instability factors I

Arms proliferation (weapons of mass destruction, small arms, mines)
Organised crime
Migration flows
International crime and (drug, human, etc.) trafficking
Information and disinformation – classical and social media
Humanitarian challenge

07-08 December 2018

Seminar 4

Instability factors II

Terrorism as an international problem, its types and responses
Financial crime
Islam : its many facets, from tolerance to extremism, population integration
Cybercrime
Hybrid strategies
Nuclear deterrence

11-12 January 2019

Seminar 5

The European Union

The EU Global Strategy
Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP)
Common Security and Defence Policy (CSDP)
The EU neighbourhood policy
Civil and military capabilities
The challenges of the European Defence industry

PROGRAMME 2018-2019 (continued)

08-09 February 2019

Seminar 6

Major world powers

The European Union – the United States – Brazil – Russia – India and Pakistan – China – Japan

15-16 March 2019

Seminar 7

**Crisis zones : (1) the Eastern neighbourhood
Russia and its zone of influence**

Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, The Caucasus, Central Asia, Afghanistan

05-06 April 2019

Seminar 8

**Crisis zones : (2) the Southern and
the Middle Eastern neighbourhoods**

Maghreb – Libya – Middle East (Israel, Palestine, Lebanon, Syria, Iraq) – Turkey – Iran – the Arabic peninsula

The importance of water and energy (oil, gas)

17-18 May 2019

Seminar 9

Crisis zones : (3) Africa

The policy of Belgium in Africa (including development aid)

The Sahel region : Mali, the Central African Republic (CAR)

The Great Lakes region (Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Burundi)

The role of the European Union in Africa

21-22 June 2019

Seminar 10

Summary, conclusions and evaluation

Several visits are organised: the Chancellery of the Prime Minister and the Crisis Centre of the government, the Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs, the general staff of Defence, the Federal Police, the Belgian State Security Service, the General Intelligence and Security Service, the Federal Parliament, the provincial authorities, NATO and the European Union.

Each seminar takes place from Friday 9:00 to Saturday 18:00 with on-site accommodation. The dates of the monthly visits are fixed the preceding month.

PRACTICAL DETAILS

PARTICIPANTS

We hope to reach the same degree of diversity of participants in this fourteenth session than in the previous ones. Besides the participation of Defence personnel, both military and civilian, the RHID also provides for the active involvement of members of the political sphere, officials from the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Development Cooperation, Home Affairs and Justice, the federal police, the economic and industrial sectors, the academic and research community, European and international institutions, NGOs, the media, and so on.

The participation in the High Studies for Security and Defence presupposes the presence at **all** ten seminars and at a maximum number of visits. It also implies the adherence to the non-attribution policy (Chatham House Rule). This principle, which aims to allow everyone, whether participant or speaker, to express his views, guarantees that the content of the ideas and discussions can be used outside the seminars, provided the author and the circumstances are not revealed.

APPLICATIONS

The candidates who do not belong to the Belgian Defence are selected by a steering committee and are submitted to the Minister of Defence for final approval. The post, the experience and the interest shown by the candidate are factors that are taken into account in the selection process. Applications, including a CV and a covering letter, must reach us before 31 January 2018. Candidates are invited to our offices at the Campus Renaissance (Royal Military Academy) for an interview before end of February 2018. The steering committee will meet late April 2018 to select the accepted candidates, who will be directly notified as soon as the Minister of Defence's decision is known.

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In principle, all seminars are residential. A unique contribution for the costs shall be required from each external participant before the beginning of the session. For the fourteenth session the contribution amounts 950 €. The seminars take place at the Campus Renaissance. The transportation costs are entirely borne by the participants. Any costs incurred during the visits are also to be paid by the participants.

THE USE OF LANGUAGES

During those discussions, everyone speaks in his own mother tongue (French or Dutch) without translation. Some speakers will use English. Therefore, a more than passive knowledge of those languages is essential.

INFORMATION AND QUESTIONS

This information is also available on the website of the Royal Higher Institute for Defence on <http://www.rhid.be>. For further information you can contact Lieutenant-Colonel (GS) Christophe de HEMPTINNE, director of the Department High Studies of Defence by telephone at 02/441.44.64 or by email at IRSD-HSD-DL@mil.be.

