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20 YEARS AFTER THE END OF THE KOSOVO* CONFLICT

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17.30-18.00 Welcome and registration of participants

18.00-19.00

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In our series of 'Lessons from History' we take a step back and understand history's profound effects on our world, allowing us to better prepare for future crises.

Our second event in the series will explore lessons from the Kosovo* conflict and the international community's response. In the wake of this conflict and the failure of the international community to respond to the Rwandan Genocide and the massacre at Srebrenica, the Responsibility to Protect (R2P) was adopted, equipping the international community with the means to protect people from genocide, war crimes, ethnic cleansing and crimes against humanity. With a focus on the direct and indirect outcomes of this conflict and reflecting on the responses by the international community we aim to uncover and share the lessons learned with the audience.

- To what extent did this conflict shape the EU's and NATO's role as security actors?
- How did the failures and successes in the efforts to end the conflict change the notion and approach of conflict prevention and peace building?
- What role should the UN Security Council and the UN Peacebuilding Commission play in setting new norms for effective and successful peace processes?

Speakers:

Mats Berdal, Professor of Security and Development at the Department of War Studies, King's College London and Director of the Conflict, Security and Development Research Programme (CSDRG)

Andrew Gray, EU Editor at POLITICO Europe and former Reuters chief correspondent for the Balkans

Päivi Nikander, Deputy Head of Mission in OSCE Field Operations Mission to Kosovo* (2013-2017)

Moderated by:

Jamie Shea, Senior Fellow, Friends of Europe and former Deputy Assistant Secretary General at NATO

19.00 End of debate

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