

INVITATION

Aalborg University and the Danish UN association have the pleasure to invite you to participate in a discussion about the role of the United Nations Security Council and Denmark's membership of the Council 2025-26

Date: Thursday 8 May 2025 from 3.00 – 5.00 pm

Venue: The 'CREATE' Building, Aalborg University, Rendsburggade 14, 9000 Aalborg

Background:

Amid significant geopolitical shifts and declining support for multilateral institutions and international law, Denmark joined the UN Security Council on 1 January 2025 as one of the 10 elected members. The number of wars and other armed conflicts is increasing.

This raises a number of critical questions. What role can the Security Council play in a dramatically changing global environment? Can it function at all? What can Denmark, as a small member state of the United Nations, achieve as a member of the Council?

Programme:

- 3:00 Welcome by Ms. Lise Rolandsen Agustín, Associate Professor, Aalborg University, and Mr. Finn Reske-Nielsen, Vice-President, the Danish UN Association (confirmed)
- 3:05: Presentation by Ms. Christina Markus Lassen, Permanent Representative of Denmark to the United Nations: 'Denmark and the Security Council right now' (video-link from New York) (tbc)
- 3:20: Presentation by Ms. Ellen Margrethe Løj, former Permanent Representative to the United Nations 'The last time Denmark was on the Security Council (2005-06) compared with today' (confirmed)
- 3:35: Presentation by Mr. Frederik Harhoff, Professor Emeritus, University of Southern Denmark: 'International law under pressure' (confirmed)
- 3:50: Presentation by Mr. Kurt Mosgaard, Major-General (ret.) and former UN Force Commander: 'UN peacekeeping from a field perspective' (confirmed)

- 4:05: Presentation by Mr. Bjarke Zinck-Winther, PhD from Aalborg University: 'Reform of the UN security Council' (confirmed)
- 4:20: Panel discussion with Q&A from the audience
- 4:55: Closing remarks

Registration is required at <https://forms.office.com/e/5ACw5QftQf> by Monday, **5 May 2025**.

Online participation possible

Language: The meeting will be conducted in English

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Coffee/tea and cookies will be served.