

NATO at 60 – Exploring NATO’s Past Through its Archives
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DRAFT PROGRAMME
13 March 2009 at 9:30
NATO Headquarters

Introductory Address

From Release of NATO Information to NATO Archives on-line: a short history of the NATO Public Disclosure Programme

Panel 1 – Using NATO Sources to Explore its History

Prof Lawrence Kaplan: Emeritus Director, Lyman L. Lemnitzer Centre for NATO and European Union Studies, Kent State University: “NATO and the Vietnam War, 1961-1965: the View from the Archives”

Dr Valérie Aubourg, University of Cergy-Pontoise: “A History of NATO Information Service: NATO Films and Filmography”

Professor Olav Riste, Research Director of the Norwegian Institute for Defence, “A Black Hole in the NATO Archives: Planning for Occupation Preparedness (Stay Behind)”

Lunch 12:30 – 13:30

Panel 2 – NATO Diplomacy and Decision-making

Prof. Albert E. Kersten, Leiden University: “NATO’s dual track decision of December 1979”

Chris Donnelly, Former Special Advisor to the NATO Secretary General for Central & Eastern European Affairs, and Senior Fellow, The Defence Academy of the UK (topic to be determined)

Prof Maurice Vaïsse, Institut d’Etudes Politiques de Paris: “Les tentatives des présidents français successifs de retour dans l’OTAN”

Panel 3 – The Military Dimension

Dr Diego Ruiz Palmer, Head, Planning Section, Operations Division: “High Command: Allied military leadership, coalition building and the defence of Central Europe, 1948 – 1967”

Dr Gregory Pedlow, Chief, Historical Office, SHAPE: “NATO’s role during the Berlin Crisis, late 50s & early 60s”

Dr Petr Lunak, Senior Programme Co-Ordinator, Outreach Countries, NATO Public Diplomacy Division: "NATO War Plans"

Closing Presentation

Dr Audrey Darell, Publications & Exhibits Section, NATO Public Diplomacy Division:
"The NATO History DVD"

Morning and afternoon coffee/tea will be provided to all participants.