

New Frontiers of European Security: The Arctic and the European Periphery
Regional Challenges, Strategic Responses, and the Evolving Role of Europe in a Changing World

Nordic House Reykjavík, 13 May 2026 – Hosted by the Jean Monnet Chair

9:00	Arrival	Coffee and light refreshments
09:30	Dr. Ólína Kjerúlf Þorvarðardóttir, prófessor og rektor Háskólans á Bifröst Háskólans á Bifröst	Opening Session
Session I - Europe's Strategic Reordering		
09:40	Dr. Victoria Vdovychenko, University of Cambridge	<i>Ukraine and the Transformation of European Security</i>
10:10	Ms. Clara Ganslandt, Ambassador of the Delegation of the European Union to Iceland	<i>EU Security Policy and the Northern Dimension</i>
10:40	Aðalsteinn Jónsson, Cybersecurity Specialist, CERT-IS	<i>Cyber Threats and What to Watch Out For: Lessons Learned from 5,612 Cybersecurity Incidents</i>
11:10	Coffee break, 10 minutes	
11:20	Mr. Antoine Michon, representative of the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs.	<i>European Strategic Autonomy and Arctic Engagement: a French perspective</i>
11:50	Panel I & Discussion Moderated by Dr. Ólína Kjerúlf Þorvarðardóttir	<i>The New Security Situation in Europe</i>
12:20	Lunch break, 40 minutes	
Session II - The European Periphery & the High North		
13:00	Ms. Þorbjörg Sigríður Gunnlaugsdóttir, Minister of Justice	<i>Opening address</i>
13:10	Mr. Aleksander Kropiwnicki, Ambassador Chargé d'affaires of Poland in Iceland	<i>Central & Eastern Europe, NATO, and the Arctic Connection</i>
13:40	Mr. Auðunn Kristinsson, Director of Strategy, Operations Development and Maritime Operations at the Icelandic Coast Guard	<i>Main emphasis and tasks of the Icelandic Coast Guard in the field of security in the North Atlantic</i>
14:10	Ms. Rebecca Doffing, Arctic Watcher, U.S. Embassy in Reykjavík	<i>America as an Arctic Nation: A Transatlantic Perspective</i>
14:40	Coffee break, 10 minutes	
14:50	Ms. Sóley Kaldal, Risk Management and Safety Engineer	<i>The Arctic as Europe's Risk Laboratory: Dual-Use Infrastructure and Strategic Decision-Making Under Uncertainty</i>
15:20	Panel II & Strategic Dialogue Moderated by Dr. Magnús Árni Skjöld Magnússon	<i>Security Challenges in the Arctic</i>
16:00	Concluding Reflections & Closing	

Light refreshments will be served after. The programme is subject to change.