

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	<b>Opening Session</b>
<b>Session I - Europe's Strategic Reordering</b>		
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	Dr. Gregory Falco, Cornell University / Háskólinn á Bifröst	<i>Hybrid Threats, Technology, and Strategic Infrastructure</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	<b>Panel I &amp; Discussion</b> Moderated by Dr. Ólína Kjerúlf Þorvarðardóttir	<i>The new security situation in Europe</i>
12:20	Lunch break, 40 minutes	
<b>Session II - The European Periphery &amp; the High North</b>		
13:00	Government representative	<i>Opening address</i>
13:10	Mr. Aleksander Kropiwnicki, Ambassador Chargé d'affaires of Poland in Iceland	<i>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>(Title to be announced later)</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	<b>Panel II &amp; Strategic Dialogue</b> Moderated by Dr. Magnús Árni Skjöld Magnússon	<i>Security Challenges in the Arctic</i>
16:00	<b>Concluding Reflections &amp; Closing</b>	

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