

Command Control, Really?

Confronting The Illusion Of Deterrence

In The Age Of Relentless Cyber Threats.

MCSC Program: Track 1

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH

1:30–1:35 p.m.	Welcome	Claudia Eckert Chairwoman, Security Network Munich
1:35–1:55 p.m.	Fireside:	Sean Cairncross National Cyber Director, <i>in conversation with</i> David Lashway , Sidley
1:55–2:35 p.m.	Panel 1: Economies under Risk: What are we talking about? Moderator: Barnabás Ferenczi International Bankers Forum	Jürgen Reinhardt Chief Underwriter Cyber, Munich Re Jürgen Michels Chief Economist, Bayerische Landesbank Livio Stracca Deputy Director General, European Central Bank Molly Leshner Head of Digital Connectivity, Economics & Society Division, OECD
2:35–2:45 p.m.	Strategy Update from Japan:	Yoichi Iida National Cyber Director, Japan
2:45–3:05 p.m.	Intelligence View: Cyber Space, the Future Arena Of Political Conflicts? Moderator: Paddy McGuinness Brunswick Group	Dag Baehr Vice President, Federal Intelligence Service (BND), Germany Paul M. Nakasone Former NSA Director
3:05–3:25 p.m.	Transatlantic View: Overcoming Borders- Disrupting Cyber Crime Moderator: Carsten Meywirth Director Cybercrime, German Federal Police Office	Catherine De Bolle Executive Director, Europol Andrew Bailey Deputy Director, FBI
3:25–3:50 p.m.	BREAK	
3:50–4:40 p.m.	Panel 2: Offensive Defense: Legal Conundrum? Moderator: Marc Raimondi Silverado	Florian Schütz Director, NCSC, Switzerland Thomas Goger Chief Public Prosecutor, Bavarian Cybercrime Prosecution Office Brett Leatherman Director, FBI Cyber Group Sandra Joyce VP Threat Intelligence Group, Google
4:40–4:55 p.m.	Executive View: Moderator: Alexander Schellong Executive Management Board, Schwarz Digits	Tom Leighton Co-Founder and CEO of Akamai Tomer Weingarten Co-Founder and CEO of SentinelOne
4:55–5:35 p.m.	Spot-On: (Re)Interpreting (Cyber)Risk. Moderator: Geoff Brown CEO Silobreaker	Christopher Ahlberg Co-Founder of Recorded Future Miguel de Bruycker Director-General, CCB, Belgium Louise Marie Hurel Senior Researcher, RUSI Alex Fitzsimmons Acting Under Secretary of Energy, U.S. Department of Energy
5:35–5:50 p.m.	Keynote: Responding to the Current Threat Landscape.	Lisa Gustafsson Director of Foreign Intelligence and Cyber at the Swedish Ministry of Defence
5:50–6:20 p.m.	BREAK	
6:20–7:00 p.m.	Panel 3: Risk Management Reset: Change of Mindset? Moderator: Kiersten Todd SVP Cybersecurity, Mastercard	Lars Koenig Head of Detection and Response, Allianz Jonathan Ellison Director National Resilience, NCSC, UK Richard J. Watson Global Cybersecurity Leader, EY Claudia Plattner President, Federal Information Security Agency, Germany
7:00–7:45 p.m.	Panel 4: Standing On The Shoulders of (Tech) Giants: Trust or Dare? Moderator: Gabriel von Mitschke-Collande Group CDO Giesecke+Devrient	Martin Merz President Sovereign Cloud, SAP Rolf Schumann Co-CEO, Schwarz Digits Andrea Campora ECSC Chairperson, Managing Director Leonardo Cyber & Security Solutions Division Amy Hogan-Burney CVP Customer Security & Trust, Microsoft Markéta Gregorová Member of European Parliament
7:45–7:50 p.m.	Greeting State Secretary	Tobias Gotthardt Bavarian Ministry of Economic Affairs
7:50 p.m.	Dinner Reception	

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8:30–8:50 a.m.	The Morning Brief with	Matt Collins Deputy National Security Director, UK Kaupo Rosin Head of Intelligence Service, Estonia <i>in conversation with</i> Oliver Rolofs , Co-Founder, MCSC, Managing Partner, COMMVISORY
8:50–9:00 a.m.	Vantage Point:	Josephine Mwanzia Senior Director Academic Affairs, Kenya School of Government, on Capacity Building in Public Administration
9:00–9:10 a.m.	The World's largest Honeypot: Lessons learnt from the Taiwan Cyber Battlefield	Yuh-Jye Lee Senior Advisor, National Security Council, Taiwan
9:10–9:50 a.m.	Across Borders: Cyber Diplomacy Needed More than Ever! Moderator: Katherine Getao Cyber Ambassador and former Minister of Digital Affairs, Kenya	Luca Tagliaretti Director General ECCC Martin Koyabe Senior Advisor, GFCE Africa Anny Vu Senior Bureau Official, U.S. Department of State Felix Kroll Cyber Coordinator, German Federal Foreign Office
9:50–10:00 a.m.	Keynote:	Radmila Shekerinska Deputy Secretary General NATO
10:00–10:15 a.m.	Keynote:	Henna Virkkunen Executive Vice-President, European Commission
10:15–10:45 a.m.	Command Control, really? Hybrid operations on the Rise! Moderator: Chris Painter Former US Diplomat	General Michael Vetter Director-General and CIO, German Armed Forces General Rob Magowan Commander Cyber Operations, UK Ministry of Defence Katie Sutton Assistant Secretary of War for Cyber Policy, U.S. Department of War
10:45–11:00 a.m.	BREAK	
11:00–11:15 a.m.	Strategy Update in Defence Moderator: Ieva Ilves Advisor on Cybersecurity and Digital Policy, Ukraine/Latvia	Pirro Vengu Minister of Defence, Albania
11:15–12:00 p.m.	For Heaven's Sake: Cyber Security in Space. Moderator: Wolfgang Hackenberg General Management, IABG	Nina Armagno Former Director of Staff of the U.S Space Force Thierry Bauer Director of Security and Cyber Defence, Eutelsat Natalie Black Group Director Infrastructure and Connectivity, Ofcom Declan Ganley Chairman and CEO, Rivada Space Networks Thomas Seifert CFO Cloudflare, Chairman Supervisory Board, ICEYE
12:00–12:30 p.m.	Spot-On: Never Walk Alone! Management Priorities in 2026. Moderator: John Miller Information Technology Industry Council	Fiona van Echelpoel Deputy Director General, Market Infrastructure and Payments, ECB Rick Driggers Managing Director, Cyber Security Lead, Accenture Johan Gerber EVP, Head of Security Solutions, Mastercard
12:30–1:10 p.m.	Panel 5: AI is here to stay! What now? Moderator: Nicole Tisdale Aspen Institute	Bruce Schneier Lecturer and Author, Harvard University Antti Koskela President and CEO, WithSecure Jacob N. Shapiro Princeton University Drew Bagley VP, Chief Privacy Officer, CrowdStrike
1:10–2:00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK	
2:00–2:30 p.m.	Talking Heads: Moderator: Sergej Epp CISO, Sysdig	Sounil Yu Chief AI Officer, Knostic Igor Andriushchenko CISO, Lovable Nathaniel Gleicher Head of Security Policy and Counter-Fraud, Meta

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LINE-UP: Jeff Moss (Founder DEF CON), Ariel Herbert-Voss (RunSnybl), Louise Marie Hurel (RUSI), Daniel Cuthbert (Grupo Santander), Runa Sandvik (Founder Granitt), Yan Shoshitaishvili (Arizona State University), Meredith Whitakker (President Signal), Perry Adams (Dartmouth ISTS), Jacob Braun (University of Chicago)

2:30–2:35 p.m.	Prelude: Setting the scene	Jeff Moss Founder of DEF CON
2:35–4:45 p.m.	DEF CON Sessions on Agency: Being in control of our personal information and helping others be in control of theirs. Moderator: Jeff Moss Founder of DEF CON	Session A Agentic AI, Automation, Offence, and Agency: A conversation about the state of the art of AI offence and defence. Exploit development, and how companies and governments will have to adapt. Session B Network effects and the high cost of switching is why we can't have nice things: Giant companies are in a good position to sort things to their advantage, but what about civil society, individuals, at risk communities and others? Let's talk about what researchers, civil society and individuals do to increase their technical agency. Session C "Regulate the outcome" Why has policy failed to address the risks posed by AI and other next generation technology like global internet space connectivity in a winner takes all the environment?
4:45 p.m.	End	

MCSC Program: Track 2 (Breakouts)

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Location: **BOARD ROOM**, one floor above the **MAIN HALL**

2:10–2:40 p.m.	BREAKOUT 1: Tech Sovereignty and Trusted Technology - Two Sides of the Same Coin? Moderator: John Higgins Chair, International AI Governance Association	John Miller General Counsel and Senior Vice President of Policy, ITI Despina Spanou Deputy Director-General, DG CNECT, European Commission
2:40–3:00 p.m.	BREAK	
3:00–3:45 p.m.	BREAKOUT 2: A New Threat: Resisting Algorithmic Propaganda. Moderator: Oliver Rolofs Co-Founder, MCSC, Managing Director, Commvisory	Andrius Kubilius European Commissioner for Defence and Space Mykolas Katkus Founder, Repsense Günther H. Oettinger President, United Europe Ghee Leng Founder, Embedded LLM
3:45–3:50 p.m.	BREAK	
3:50–4:35 p.m.	BREAKOUT 3: Digital Perspectives in a Fragmenting Digital World: Tech Sovereignty and Data Security Lead commentator: Noboru Nakatani Corporate EVP & CSO, NEC	Yuh-Jye Lee Senior Advisor, National Security Council, Taiwan Juhan Lepassaar Executive Director, ENISA (European Union Agency for Cybersecurity) Jeff Greene Distinguished Fellow, Aspen Digital - Aspen Institute
4:35–4:45 p.m.	BREAK	
4:45–4:50 p.m.	BREAKOUT 4: MSC Startup Hub "A new hope for Cyber Sovereignty?"	Philipp Gerbert CEO, TUM Venture Labs
4:50–5:35 p.m.	New threats: (One) technology to solve them all? Moderator: Sarah Teinert TUM Venture Labs	Pawel Rybczyk CEO, Labyrinth Ben Kliger CEO, Zenity.AI Torben Leowald Clandestine Technologies Benjamin Bachmann CISO Bilfinger Kseniia Semenova President, NAU
5:35–5:45 p.m.	BREAK	
5:45–6:30 p.m.	BREAKOUT 5: MSC Startup Hub. The scale awakens. From breakthrough to deployment - why Europe lacks cyber champions. Moderator: Sarah Teinert TUM Venture Labs	Tobias Lieberum CEO, CyberDesk Fabian Veit CEO make.com Joanna Swiatkowska Secretary General, ECSC Lennart Bock COO, Proxima Fusion
6:30 p.m.	END	

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9:00–9:50 a.m.	BREAKOUT 6: Guarding the Grid: Adapting Cybersecurity for Hybrid Threats to Critical Energy Infrastructure Moderator: Maciej Bukowski Director of the Energy and Resilience Program Casimir Pulaski Foundation	Patricia Eke Director, Cybersecurity and Emerging Tech Policy, Microsoft Gen. Christian Badia (retired) Brig. Gen. Oleksandr Potii Chairman of the State Service of Special Communications and Information Protection of Ukraine
9:50–10:00 a.m.	BREAK	
10:00–10:50 a.m.	BREAKOUT 7: Securing the Backbone of the Global Digital Economy: Subsea Cable Security Moderator: Alexander Botting Senior Director, Global Security & Technology Strategy	Despina Spanou Deputy Director-General, DG CNECT, European Commission Helen Popp Ambassador-at-Large for Cyber Diplomacy, Government of Estonia Sarah McComb Principal, Global Network Planning & Acquisition, AWS Markus Reinisch Vice President, Public Policy Europe, Meta
10:50–11:00 a.m.	BREAK	
11:00–11:30 a.m.	BREAKOUT 8: MCSC 2026 Guest Country: Kenya Insights from East Africa on Cyber Security Initiatives and Policies. Members of Kenia Delegation include:	Dr James Kimuyu , Director NC4 Dr Josephine Mwanzia , Senior Director Academic Affairs, Kenya School of Government Dr Katherine Getao , Former Minister of Digital Affairs Dr Martin Koyabe , Senior Advisor, Global Forum on Cyber Expertise GFCE Africa John Mutunga , Founder CYBERPRO Anne Macharia , ISACA Kenya Chapter Margaret Mwinji , Mount Kenya University Peter Wydlor Orifah , NC4 Joy Kamau , Mount Kenya University
11:30–12:30 p.m.	BREAKOUT 9: Digital Deterrence (US and Europe) Moderators: Lauryn Williams , Deputy Director & Senior Fellow, Strategic Technologies Program, CSIS and Arthur de Liedekerke , Senior Director, Rasmussen Global	Kemba Walden President, Paladin Global Institute Yuliya Kazdobina Head of the Ukrainian Foundation for Security Studies Alexander Klimburg Senior Fellow, The Hague Center for Strategic Studies
12:30 p.m.	END	