

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?	Jürgen Reinhart Chief Underwriter Cyber, Munich Re
	Moderator: Barnabás Ferenczi International Bankers Forum	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?	Dag Baehr Vice President, Federal Intelligence Service (BND), Germany
	Moderator: Paddy McGuinness Brunswick Group	Paul M. Nakasone Former NSA Director
3:05–3:25 p.m.	Transatlantic View: Overcoming Borders- Disrupting Cyber Crime	Catherine De Bolle Executive Director, Europol
	Moderator: Carsten Meywirth Director Cybercrime, German Federal Police Office	Andrew Bailey Deputy Director, FBI
3:25–3:50 p.m.	BREAK	
3:50–4:40 p.m.	Panel 2: Offensive Defense: Legal Conundrum?	Florian Schütz Director, NCSC, Switzerland
	Moderator: Marc Raimondi Silverado	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:	Tom Leighton Co-Founder and CEO of Akamai
	Moderator: Alexander Schellong Executive Management Board, Schwarz Digits	Tomer Weingarten Co-Founder and CEO of SentinelOne
4:55–5:35 p.m.	Spot-On: (Re)Interpreting (Cyber)Risk.	Christopher Ahlberg Co-Founder of Recorded Future
	Moderator: Geoff Brown CEO Silobreaker	Miguel de Bruycker Director-General, CCB, Belgium
5:35–5:50 p.m.	Keynote: Responding to the Current Threat Landscape.	Louise Marie Hurel Senior Researcher, RUSI
5:50–6:20 p.m.	BREAK	
6:20–7:00 p.m.	Panel 3: Risk Management Reset: Change of Mindset?	Alex Fitzsimmons Acting Under Secretary of Energy, U.S. Department of Energy
	Moderator: Kirsten Todt SVP Cybersecurity, Mastercard	Lisa Gustafsson Director of Foreign Intelligence and Cyber at the Swedish Ministry of Defence
7:00–7:45 p.m.	Panel 4: Standing On The Shoulders of (Tech) Giants: Trust or Dare?	Christopher Ahlberg Co-Founder of Recorded Future
	Moderator: Gabriel von Mitschke-Collande Group CDO Giesecke+Devrient	Miguel de Bruycker Director-General, CCB, Belgium
7:45–7:50 p.m.	Greeting State Secretary	Louise Marie Hurel Senior Researcher, RUSI
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
8:50–9:00 a.m.	Vantage Point:	Kaupo Rosin Head of Intelligence Service, Estonia
9:00–9:10 a.m.	The World's largest Honeypot: Lessons learnt from the Taiwan Cyber Battlefield	<i>in conversation with</i> Oliver Rolofs , Co-Founder, MCSC, Managing Partner, COMVISORY
9:10–9:50 a.m.	Across Borders: Cyber Diplomacy Needed More than Ever!	Josephine Mwanza Senior Director Academic Affairs, Kenya School of Government, on Capacity Building in Public Administration
	Moderator: Katherine Getao Cyber Ambassador and former Minister of Digital Affairs, Kenya	Yuh-Jye Lee Senior Advisor, National Security Council, Taiwan
9:50–10:00 a.m.	Keynote:	Luca Tagliaretti Director General ECCC
10:00–10:15 a.m.	Keynote:	Martin Koyabe Senior Advisor, GFCE Africa
10:15–10:45 a.m.	Command Control, really? Hybrid operations on the Rise!	Anny Vu Senior Bureau Official, U.S. Department of State
	Moderator: Chris Painter Former US Diplomat	Felix Kroll Cyber Coordinator, German Federal Foreign Office
10:45–11:00 a.m.	BREAK	
11:00–11:15 a.m.	Strategy Update in Defence	Pirro Vengu Minister of Defence, Albania
	Moderator: Ieva Ilves Advisor on Cybersecurity and Digital Policy, Ukraine/Latvia	
11:15–12:00 p.m.	For Heaven's Sake: Cyber Security in Space.	Nina Armagno Former Director of Staff of the U.S. Space Force
	Moderator: Wolfgang Hackenberg General Management, IABG	Thierry Bauer Director of Security and Cyber Defence, Eutelsat
12:00–12:30 p.m.	Spot-On: Never Walk Alone! Management Priorities in 2026.	Natalie Black Group Director Infrastructure and Connectivity, Ofcom
	Moderator: John Miller Information Technology Industry Council	Declan Ganley Chairman and CEO, Rivada Space Networks
12:30–1:10 p.m.	Panel 5: AI is here to stay! What now?	Thomas Seifert CEO Cloudflare, Chairman Supervisory Board, ICEYE
	Moderator: Nicole Tisdale Aspen Institute	
1:10–2:00 p.m.	LUNCH BREAK	
2:00–2:30 p.m.	Talking Heads: Moderator: Sergej Epp CISO, Sysdig	Soumik Yu Chief AI Officer, Knostic
2:35–4:45 p.m.	DEF CON Sessions on Agency: Being in control of our personal information and helping others to be in control of theirs.	Igor Androshchenko CISO, Lovelace
	Moderator: Jeff Moss Founder of DEF CON	Nathaniel Gleich Head of Security Policy and Counter-Fraud, Meta
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	Lead commentator: Noboru Nakata Corporate EVP & CSO, NEC	
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	Moderator: Sarah Teinert TUM Venture Labs	
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9:00–9:50 a.m.	BREAKOUT 6: Guarding the Grid: Cybersecurity for Hybrid Threats to Critical Energy Infrastructure	Location: BOARD ROOM , one floor above the MAIN HALL
	Moderator: Maciej Bukiński Director of Casimir Pulaski Foundation	Jeff Moss Founder of DEF CON
10:00–10:50 a.m.	BREAKOUT 7: Securing the Backbone: Cable Security	Session A
	Moderator: Alexander Botting Senior Director, Global Security & Technology Strategy	Agenda: AI, Automation, Offense, and Agency. A conversation about the state, the art, of how AI, offense, and agency will have to adapt.
11:00–11:30 a.m.	BREAKOUT 8: MSC 2026 Guest Country: Kenya Insights from Africa on Cyber Security Initiatives	Session B
	Moderator: Karen Gitterman Delegation of Kenya	Network effects and the high cost of switching is why we can't have things as giant companies, but what about civil society? Let's talk about how things are changing and what that means for researchers, civil society, and individuals to increase their technical agency.
11:30–12:30 p.m.	BREAKOUT 9: Digital Deterrence (US and Europe)	Session C
	Moderators: Lauren Williams , CSIS Senior Fellow, Strategic Technologies Program, CSIS and Arthur Klemmer , Senior Director, Nasmussen Global	"Regulate the outcome" What's the policy framework like? The risks posed by AI and other next generation technologies all the environment?
12:30 p.m.	END	

MCSC Program: Track 2 (Breakouts)

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2:10–2:40 p.m.	BUKOUT 1: Tech Sovereignty and Free Speech: Two Sides of the Same Coin?	Location: BOARD ROOM , one floor above the MAIN HALL
	Moderator: John Higgins Chair, International AI Governance Association	John Müller General Counsel and Senior Vice President of Policy, ITI
2:40–3:00 p.m.	BUKOUT 2: New Threats - New Tools	Despina Spanou General Director, DG CNECT, European Commission
	Moderator: Oliver Rolofs Co-Founder, MCSC, Managing Partner, COMVISORY	
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