

Call for papers

Small States and the New Security Environment (SSANSE) International Conference at the University of Iceland

Organizers: The SSANSE project and the Centre for Small State Studies.

Date: Tuesday 26 June, 2018. **Venue:** Nordic house, Sæmundargata 11, 101 Reykjavík.

This international conference for small states' specialists will focus on security and defence policy choices and challenges of NATO small states and small NATO partner states in Eastern Europe, the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), and Oceania.

One third of NATO members are small states and so are most NATO partner states. The SSANSE research project is a preparedness initiative examining the defence and foreign policies of NATO small states and small NATO partner states in the new security environment and examining how NATO might better partner with these states.

- ✓ We welcome contributions on a wide range of topics concerning security and defence policies of NATO small states and their small states' partners.
- ✓ We invite scholars to send an abstract, 200-250 words, of their potential contribution at the conference and a short bio, 150-200 words.
- ✓ Participants are required to circulate a 1500-word policy brief outlining their findings two weeks before the conference. The policy briefs will form the basis for our discussions and be posted on the project's [website](#).
- ✓ Participants will have the opportunity to have their research considered for inclusion in the SSANSE project's forthcoming edited book on small states and security.

After the conference a summary report, will be circulated to participants and presented to the public. The conference will be live streamed on the project's [website](#).

Participants and attendees will consist of scholars, policy-makers, diplomats, politicians, journalists, and a number of graduate and PhD students, taking part in the Small States Summer School at the Centre for Small State Studies in Reykjavik.

The SSANSE project is funded by NATO's Science for Peace Programme and led by Dr. Baldur Thorhallsson (NATO Country Project Director), University of Iceland, Dr. Anne-Marie Brady (Partner Country Project Director), University of Canterbury, Dr. Alan Tidwell (Co-Director of the Project), Georgetown University and Dr. Margarita Seselgyte (Co-Director of the Project), Vilnius University.

Requests for further information and applications to participate in the conference (abstract and short CV) should be sent to Margrét Cela, Project Manager at the Centre for Small States and the Institute of International Affairs at the University of Iceland, mcela@hi.is before 15 February 2018.