



## ALLIED SPACE FORCE COMMANDERS, HIGH-LEVEL OFFICIALS, AND SENIOR SPACE SECURITY EXPERTS MEET IN PRAGUE AT PSSI'S SIXTH SPACE SECURITY CONFERENCE

On June 19—21, 2022, the [Prague Security Studies Institute](#) (PSSI) will hold its [6th Space Security Conference](#) in Prague. This high-level gathering, entitled “*The Global Space Competition: Security, Markets and Sanctions*” will seek to illuminate the connectivity among global space commerce, deterrence/security-related considerations, and proper space governance. The conference brings together leading space policy-makers, senior military and civilian government officials, industry leaders, and distinguished NGO and academia representatives.

Among the confirmed speakers are **Jan Lipavský**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic; **Lt. Gen. John E. Shaw**, Deputy Commander, U.S. Space Command; **Maj. Gen. Michel Friedling**, Commander of the French Space Command; **Maj. Gen. Michael Traut**, Chief of Space Operations Command at the German Ministry of Defense; **Air Cdre. Mark Flewin**, Head of Operations, Plans and Training of the UK Space Command; **Brig. Gen. Didier Polomé**, Assistant Chief of Staff for Strategic Plans and Policy/Defence Planning at the NATO HQ Supreme Allied Command Transformation (NATO ACT); **Yasuyuki Kasai**, Director General of the National Space Policy Secretariat at the Cabinet Office of Japan’s Prime Minister; **Carine Claeys**, Special Envoy for Space at the European External Action Service; **Rodrigo da Costa**, Executive Director of EUSPA; **Paul Graziani**, Chief Executive Officer of the COMPSPOC Corp.; **Travis Langster**, Principal Director of Space Policy, US Department of Defense; **Peter Marquez**, Head of Space Policy of the Amazon Web Services, and other distinguished experts. See the complete list of confirmed speakers [here](#).

Russia’s unprovoked war against Ukraine has highlighted the critical importance of space systems in international conflict zones -- and this crisis in particular -- as well as the use of economic and financial (E&F) tools for both penalties and deterrence. The private sector has likewise demonstrated that it can help shape the battlespace and contribute to vital communications and other services.

*“Irresponsible and menacing statements by Roscosmos head Dmitry Rogozin, a halt to Russian cooperation with the West, a multi-faceted cyberattack against ViaSat satellite modems in Ukraine and elsewhere in Europe early in the war, and the delivery of satellite-based internet service to the Ukrainian people by Starlink are but some of the most visible indicators of a major shift in space diplomacy and modes of global commercial and governmental cooperation,”* observes PSSI’s Managing Director, Dr. Jana Robinson.

*“It is gatherings like these that foster an atmosphere of space policy innovation and greater openness to rapid change which is now required,”* she remarks. For example, the proceedings will delve into an emerging “ground-based economic and financial space race” between the leading authoritarian space powers (i.e., China and Russia) and their democratic counterparts which, in many cases, are barely aware that such a race is underway.

*The conference is invitation-only. For press accreditation and interview requests, please contact PSSI’s Senior Communications Manager, Ms. Katerina Krejcirova ([krejcirova@pssi.cz](mailto:krejcirova@pssi.cz)).*

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