

Biographies of the speakers

1. *Elana Wilson Rowe*



Elana Wilson Rowe holds a PhD (2006) in Geography from the University of Cambridge. She is a research professor at the Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI) and an adjunct professor in energy politics at the High North Centre for Business and Governance at Nord University (Bodø, Norway). Wilson Rowe's research areas include Arctic governance, Russia's Arctic and foreign policymaking, and ocean governance. She is the author of *Russian Climate Politics: When Science Meets Policy* (Palgrave, 2013) and *Arctic Governance: Power in cross-border relations* (University of Manchester, 2018). She was a member of Norway's committee establishing research priorities for the UN Ocean Decade and is currently leading a five-year research project funded by the European Research Council comparing the politics of the Arctic, Amazon Basin and the Caspian Sea ('The Lorax Project', #loraxprojectERC).

2. *Nils Wang*



Rear Admiral Nils Wang is one of Denmark's leading analysts on issues related to geo-politics, Arctic security and the relationship between Denmark and Greenland. Before he became Director of Naval Team Denmark he was Commandant of the Danish Defence College and he was Head of the Royal Danish Navy from 2005 to 2010. Rear Admiral Nils Wang's more than ten years of active sea duty in the Danish Navy includes 5 years in Arctic Waters around Greenland. In 2015 Rear Admiral Nils Wang was appointed to be part of the Taksøe-Jensen Advisory Group, assisting the development of a new set of priorities for Denmark's future foreign and defence policies and he is presently part of an Government Expert Panel attached to a Defence related National Security Analysis. Nils Wang is frequently commenting Arctic matters on national and international media and he is an often used expert/guest speaker on conferences and venues dealing with geo-politics. In December 2016 Rear Admiral Nils Wang was invited to lecture Senior Executives on Arctic Security at the Harvard Kennedy School, Executive Programme and he is attached as lecturer to the Senior Policy Course at The NATO School in Oberammergau. He retired in april 2018 after serving more than 40 years. He is now Managing Director at Naval Team Denmark, a Naval Defence Industry network organisation facilitating export.

3. *Rebecca Pincus*



Dr. Pincus is an assistant professor in the Center for Naval Warfare Studies (CNWS) at the US Naval War College (NWC). She is currently detailed to the Office of the Secretary of Defense (Policy), in the Office of Strategy and Force Development, as an Arctic Strategy Advisor. Her areas of research lie at the nexus of national security and the natural environment, with an emphasis on climate change. Her current research interests center on the strategic implications of an opening Arctic, including for the North Atlantic/GIUK region and the Russian Arctic. Dr Pincus previously served as primary investigator at the US Coast Guard's Center for Arctic Study and Policy, where she executed research-based projects for the Coast Guard on a range of polar topics. She was a Fulbright Fellow in Iceland in 2015 with the Icelandic Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

4. *Julian Lindley-French*



In March 2021 Professor Dr Julian Lindley-French published a major new book entitled *Future War and the Defence of Europe* in both English and German (Oxford University Press in the UK and US and Franck Kosmos Press in Germany) with US General (Ret.) John R. Allen and US Lieutenant General (Ret.) Frederick (Ben) Hodges. He also published a new report for CEPA in Washington entitled, *Military Mobility: Moving Mountains for European Defence* and in April 2021 completed a report for the European Parliament entitled *Honest Broker? The EU, Strategic Autonomy and Security in the Future Arctic*.

Educated at the University of Oxford, UEA and at the European University Institute in Florence, Italy, Professor Dr Julian Lindley-French is a leading advisor, strategist, and author with eleven published books to his name and many articles and major reports. He has four advanced degrees and has held three professorial chairs (Professor of Military Art and Science and Eisenhower Professor of Defence Strategy, Netherlands Defence Academy and Special Professor of Strategic Studies, Leiden University) and has also held senior policy and project positions for several international organisations.

Until 2017 Vice-President of the Atlantic Treaty Association in Brussels, he is Senior Fellow at the Institute for Statecraft in London; Director of Europa Analytica in the Netherlands; and a Fellow of the Canadian Global Affairs Institute and Chair of The Alphen Group, a high-level strategic 'do-tank' <https://thealphengroup.home.blog>

In 2015 he was made an Honorary Member of the Association of Anciens of the NATO Defence College in Rome. He served General Sir David Richards and General Sir Nicholas Houghton on the UK Chief of Defence Staff's Strategic Advisory Group and was Head of the Commander's Initiative Group (CIG) for Lieutenant General Sir Richard Shirreff, COMARCC.

In November 2017, he co-published the *The Future Tasks of the Adapted Alliance* (The GLOBSEC NATO Adaptation Reports) for which he was Lead Writer with (inter alia) General John R. Allen, Admiral Giampaolo di Paola and Ambassador Sandy Vershbow. This major

senior leader project considers NATO Adaptation and the future role of the Alliance in the changing strategic environment. The final report was presented to the NATO Secretary-General and can be downloaded at <https://www.globsec.org/news/globsec-nato-adaptation-initiative-final-report/>

His influential books and high-level reports combine decades of policy experience and academic expertise. In early 2018 he was made a member and Senior Counsellor of the high-level US-German *Loisach Group* by the George C. Marshall Center and the Munich Security Conference. In October 2018 he received the distinct honour of giving the Trafalgar Night dinner speech to the Royal Navy on board *HMS Nelson* at *HM Naval Base Portsmouth* entitled *Nelson and the Pursuit of Victory*. In 2023 Professor Lindley-French will publish another book entitled *Jutland, Midway and the Future of Sea Power*.

5. *Michael Mann*



Michael Mann has been Special Envoy for Arctic matters since April 1, 2020. Prior to that, he spent two and a half years as the EU's Ambassador to Iceland. Between 2011 and 2017, he was head of Strategic Communications at the European External Action Service, doubling up as Chief Spokesperson to High Representative/Vice President Catherine Ashton from 2011 to 2014. Mr Mann worked as a European Commission Spokesperson between 2002 and 2011, covering a wide range of portfolios. He began his career in Brussels as a journalist, working for the Financial Times, Reuters and Bloomberg News, among other media.

Administrator responsible: Lucio Mastro Simone