# Black Sea Security Symposium

# *The Role of the Black Sea in Global Energy Security*

**AGENDA**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2023**

**0830 – 0900** – Registration and Coffee

**0900** – **0915** – Welcome remarks Vice Admiral (Ret.) Ann E. Rondeau, President, Naval Postgraduate School (NPS), & Dr. Dan Nussbaum, Chair, Energy Academic Group (EAG)

Keynote addresses*:*

* *Ms. Erika Olson, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, U.S. Department of State*
* *Dr. Alparslan Bayraktar, Deputy Minister of Energy and Natural Resources, Republic of Türkiye*
* *RADM (LH) Ruud Schoonen, ACOS Strategic Plans and Policy, Headquarters Supreme Allied Commander Transformation*
* *Mr. Neil Brown, Managing Director, KKR Global Institute and KKR Infrastructure*

Moderated Q&A – Dr. Dan Nussbaum, EAG Chair, NPS

**1030 – 1100** – COFFEE BREAK

### **1100 – 1215** – Energy flow trends in the greater Black Sea region: impact on European and global energy security

Moderator: Mr. Alan Howard, EAG Associate Chair, NPS

Panelists:

* *Ms. Alice Wells, Senior Director in International Government Relations, ExxonMobil*
* *Dr. Brenda Shaffer, Faculty – Associate, EAG, NPS*
* *Ms. Defne Sadiklar – Arslan, Senior Director, Atlantic Council in Turkey*
* *COL Darius Užkuraitis, Director, NATO Energy Security Centre of Excellence*

**1215 – 1230** – Group Photo (Hermann Hall)

**1230 – 1345** – LUNCH BREAK

**1345 – 1430** – Critical Energy infrastructure protection challenges in the Black Sea region

Moderator: Mr. Michael Davis, Faculty – Associate, EAG, NPS

Panelists:

* *Dr. Alejandro Hernandez, Associate Professor, NPS*
* *Mr. David Willey, Section Supervisor, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security*
* *Mr. Can Ögütcü, Lead Analyst, NATO Supreme Headquarters Allied Powers Europe*

### **1430 – 1515** – The potential role of nuclear energy in Black Sea energy security

Moderator: Mr. Andrew Paterson, Principal at Environmental Business International, and Strategy & Market Intelligence for *Allied Nuclear Partners*

Panelists:

* *Dr. Craig Smith, Research Professor, NPS*
* *COL Jay Smith, Commandant, NATO School Oberammergau*
* *Mr. Miles Pomper, Senior Fellow, James Martin Center for Nonproliferation Studies at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies*

**1515 – 1530** – COFFEE BREAK

### **1530 – 1615** – Energy security as part of national security in the Black Sea region and global implications

Moderator: Dr. Brenda Shaffer, Faculty – Associate, EAG, NPS

Panelists:

* *Ambassador Hasan Murat Mercan – Ambassador of the Republic of Türkiye to the United States of America*
* *Ambassador Khazar Ibrahim – Ambassador of the Republic of Azerbaijan to the United States of America*
* *Ambassador Viorel Ursu – Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova to the United States of America*
* *Mr. Levan Beridze – Consul General, Consulate General of the Republic of Georgia in San Francisco*
* *Mr. Dmytro Kushneruk – Consul General, Consulate General of Ukraine in San Francisco*
* ­*Mr. Matei Bălăiță – Trade and Economic Counselor, Embassy of Romania in the United States of America*

**1615** – Concluding remarks: Mr. Alan Howard, EAG Associate Chair, NPS