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Complexity of the digital world

Expert Course on Digitalization and Security Policy 2025





== About the course ==

The Expert Course on Digitalization and Security Policy is conducted by the Federal Academy for Security Policy on behalf of the Federal Chancellery.

The seminar is a key component of the training programmes offered by the Academy

It is intended to offer the participants information about and experience with the effects of rapidly advancing Digitalization on society, particularly from a security-policy standpoint, on the basis of a broad and comprehensive approach to security.

16 participants may attend the course. It includes

- talks with high-ranking representatives of the Federal Chancellery and ministries, the private sector, scientists and expert representatives of institutes, organisations and government agencies;

- numerous high-level talks and excursions in Berlin and during the trip to Norway;
- access to an exclusive network of actors in the world of national and international security policy.

Invitations for the nomination of course participants are issued personally by the president of the Federal Academy for Security Policy.



Dates

Participants must attend the Expert Course on Digitalization and Security Policy in person from **24 November to 5 December**. The course will be conducted in Berlin and at the stops of the trip in Oslo, Norway. The course will be held in German and, during the trip, in English.

Target group

The course is designed for experienced senior officials and outstanding junior executive staff from German federal and state ministries, from business, academia and politics, as well as from civil-society groups such as churches, trade unions, NGOs or the media – all of whom are involved in strategic security discussions related to Digitalization.

Schedule

The Expert Course takes 12 days and consists of two phases:

Introduction

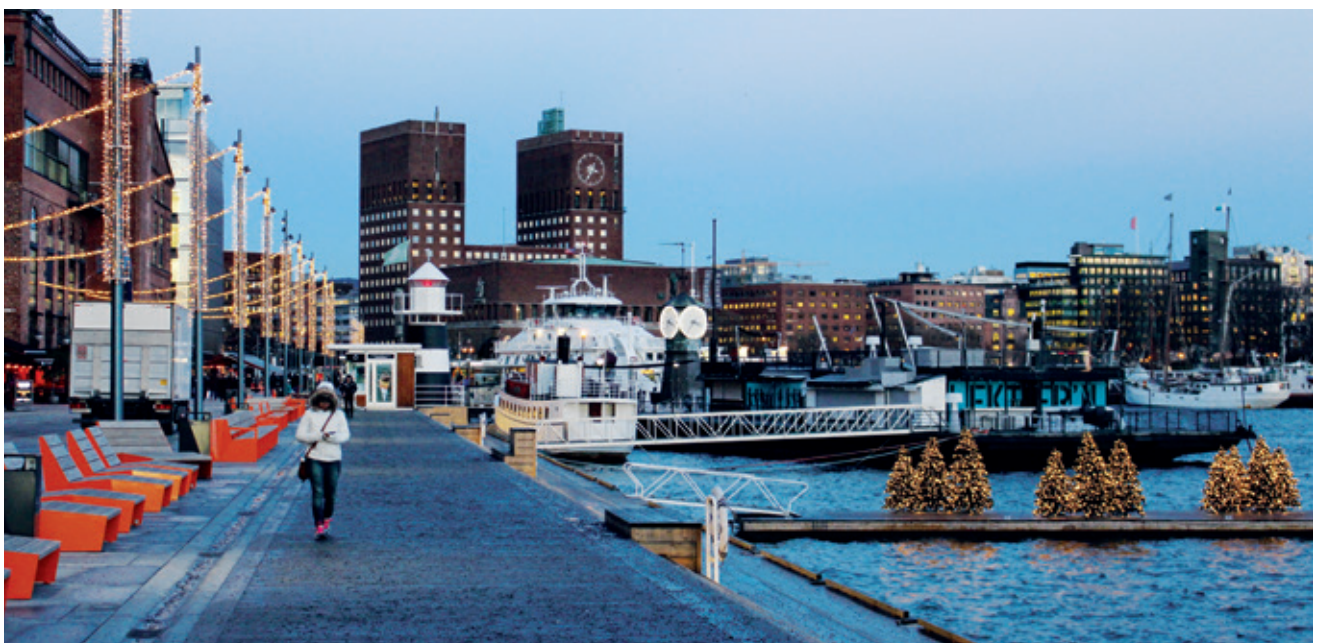
Initially, the participants will gain in-depth knowledge of the challenges and opportunities of the dynamically advancing Digitalization of society.

In particular, the participants will discuss the effects of Digitalization from a security-policy standpoint and at a strategic level with national and international experts from politics, business and society. Excursions in Berlin will supplement the theoretical exchange.

On-site experience

As a non-EU member, Norway is at the forefront of digital societies in Europe. It is making significant advances to digitalize across different sectors such as Governance, Artificial Intelligence, Advanced Data Analytics, and Fintech. At its core, Norway seeks to ensure the credibility and trust necessary to protect information and generate trust from users.

As part of the trip to Oslo, participants will experience the complexities of these developments in our society, and discuss the implications of digitalization for security policy in Germany and the EU.



Destinations: Norway - an often underestimated European center for technological progress and digital resilience



Focus topic

Digitalization is a trend

Digitalization is not just a trend, it is a megatrend. Our society is now discussing increasing Digitalization more actively than almost any other topic. We all feel it every day. Our own homes are becoming “smart”, entire houses are coming out of printers,

Digitalization has implications for business and society.

and ending the use of cash is up for debate. Experts agree that Digitalization will permanently affect virtually all areas of our lives and society, and all political issues. The processes of change will become even more dynamic in the years to come and have lasting effects on initial and follow-on training for specialists and managers in administration, business and society.

Digitalization affects security

Cyberattacks on government agencies, attacks on electronics and IT of critical infrastructures, artifi-

cial intelligence in weapon systems, facial recognition and the General Data Protection Regulation – Digitalization permeates all areas of security in our society and has long since taken on a key role in the strategic focus of security policy. Against this backdrop, the course will range from the basic ethical and moral principles of Digitalization to the changes it causes in the framework of security policy. In addition to general topics, the issues of Digitalization and democracy, as well as Germany’s Digital Agenda, will be discussed in detail. The special security-policy considerations will include key actors in the digital world with particular focus on artificial intelligence, critical infrastructures, cyberspace, cybersecurity and domestic security.





== The Federal Academy for Security Policy (BAKS) ==

The Federal Academy for Security Policy is the German government's central interministerial institution for further education in the field of security policy. As a place of strategic thinking and security policy training, it promotes a broad understanding of Germany's long-term security objectives and Integrated Security in practice. Its courses, conferences and opportunities for discussion are aimed at experts, senior officials and leaders from politics, government agencies, academia, business, civil-society organisations and the general public.

The Federal Academy for Security Policy's tasks are divided into three areas: teaching/training, consultations and communication. The teaching and training area also includes the Centre for Strategic Foresight.

The Board of Trustees is the Federal Security Council chaired by the Federal Chancellor. Organisationally, the Academy is an independent agency within the area of responsibility of the Federal Ministry of Defence. An Advisory Board established by the Federal Ministry of Defence advises the Board of Trustees on course contents and further development.

The President of the Federal Academy for Security Policy is Major General Wolf-Jürgen Stahl. A team of 70 personnel from all bodies represented in the Federal Security Council work together at the Federal Academy for Security Policy. The Academy was founded in Bonn in 1992. It has been based on the premises of Schönhausen Palace in the Pankow district of Berlin since 2004.



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