

## Conference

### *The Nordic Countries: From War to Cold War, 1944-1951*

Lancaster House, 1 April 2011

#### DRAFT PROGRAMME

- 11:15-12:00      **Registration** – tea and coffee
- 12:00-12:10      **Welcome**  
**Matthew Lodge**, Her Majesty's Ambassador, Finland
- 12:10-13:00      **Keynote address**  
**Alyson Bailes**, formerly Her Majesty's Ambassador,  
Finland, currently Visiting Professor, University of Iceland
- 13:00-14:00      **Lunch**
- 14:00-14:15      **DBPO: the series and the volume**  
**Professor Patrick Salmon** and **Dr Tony Insall**
- 14:15-15:45      **Session 1: Bilateral relations**  
Chair: **Dr Tony Insall**
- Dr Rasmus Mariager** – University of Copenhagen,  
Denmark  
**Dr Juhana Aunesluoma** – University of Helsinki, Finland  
**Prof Valur Ingimundarson** – University of Iceland  
**Prof Helge Pharo** – University of Oslo, Norway  
**Dr Magnus Petersson** – Norwegian Institute for Defence  
Studies
- 15:45-16:15      **Break** – tea and coffee
- 16:15-17:45      **Session 2: Meeting the Soviet challenge**  
Chair: **Professor Patrick Salmon**
- Prof Thorsten Olesen** – University of Aarhus, Denmark  
**Prof Mikko Majander** – University of Helsinki, Finland  
**Prof Valur Ingimundarson** – University of Iceland  
**Prof Olav Riste** – Norwegian Institute for Defence Studies  
**Prof Karl Molin** – University of Stockholm, Sweden
- 17:45-19:00      **Reception**

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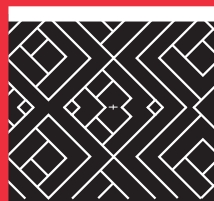
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