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NATO at Crossroads: New Threat Landscape and Challenges

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Orion Policy Institute hosted a live [webinar](#) “NATO at Crossroads: New Threat Landscape and Challenges” on May 22, 2024, at 11 am EST!

In February of 2022, Russian forces invaded Eastern Ukraine, sparking the most intense conventional conflict in Europe since the Second World War. Three months later, historically neutral Finland and Sweden submitted letters of application to join the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO). Two years into the conflict, it’s time to take stock: NATO has expanded, alliance members have raised their defense spending, and Russia’s credibility has degraded. Russia has responded, ramping up cyber threats and disinformation operations in the “near abroad” and strengthening its partnerships with revisionist actors like China.

Join us as we explore these developments: In this new era of great power competition, is the ascension of Finland and Sweden the jump-start NATO needs to reinvigorate itself, what will it mean for European security in the future, and what impact will this have on geopolitics in general? Our experts provide their insights on these pivotal issues and more.

Panelists:

- 1- [Robert Packer](#): Professor of Political Science at Penn State University
 - 2- [Brig General \(Ret\) John Teichert](#): CEO of Capital Leadership LLC
 - 3- [Przemysław Gasztold](#): Assistant Professor at War Studies University
 - 4- Alex Harlan (Moderator): Research Associate, Orion Policy Institute
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