



NATO TALK  
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BERLIN

# NATO's Future

**Young Leaders Seminar**  
**November 4**  
**Berlin**

## Call for applications

On November 5, 2014, the **German Atlantic Association** and the **Federal Academy for Security Policy** co-host an international conference on the outcome of NATO's 2014 Wales Summit in Berlin. Supported by the **Press and Information Office of the Federal Government** and **NATO**, high ranking politicians, diplomats, military officials, and representatives from academia and civil society, will discuss the implementation process as well as future challenges to the alliance.

In order to foster the understanding of security politics, to establish an international dialogue among the younger generation and to connect emerging leaders from NATO member and partner countries with senior decision-makers, **YATA Germany** will host a one-day seminar on November 4, focusing on key issues of transatlantic security. In an open and competitive call for panels, the members of YATA Germany chose three topics on the basis of their ideas and expectations through the lens of NATO's future.

1. "NATO and the Quest for Energy Security"
2. "NATO and the Challenges of Cyber Space"
3. "NATO Crisis Management revisited"

To each session, senior political and military experts will be invited to discuss with the group the ideas and recommendations of young scholars and experts in the field (see the agenda at annex).

In order to profit from the special location of the conference, our partner SANDEMANS NEW Europe Tours provides the international guests with an exclusive walking tour through the political heart of Berlin. All seminar participants will also have the opportunity to participate in the main conference, including the closing reception at the U.S. Embassy on November 5.

There is no participation fee for the seminar. YATA Germany will offer travel reimbursements of up to €100/€200 (national/international), provided that participants will choose affordable travel options. We will also provide housing in central Berlin from November 3 to 5. Please note that we will not be able to cover meals, but make sure to choose reasonably priced restaurants.



## Eligibility

- Students with an academic background in International Relations and Security Studies and young professionals who have begun a career in a related field
- Under 35 years of age
- NATO or PfP country citizenship
- Past experience and/or studies relating to: security or defense policy; democratic transitions; international law; humanitarian issues; or any other fields of relevance to the transatlantic partnership.
- Working knowledge of English (German is not mandatory)

## Application

- Candidates are asked to send in the following items to [info@yata-germany.de](mailto:info@yata-germany.de) by **September 25** as a single pdf file
  - a short CV (in English)
  - a Cover letter indicating the candidates' motivation of participation
- Candidates are further invited to submit **essays**, reflecting their views of the Wales Summit and the future of the alliance in a short essay (5,000 characters), which will be published in a special volume of the conference report and on our website. All Candidates should summarize their **main argument in 140 characters as a part of the Cover letter**. Successful applicants will be informed by **October 1** and are requested to send in the final essays **by October 21**.

For any further information, get in touch with us on [Facebook](#) or contact:

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