

Conference Program



08:45–09:00	Introduction
Welcome Note	Dr. Peter Grünenfelder , <i>Director Avenir Suisse</i>
Opening Speech	Walter Thurnherr , <i>Swiss Federal Chancellor, Bern</i>
	Moderation: Dr. Patrick Dümmler , <i>Senior Fellow, Avenir Suisse, Zurich</i> Teresa Hug Alonso , <i>Researcher, Avenir Suisse, Zurich</i>
09:00–10:15	Trade and Investment Is renationalizing the supply chain the best way to attain security of supply? What strategies and policy measures should be adopted for critical infrastructure and data? Will we see more investment controls emerging?
09:00–09:30	Keynote Speech Dr. Markus Braun , <i>Senior Lecturer in International Management, ZHAW School of Management and Law, Zurich</i>
09:30–10:15	Panel Dr. Theresa Fallon , <i>Director and Founder, Centre for Russia Europe Asia Studies (CREAS), Brussels</i> Dr. Christian Etter , <i>former Ambassador and Swiss Government Delegate for Trade Agreements, Bern</i>
10:30–11:45	Technology and Security Can we escape the dependency on foreign technology like 5G? How can cyber security and resilience be increased? Who will be the winners and losers if technological decoupling becomes the “new normal”?
10:30–11:00	Keynote Speech Dr. Tim Rühlig , <i>Research Fellow, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), Berlin</i>
11:00–11:45	Panel Herbert Blum , <i>Head of Global Communications, Media & Entertainment, Bain & Company, Toronto</i> Fabio Rugge , <i>Head of Office for NATO, Strategic Security and Politico-Military Issues at Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Head of ISPI's Cybersecurity Center, Milan</i>
11:45–13:00	Break

“Challenges of a multipolar world”

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13:00–14:15	Geopolitics and Institutions Are we moving from rule- to power-based international relations? What is the outlook for multilateralism given the current geopolitical shifts? How will new alliances in Asia shape international relations?
13:00–13:30	Keynote Speech Prof. Dr. Heinz Gärtner , <i>University of Vienna and Danube University; chair of the advisory board of the International Institute for Peace (IIP), Vienna</i>
13:30–14:15	Panel Dr. Martin Dahinden , <i>diplomat and former Swiss ambassador to the United States of America, Bern</i> Dr. I-Chung Lai , <i>President, The Prospect Foundation, Taipei</i> Prof. Dr. Ralph Weber , <i>Associate Professor at the Institute for European Global Studies, University of Basel, Basel</i>
14:30–15:45	Role of Small Open Economies What are the implications of the geopolitical trends for small open economies? Can a political and economic neutral position help? What are the opportunities for small open economies?
14:30–15:00	Keynote Speech David Braun , <i>Regional Coordinator for East Asia, Federal Department for Foreign Affairs, Bern</i>
15:00–15:45	Panel Markus Herrmann Chen , <i>Managing Director, China Macro Group, Zurich and Beijing</i> Kristy Hsu , <i>Director, Taiwan ASEAN Studies Center, Chung Hua Institution for Economic Research, Taipei</i> Kishore Mahbubani , <i>Distinguished Fellow at the Asia Research Institute, National University of Singapore, Singapore</i>
15:45–16:00	Closing Remarks Dr. Peter Grünenfelder , <i>Director Avenir Suisse Zurich</i>
	End of Summit