

PRESS RELEASE

Global Security and Innovation Summit (GSIS): Applications Now Open – Full Agenda Published

Hamburg, 06-13-2025 – In times of accelerating geopolitical tension and technological disruption, a new international forum is set to make its debut: the **Global Security and Innovation Summit (GSIS)** will take place on **22–23 October 2025** at the **CCH – Congress Center Hamburg**. Applications for delegate participation are now open, and the official conference agenda is available online.

Organised by **Hamburg Messe und Congress (HMC)** in strategic partnership with the **International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS)**, GSIS brings together global leaders from government, business, technology, and academia. The summit provides a high-level platform to address the world's most urgent strategic questions – from AI and cyber defence to infrastructure resilience, economic security, and the future of multilateralism.

A Forum to Shape the Global Agenda

“With GSIS, we are creating a forum that does not just reflect geopolitical change but actively shapes the global agenda,” says **Dr Bastian Giegerich**, Director-General of IISS.

“Hamburg offers the ideal stage for a summit of this scale – both in terms of infrastructure and strategic location,” adds **Heiko M. Stutzinger**, CEO of Hamburg Messe und Congress.

“GSIS is a summit of responsibility – for those who shape the world, not just observe it,” says **Dimitrios Argirakos**, Executive Chair of GSIS.

Participation by Application Only

GSIS is a curated, invitation-only forum with limited capacity. Delegate applications are reviewed by an independent selection committee according to criteria of professional excellence, international perspective, and strategic relevance. The Delegate Pass is priced at €3,000 plus VAT. Further details and the application form can be found at www.gsis-hamburg.com.

Strategic Input: GSIS Executive Briefing

In the lead-up to the summit, the monthly **GSIS Executive Briefing** provides curated insights on the intersection of geopolitics, innovation, and security. Topics include themes such as the return of geopolitical bloc formation, the vulnerability of global infrastructure, technological sovereignty, economic decoupling, and the need for systemic resilience and international cooperation. **Three editions have been published so far.** Interested stakeholders can subscribe via gsis-hamburg.com/#nav-enews.

GSIS 2025 Conference Agenda Now Published

The newly released GSIS 2025 Conference Agenda outlines a high-impact programme shaped by global developments. Each session delivers strategic insight at the nexus of security, innovation, and strategy. Key topics include AI, cyber defence, critical infrastructure, economic security, and the future of global order.

[The agenda is available as a downloadable PDF via the GSIS website.](#)

About GSIS

GSIS is designed not only as an annual summit, but as a year-round platform for strategic dialogue. Alongside the main event in Hamburg, regional satellite events are planned at IISS locations around the world, and digital engagement formats will provide continuous opportunities for exchange between summits.

About the International Institute for Strategic Studies

The Global Security and Innovation Summit builds on the strengths of its organising partners. The International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) is a globally respected defence and security think tank with deep expertise in regional geopolitics and geo-economics. It is known for convening high-level forums such as the Shangri-La Dialogue (Asia), the Manama Dialogue (Middle East), and the Prague Defence Summit (Europe). Its team of international researchers provides policy-relevant analysis to governments and the private sector.

About Hamburg Messe und Congress

Hamburg Messe und Congress (HMC), based in Germany's second-largest city, is one of Europe's leading organisers of global events. Its congress and trade fair facilities host industry-defining exhibitions and summits across sectors. The topic of global security has been a permanent feature of its portfolio

for more than sixty years – especially in connection with the world’s leading maritime trade fair SMM and the International Conference on Maritime Security and Defence (MS&D).

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