



# SECURITY CRISES IN THE 21ST CENTURY AND HOW TO MANAGE THEM?

International video conference

October 13 and 14, 2020, from 11: 00 to 14: 00

## ORGANIZERS:

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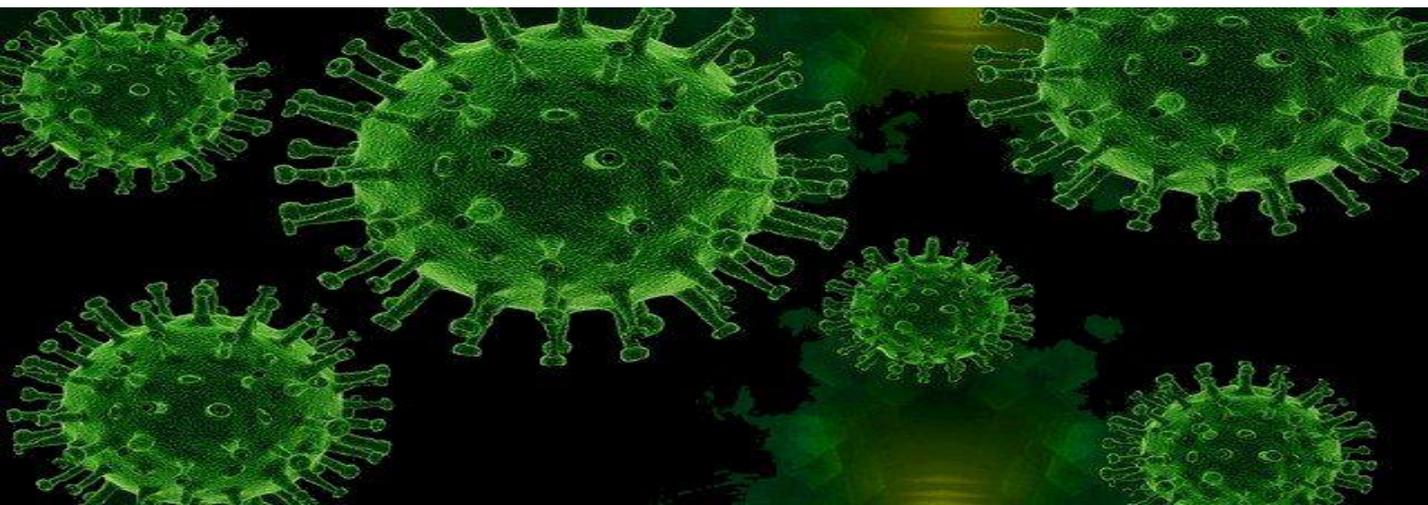
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# TOPICS

1. NEW CHALLENGES AS A SECURITY ISSUE (NEW CHALLENGES FROM SECURITY PERSPECTIVE)
2. EXPERIENCES AS LESSONS TO STRENGTHEN RESISTANCE TO FUTURE CRISES
3. THREATS VS. "CHANCES" IN CONDITIONS OF UNCERTAINTY
4. GLOBAL READINESS FOR COVID-19 - CAUSES AND CONSEQUENCES
5. COVID19 - LESSONS ON CRISIS MANAGEMENT
6. HEALTH RESPONSE TO COVID-19 - EXPERIENCES FROM THE REGION

The crises that marked the first decades of the 21st century, in addition to being broad-spectrum and of different origins, also show a trend of exponential frequency and intensity, with dramatic consequences for society, the state and the economy. COVID19 stood out especially among them, shaking the foundations of the already fragile world political and economic order. In addition to being probably "the last call to the world to wake up", COVID19 has the potential to transform into an existential crisis. What makes individuals, organizations and states "good" in crisis management is not only an attractive topic for discussion, but, above all, a question of crucial importance for the future in the world of "crisis as normal" towards which we are moving at a certain pace.

**The video conference** is a unique international event that brings together eminent experts from the region with the aim of exchanging experiences in today's risk and crisis management. The results of the conference should serve strategic (political), local, but also organizational actors as a guide for the development and implementation of sectoral policies and implementation of concrete actions, in order to strengthen resilience in the strategic and operational environment.



**October 13, 2020, 11: 00-14: 00**

**The topic of the first conference day** includes defining the theoretical and practical context, and specific challenges of risk management, crisis management and business continuity management, in the form of guidelines for strategic decision makers, both in public and private sector, for planning, establishment, implementation, management, supervision and maintenance, as well as continuous strengthening of management capacity.

**October 14, 2020, 11: 00-14: 00**

**The topic of the second conference day** includes the presentation of examples of "good" and "bad" practices of managing the COVID19 epidemic and treating the consequences, as a lesson for dealing with future crises. Some of the leading epidemiologists, immunologists, virologists and other medical experts are participating in the discussion as direct actors in the management of the epidemic in their countries, who have made a significant impact on shaping the attitudes and beliefs of decision makers in private and public discourse.

**For more information about the conference, including registration of participants, visit:**

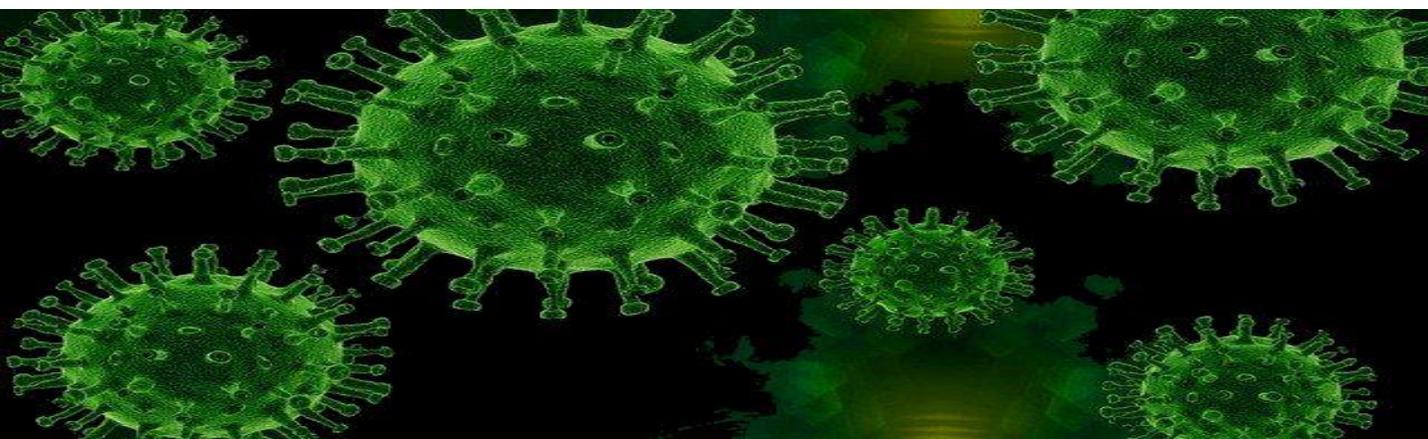
**<https://webinar.caruk.rs/>**

Prof. Dr. Zoran Keković, Center for Risk Analysis and Crisis Management

Doc. Dr. Jadranka Polović, Croatian Association for International Studies - HUMS

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\*\*\* Received papers that receive a positive review will be published in the Proceedings (category M33) published by Libertas University, the Center for Risk Analysis and Crisis Management, the Institute for Development and International Relations and the Croatian Association for International Studies.



## DAY ONE

# Security Risks and Crises In the 21st Century and Management Challenges

**Prof. Dr. Vlatko Cvrtila**

Security Management and New Challenges

**Prof. Dr. Slobodan P. Simonović**

Quantitative Resilience - Potential Criterion for Disaster Management

**Prof. Dr. Aleksandar Jovanović**

Risk Management In the Unpredictable Future: Linking Different  
Approaches Globally

### **SPECIAL GUEST FROM UNITED KINGDOM**

**Lord Toby Harris**

Leadership in the time of COVID

**Prof. Dr. Elizabeta Ristanovic**

Health Aspects of COVID-19 In a Real-Time Mirror

**Doc. Dr. Robert Mikac**

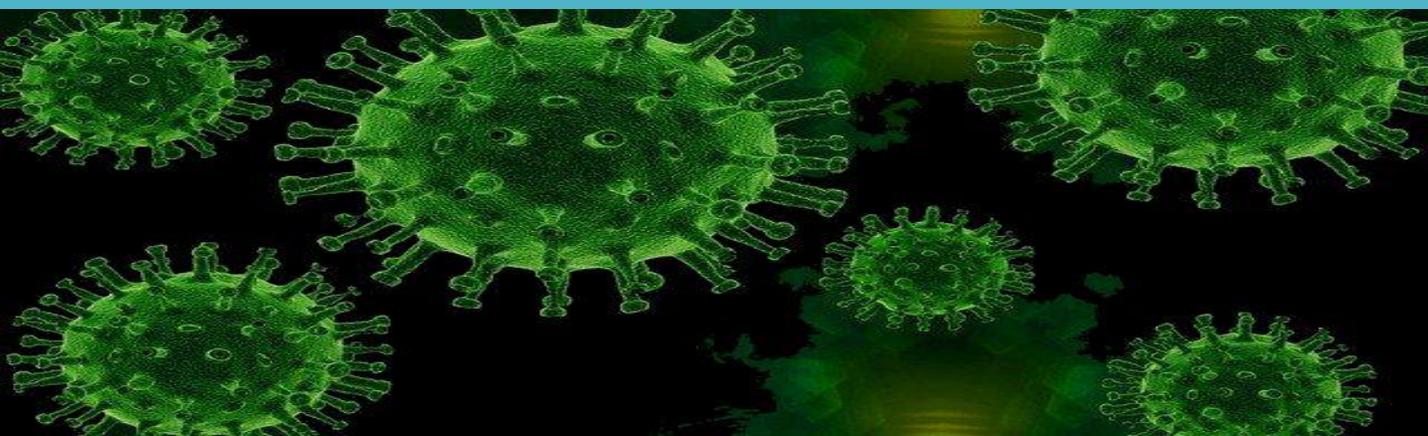
Analysis of EU Action During the COVID-19 Crisis

**Doc. Dr. Stjepan Sterc**

The New European Paradigm Reaches the Workforce

### **DISCUSSION**

Moderators: Prof. Dr Zoran Keković and Doc. Dr. Jadranka Polović



## DAY TWO

# COVID-19 - Crisis Management Experiences From the Region

### BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

**Prof. Dr. Mirsada Hukić**, specialist in microbiology, member of the European Academy of Sciences, member of the Academy of Sciences and Arts of BiH

**Prof. Dr. Drago Nedić**, member of the Commission for Zoonoses in Republika Srpska, member of the Coordination Body of the Government of Republika Srpska for planning, implementation and monitoring of activities related to the emergence of new coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 in Republika Srpska, President of the Scientific Council of the Veterinary Institute of Republika Srpska "Dr. Vaso Butozan "Banja Luka, full professor at the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, University of Belgrade.

### MONTENEGRO

**Prof. Dr. Boban Mugoša**, Director of the Institute of Public Health of Montenegro, Professor at the Faculty of Medicine, Pharmacy and Applied Physiotherapy of the University of Montenegro

**Prof. Dr. Nebojša Kavarić**, Faculty of Medicine, University of Montenegro, ECPD, European Center for Peace and Development, UN University

### CROATIA

**Dr. Damir Trut**, Assistant Minister and  
Deputy Chief of Staff of the Civil Protection of the Republic of Croatia  
Coronavirus COVID-19

**Dr. Nela Sršen**, Surgeon, Honorary Consul of the Republic of Croatia to Italy



## DAY TWO

# COVID-19 - Crisis Management Experiences From the Region

### NORTHERN MACEDONIA

**Prof. Dr. Velo Markovski**, Infectologist, Faculty of Medicine, University of Štip

**Doc. Dr. Golubinka Bosevska**, Microbiologist, Head of the Reference Laboratory for Diagnostics Sars Cov 2 at the Institute of Public Health of Northern Macedonia, WHO Consultant for Laboratory Diagnostics COVID-19, Assistant Professor, Faculty of Medicine, University of Goce Delcev

### SERBIA

**Prof. Dr. Ana Gligić**, retired virologist

**Doc. Dr. Verica Jovanović**, Director of the Institute of Public Health of Serbia 'Dr. Milan Jovanović Batut'

**Dipl. eng. Ms Miljan Rančić**, National Coordinator for Emergency Situations and Implementation of the International Health Regulations at the World Health Organization (WHO) Office in Serbia.

### DISCUSSION

**Moderator:** Prof. Dr. Elizabeta Ristanović



## INTRODUCTORY SPEAKERS



**Zoran Keković** (1965, Podgorica), a full-time professor, Faculty of Security Studies, Belgrade University. He worked as a lecturer and researcher at the Higher School of Internal Affairs in Zemun. He is the founder and head of the first academic postgraduated studies in the field of crisis management at the Faculty of Security since 2005. He is the founder and president of the Center for Risk Analysis and Crisis Management since 2006. He has been the president of the National Technical Committee for Security and Resilience at the Serbian Institute for Standardization since 2007. He is the member of ISO/TC 292 Security and Resilience since 2007. He is the organizer and participant of many scientific and professional conferences on the topic of security, as well as the author of a number of papers, monographs and textbooks in the field of security studies, corporate security, risk management and crisis management.



**Jadranka Polović**, Ph.D., is the president of the Croatian Association for International Studies (HUMS), Assistant professor at the Faculty of International Relations and Diplomacy, Libetas International University and an independent geopolitical analyst. She is a political scientist with a master's degree and a doctorate in political science (international relations and national security) obtained at the Faculty of Political Science, University of Zagreb. She is the author of a number of scientific and professional articles, the research team of the International Scientific Project GlobMigrant "Globalization of Migration, Anti-Immigrant Parties, and Xenophobia in the European Union: Reflections on European Societies and States in the 21st Century". He has extensive experience in editing and leading television and radio shows, which deal with relevant social issues in the field of domestic politics and international relations, as well as in the fields of human rights, civil society, science, culture, and ecology. She actively participated in the development of a number of National Policies for the Promotion of Gender Equality (2006-2010; 2011-2015) and is currently a member of the Working Group of the Government of the Republic of Croatia for the Draft National Policy for the Promotion of Gender Equality for the period 2019-2023. She is a regular columnist for the specialized geopolitical portal Geopolitika News, a member of the Atlantic Council of Croatia, the Institute for European and Globalization Studies, and the Croatian Political Science Association.



## INTRODUCTORY SPEAKERS



**Vlatko Cvrtila**, a full-time professor, VERN University in Zagreb. He graduated from the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Zagreb in 1989, earned a master's degree in 1992 and a Doctorate in 1999 in the field of international relations and security. From 2004 to 2005 he was vice-dean, and from 2008 to 2010 he served as Dean of the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Zagreb. In 2013 he is employed at VERN University of Applied Sciences where he was elected as Dean. In domestic and foreign publications, he published about 40 scientific papers and a number of expert articles on modern security issues. He was a member of the editorial board and executive editor of the magazine *Political Thought* (1996-2000; 2012-2016). He is the author of one (*Croatia and NATO*, 2004) and co-author of two books (*Contemporary National Security Systems*, 1999; *Contemporary Security Policy*, 2009). He participated in the work of several domestic and foreign expert groups on national and European security issues. He was an adviser to the President of the Republic of The Republic for Defense (2005-2008) and national security adviser to the President of the Government of the Republic of Croatia (2009-2011). Since 2012 to 2015 he was an external member of the Croatian Parliament's Defence Committee. In 2017 he was elected as Rector of VERN University in Zagreb.



**Slobodan P. Simonović** is globally recognized for his unique interdisciplinary research in Systems Analysis and the development of deterministic and stochastic simulation, optimization, multi criteria analysis, and other decision-making methodologies. His work is addressing challenging system of systems problems lying at the confluence of society, technology and the environment and has been applied with a sustainable development perspective in water resources management, hydrology, energy, climate change and public infrastructure. His main contributions include modeling k and resilience of complex systems. Professor Simonovic has influenced academia, industry and government via university teaching, publication of leading-edge research, mentoring of young people, delivering stimulating research seminars at institutions around the world, carrying out joint research projects, and consulting work. He has received awards for excellence in teaching, research and outreach. Simonovic has published over 600 professional publications (over 240 in peer reviewed Journals) and three major textbooks (translated into two languages). He has delivered over 300 keynote and invited talks. (Citation index 12300 and H index 57 as of July 2020) and has been inducted to the Canadian Academy of Engineering in 2013 and to the Royal Society of Canada in 2020.



## INTRODUCTORY SPEAKERS



**Elizabeta Ristanović**, is the Head of the Department of Microbial Genetics and Immunology at the Military Medical Academy in Belgrade, where she has been employed since 1998. She is a full professor at the University of Defense in Belgrade, working as a lecturer at the Medical Faculty of the Military Medical Academy in the field of Medical Microbiology, as well as at the Military Academy in the field of Bioterrorism and Crisis management within basic and doctoral studies as well as High Security and Defence Studies. She is one of the leading national experts in the field of bioterrorism and medical protection and a representative of the Ministry of Defense and the Serbian Army in many international bodies in this field. She is also a full professor at the European Center for Peace and Development at the UN University for Peace in the field of Emergency management. Prof. Ristanovic is the author and co-author of more than 280 scientific papers, including books and chapters in important international and domestic publications, as well as papers published in the world's most prestigious journals. She is the winner of the Vuk Award for contributions to education, science and culture of the Republic of Serbia and several other national recognitions.



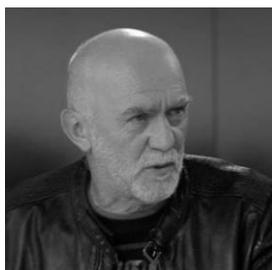
**Aleksandar Jovanović**, director of the Steinbeis Advanced Risk Technologies Group in Stuttgart, Germany and CEO of the European Virtual Institute for Integrated Risk Management (EU-VRI). He is a full professor at Steinbeis University Berlin and his previous academic and research assignments include Politecnico di Milano (Italy), University of Stuttgart (Germany), Ecole Polytechnique (France), University of Tokyo (Japan), UC La Jolla (USA), Beijing Capital University (China), the European Commission (Belgium, Italy), Argonne Ntl. Lab. (USA), and industry in USA and Serbia. Main topics covered by the current projects deal with risk and resilience management in industry (e.g. for insurance, power, process) and include HSSE (Health, Safety, Security, Environment), RCM (Reliability Centered Maintenance), RBI (Risk-Based Inspection), KPIs (Key Performance Indicators), RCFA (Root Cause Failure analysis), resilience indicators and application of AI (artificial intelligence). As a risk practitioner, A. Jovanovic has contributed to the global risk community by a number of actions, such as convener of the national, European and ISO standards: CEN-CWA 15740:2008 ("RBI"), prEN16991:2017 ("RBI") and CEN-CWA 16449:2013 ("Management on New Technologies-Related Risks") and ISO 31050 ("Management of emerging risks for enhanced resilience"). He is a coauthor of the milestone study on Future Global Shocks of the OECD (2013), author of 7 books and over 150 publications ([www.researchgate.net/profile/Aleksandar\\_Jovanovic5](http://www.researchgate.net/profile/Aleksandar_Jovanovic5)).



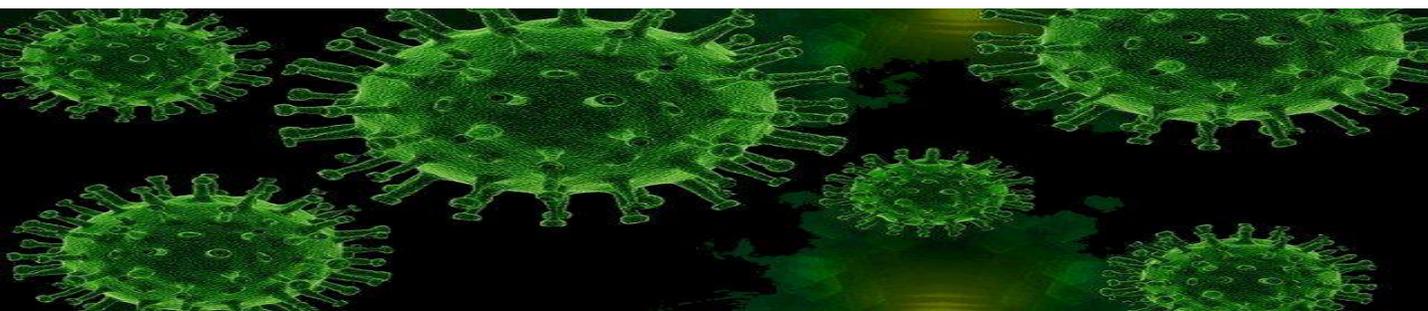
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**Robert Mikac** is Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Political Science of the University of Zagreb in the area of Social Sciences, Field of Political Science, Subfield International Relations and National Security. Areas of his interest and expertise are: International Relations; International and National Security; Security Management; Crisis and Disaster Management; Civil Protection; Afghanistan; Privatization of Security, Critical Infrastructure Protection and Resilience; Migrations and Security. He is the author and co-author of six books - Afghanistan: Never Ending Conflict (2008); Contemporary Security and Private Security Companies: Privatization of Security and Consequences (2013); Critical Infrastructure: Platform for the Development of the Security of Nations (2018); Critical Infrastructure: Concept and security challenges (2019); National Security of the Republic of Croatia in the 21st Century (2019); Basics of counterinsurgency operations: A case study of Afghanistan (2020) and about forty scientific and expert papers.



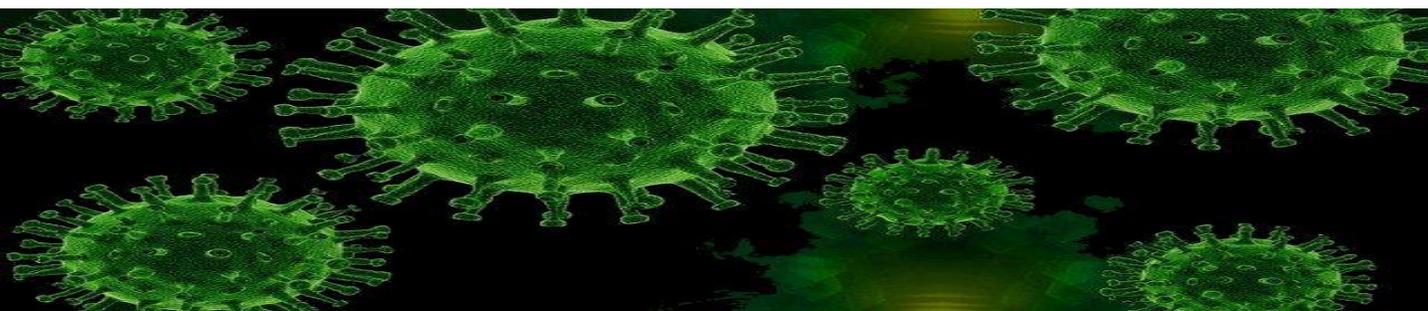
**Stjepan Šterc**, Ph.D, Assistant Professor at University of Zagreb, Faculty of Croatian Studies, head of Department of Demography and Croatian Diaspora. From 1991 to 2003, Stjepan Šterc worked in the Government of the Republic of Croatia, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Ministry of Defense and Reconstruction as Assistant Minister of Development and Reconstruction and Defense. He is one of the founders of the Ivo Pilar Institute, the Faculty of Croatian Studies, and the scientific journal Social Research. He is also one of the authors of the "National Program of Demographic Development of the Republic of Croatia", "Law on Islands", "Study on the Development of Areas of Special State Concern" as well as a number of others. He was a member of the Council for Demographic Development of the Republic of Croatia, a member of the Council for Spatial Development of the Republic of Croatia, a member of the Presidential Council of the Republic of Croatia, a member of the Government Succession Commission. He has lectured at the HVU War School of the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Croatia, the Geographical Department of the Faculty of Science, and the Faculty of Croatian Studies, where he is the head of the Department of Demography and Croatian Diaspora.



## SPECIAL GUEST



**Toby Harris (Lord Harris Of Haringey)**, graduated from Cambridge University in 1975, having studied Natural Sciences and Economics. His professional career began with four years in the Economics Division of the Bank of England, and subsequently the Electricity Consumers' Council. In 1987, he became Director of the Association of Community Health Councils for England and Wales (the national statutory body representing patients' interests). He remained there until October 1998, when he established his own public affairs consultancy, Toby Harris Associates, which advises a number of major public and private sector bodies. Lord Toby Harris was made a Life Peer in June 1998 and has been Chair of the Labour Peers since 2012. He sits as a member (currently the Vice Chair) of the Joint Committee on National Security since 2016 and previously from 2010 to 2014. He is a member of the Committee on Life Beyond COVID and was a member of the Committee on Democracy and Digital Technologies, which reported in summer 2020. Among other positions, he was also a member of the House of Lords Select Committee that reported on Personal Internet Security in 2007. He is Co-Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Policing and an Officer of the Parliamentary Internet and Communications Technology Forum. Outside Parliament, he is President of the Institute of Strategic Risk Management and chairs the National Preparedness Commission, whose mission is to promote better preparedness for a major crisis or incident. He is a non-executive director of Cybersecurity Challenge UK. In addition, he chairs the Independent Reference Group for the National Crime Agency. In 2016, he conducted an Independent Review for the Mayor of London on London's Preparedness to Respond to a Major Terrorist Incident. He was a member of the London Assembly from May 2000 to June 2004, on which he led the Labour Group and he was the first Chair of the Metropolitan Police Authority (MPA). He continued to sit on the MPA from 2004 until 2012, as the representative of the Home Secretary. He was also the interim chair of the Audit Panel for the Metropolitan Police Service and the Mayor's Office for Policing and Crime.



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