

KVMO Symposium 2018



Rotterdam, October 2018

Dear invitee,

The Dutch economy is highly dependent on keeping the sea lanes free. However, the freedom of action on that sea is being seriously threatened by various developments:

- Russia is openly threatening to shut down shipping in the Baltic Sea and the eastern Mediterranean Sea-Basin;
- China has declared the South Chinese Sea to be an inland sea within the so-called *Nine Dash Line*;
- Migratory flows keep the coast guards of the southern European countries busy; and
- America, which has been the undisputed maritime power since the end of the Cold war, is shifting its attention towards the Pacific Ocean.

For all of these reasons, and more, the key-question for our Royal Navy must be: How do we remain assured of free trade routes in this uncertain world and what do we require for this? The KVMO is therefore pleased to invite you to a geopolitical symposium called:

A dramatic image of a naval ship at sea, with a large explosion or fire in the background, overlaid with the title text.

Dealing With Doom

Our symposium will take place in Rotterdam with a seasoned moderator as well as (inter) national renowned speakers including [Mr. John Hulsman](#), who will discuss the future of naval security. The symposium is in English and planned to be highly interactive, so that your voice will be heard!

Symposium Details

Date	Friday the 23rd of November 2018
Time	10:00 – 15:00 hrs
Venue	STC Rotterdam Lloydstraat 300 in Rotterdam, The Netherlands
Moderator	Rear Admiral Robert Kenneth "Bob" Tarrant CB