

## **Space as the Next Battlefield: NATO's Strategic Dilemmas**

### **Exclusive interview with Prof. Bert Chapman**

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- What makes space policy a pressing issue for NATO allies today?

- Space policy is vital for NATO allies because reliance on and dependable access to space impacts multiple civilian and military sectors. Examples include transportation, emergency response, military communication, surveillance, targeting, and warning, financial transactions, weather forecasting, energy delivery, food supply, and personal and institutional communication such as iPhones and social media.

- Do you see NATO developing a unified space doctrine, or will national approaches remain dominant?

- It would be in NATO's best interest to develop a unified space policy. However, individual NATO members such as the U.S. will have global interests beyond European and Mediterranean operational theaters such as Asia/Pacific, and Latin America and national approaches will remain preeminent.

- What role do you think commercial actors will play in allied space strategies?

- Commercial actors will play a larger role in allied space strategies, but will have to subordinate their economic aspirations and interests if crises or war break out between NATO and Russia or with countries like the U.S. and Australia if crises or war break out in other global arenas.