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About Leaders DC

The 2026 Leaders DC Dialogue will focus on **investment screening and economic security** in the **US and key international markets**. Taking place on the **6th of May 2026**, the half-day convening will bring together senior US government officials, representatives from key foreign jurisdictions, and leaders from business, private practice, and academia. As a **satellite event of CFIS**, Leaders DC provides a **high-level forum for strategic exchange**, gathering both **practical insights and long-term perspectives** on the future of investment screening policy in the US and major foreign jurisdictions.

Participation will be limited to **50 senior stakeholders**, and discussions will be conducted under the **Chatham House Rule** to facilitate candid and constructive dialogue.

About the CELIS Institute

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Venue

The House of Sweden, located at 2900 K Street NW in Washington, D.C.

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Tuesday, 5 May 2026

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19.00 EST – **LEADERS DC RECEPTION AT SKADDEN, ARPS, SLATE, MEAGHER & FLOM LLP**
SPEAKER TO BE CONFIRMED
1440 New York Ave., NW Washington, DC 20005

Wednesday, 6 May 2026

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12.00 – 12.45 EST REGISTRATION AND LIGHT LUNCH

12.45 – 13.00 CET **CONVENERS' WELCOME REMARKS**

Steffen Hindelang (Professor of International Investment and Trade Law, Uppsala University; Executive Director, CELIS Institute, Berlin)

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13.00 – 13.30 EST **Opening Keynote**

Investment and Trade in a Changing Security Environment (Working Title)

Jonas Wendel (Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Sweden, Washington, D.C.)

13.30 – 14.30 EST **Fireside Chat**

The Future of Investment Screening: Cooperation, Credibility, and Resilience (Working Title)

Chair: *Michael Considine* (Senior Advisor, FGS Global, Washington D.C.)

Speakers: *Andrew Fair* (Deputy Assistant Secretary for Investment Security, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Washington D.C.)

14.30 – 15.00 EST COFFEE BREAK

15.00 – 16.30 EST **PANEL 1: REGULATORY RISK IN MULTI-JURISDICTION INVESTMENT SCREENING**
Lessons from CFIUS and Key Jurisdictions on Managing Regulatory Risk in Parallel Screening Reviews

- Where do divergences in risk assessment and risk thresholds create the greatest uncertainty?
- How do these divergences translate into barriers for investors, including uncertainty around applicable risk assessment methodology, predictability of outcome, and transaction viability?
- How can authorities and investors/practitioners anticipate, manage these risks while preserving national security objectives?



Chair: *Jason Hewitt* (Counsel, Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom (UK) LLP, London)

Speakers: *Ryan Stoner* (Deputy Director, Office of Investment Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington D.C.)

Mitsutoshi Kajikawa (Deputy Vice Minister of Finance for International Affairs, Japan)

Carl Johan Wieslander (Director General and Head of the Inspectorate of Strategic Products, Stockholm)

Ana-Maria Belacurencu (Case Handler, Foreign Investment Department, Romanian Foreign Direct Investment Screening Commission, Bucharest)

Jennifer Danner Riccardi (Senior Trade Adviser, European External Action Service, European Commission, Washington D.C.)

16.30 – 16.45 EST COFFEE BREAK

16.45 – 18.15 EST **PANEL 2: WHAT'S THE DEAL ABOUT DATA?
Security, Mitigation, and Trust**

- How are data access risks to national security assessed and mitigated?
- How can businesses structure data governance protocols and cybersecurity measures to pre-emptively address national security concerns in screening reviews and signal trust?
- What practical challenges do investors and companies face in implementing data-related mitigation measures across jurisdictions?

Chair: *Danielle Myles* (Senior Editor, fDi Intelligence, Milan)

Speakers: *Meena Sharma* (Director, Office of Investment Security Policy and International Relations, at U.S. Department of the Treasury, Washington D.C.)

Evan Sills (Partner, Kirkland & Ellis, Washington D.C.)

Samuel Moss (National Security Counsel, Amazon Leo, Washington D.C.)

Santiago Conde Lara (Deputy Director, Foreign Investment Unit, Department of Commerce, Madrid)

John Carlin (Partner, Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison LLP, Washington D.C.)

18.15 – 18.30 EST **CLOSING REMARKS**



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