

# THE TECHNOLOGY AND NATIONAL SECURITY CONFERENCE

## INNOVATING FOR DEMOCRACY: WHAT DOES IT TAKE TO WIN?

**MARCH 2, 2024**

**OUR OBJECTIVE: Challenge the business community to better solve defense problems.**

Entering its third year, the 2024 HBS and MIT Technology and National Security Conference will accelerate defense innovation by bringing practitioners and thinkers from the public and private sectors together to solve national security problems. This year's theme, "Innovating for Democracy: What Does It Take to Win?" reconciles the implications of the unprecedented rate of technological advancement in conjunction with the DoD's halting shift away from a Cold War-era acquisition mindset as we enter the middle of the so-called "Decisive Decade."

**How can we build a defense eco-system that ensures that we win?**

**HOSTED BY:**



**Aerospace & Defense Club**

A student club at Harvard Business School



**A STUDENT-LED EVENT**  
AT MIT SLOAN SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT

### FRIDAY, MARCH 1:

Evening Fireside Chat | **Current State:** What's Working, What's Not, and the Way Forward

Networking Night

### SATURDAY, MARCH 2:

Sitting US Official | **Policy, Contracting, and Keeping Pace With Technology**

Business Leader Panel | **Winning Contracts and Mending the Washington – Silicon Valley Rift**

Cyber Frontiers: Defining the Next Era of National Security

Information Warfare: Disinformation, Deception, and Potential Impacts of the Generative AI Boom

Tech for Medical Readiness and Biochemical Defense in Pursuit of Global Security

Autonomous Systems: Human-Machine Team or User Burden?

Recruiting & Retention: How Do We Win the War for Talent?

Space: The Regulation of the New Space Economy

Energy and Security: Geopolitics, Resilience, and the Clean Transition

Industrial Competition: Single-use Tech, Critical Materials, and Advanced Manufacturing

Innovation Showcase: Workshops for Breaking into the Defense Industry

Allied Leader | **Allied and Partner Defense Collaboration**

Defense Investing Panel | **Looking Ahead:** What's Working, What's Not, and the Way Forward

Strategic Thinker | **Crisis-driven Innovation vs. Proactive Modernization**

Networking Night