
CONFERENCE PROGRAM

DATE: **APRIL 12 – 14, 2012**

1ST DAY – THURSDAY, APRIL 12, 2012

13:30 OFFICIAL WELCOME

AMB. (RET.) RASTISLAV KÁČER, President and Chairman of the Board, Slovak Atlantic Commission

OPENING REMARKS

H. E. ROBERT FICO, Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic

13:55 – 15:05 OPENING SESSION: FROM PRAGUE TO CHICAGO AND BEYOND

CHAIR: **AMB. (RET.) RASTISLAV KÁČER**, President and Chairman of the Board, Slovak Atlantic Commission

JÍŘÍ SCHNEIDER, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

ZSOLT NÉMETH, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of Hungary

BOGUSŁAW WINID, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs for Security Issues of Poland

PETER BURIAN, State Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic

15:05 – 15:30 Networking Coffee Break

15:30 – 17:00 SESSION 1: EUROPEAN ECONOMIC INTEGRATION: SAVING THE UNION FROM ITSELF

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CHAIR: **PETER SPIEGEL**, Brussels Bureau Chief, Financial Times, Brussels

JOHN FITZGERALD, Research Professor, The Economic and Social Research Institute, Adjunct Professor, Trinity College, Dublin

PETER KAŽIMÍR, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance of the Slovak Republic

JEAN PISANI-FERRY, Director, Bruegel, Brussels

GIULIO TREMONTI, Professor of Law, University of Pavia; Member of the Italian Parliament; Chairman of the Aspen Institute Italia, Rome

18:00 GALA DINNER (UPON SEPARATE INVITATION ONLY)

VENUE: **HISTORICAL BUILDING OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC, BRATISLAVA**

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE **BUSES LEAVE THE KEMPINSKI HOTEL AT 17:30**

21:30 NIGHT OWL SESSION 1: SECURITY COOPERATION IN THE VISEGRAD REGION: WAY AHEAD (OFF THE RECORD)

ROOM: **MARIA THERESIA MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM, FIRST FLOOR**

CHAIR: **JOZEF BÁTORA**, Associate Professor, Institute of European Studies and International Relations, Faculty of Social and Economic Sciences, Comenius University, Bratislava

JÍŘÍ SCHNEIDER, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, Prague

MARCIN ZABOROWSKI, Director, Polish Institute of International Affairs, Warsaw

AMB. ISTVÁN GYARMATI, President, Center for Democracy Public Foundation, Budapest

THORVALD STOLTENBERG, Former Defence and Foreign Minister of Norway; Author of the "Nordic cooperation on foreign and security policy" Report, made on commission for the five Nordic Governments in 2009, Oslo

21:30 NIGHT OWL SESSION 2: AMERICA'S PACIFIC CENTURY: IMPLICATIONS FOR EUROPE (OFF THE RECORD)

CO-ORGANISED BY THE GERMAN MARSHALL FUND OF THE UNITED STATES

ROOM: ARTE RESTAURANT, GROUND FLOOR

Chair: **JAMES DENTON**, Publisher, The World Affairs Journal, Washington, D.C.

DAMON WILSON, Vice-President, Atlantic Council, Washington, D.C.

HON. GIORGI BARAMIDZE, Vice-Prime Minister and State Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of the Republic of Georgia

ANDREW A. MICHTA, Director Warsaw Office, German Marshall Fund of the U. S., Warsaw

FRANÇOIS HEISBOURG, Special Advisor, Fondation pour la recherche stratégique, Paris

21:30 NIGHT OWL SESSION 3: AFGHANISTAN BEYOND 2014 (OFF THE RECORD)

ROOM: HABSBUERG, FIRST FLOOR

CHAIR: **STEPHANIE SANOK**, Senior Fellow, International Security Program, Center for Strategic & International Studies, Washington, D.C.

H. E. URMAS PAET, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia

AMB. ALEXANDER VERSHBOW, Deputy Secretary General of NATO

AMRULLAH SALEH, Former Director General of the National Directorate of Security

AMB. JÁN KUBIŠ, Special Representative and Head of the United Nations Assistance Mission in Afghanistan, Kabul

AIR VICE-MARSHAL ROBERT W. JUDSON, Assistant Chief of the Defence Staff for Operations, UK General Staff, London

21:30 NIGHT OWL SESSION 4: THE FUTURE OF EUROPEAN ENERGY (OFF THE RECORD)

ROOM: RIVER BANK BRASSERIE, GROUND FLOOR

CHAIR: **MATTHEW HULBERT**, Senior Researcher, Netherlands Institute of International Relations

ALAN RILEY, Professor of Law, City Law School, Grays Inn, London

GRZEGORZ PYTEL, Energy Security Expert, Sobieski Institute, Warsaw

ANDREJ JURIŠ, Director of Strategy and Development, Západoslovenská energetika, member of E.ON Group

2ND DAY – FRIDAY, APRIL 13, 2012

09:15 – 10:45 SESSION 2: FUTURE OF EUROPE AND THE TRANSATLANTIC COOPERATION

CHAIR: **AMB. (RET.) RASTISLAV KÁČER**, President of the Slovak Atlantic Commission

H. E. IVAN GAŠPAROVIČ, President of the Slovak Republic

H. E. DANILO TÜRK, President of the Republic of Slovenia

H. E. IVO JOSIPOVIĆ, President of the Republic of Croatia

10:45 – 11:15 Networking Coffee Break

11:15 – 12:45 SESSION 3: SMART ENOUGH? NATO'S RESPONSE TO THE FISCAL CRISIS

KEYNOTE REMARKS: **AMB. ALEXANDER VERSHBOW**, Deputy Secretary General of NATO

CHAIR: **TOMÁŠ VALÁŠEK**, Senior Fellow, Slovak Atlantic Commission, Bratislava; Director Foreign Policy and Defence, Centre for European Reform, London

HON. ALEXANDR VONDRA, Minister of Defence of the Czech Republic

HON. ESPEN BARTH EIDE, Minister of Defence of the Kingdom of Norway

H. E. IVO DAALDER, Permanent Representative of the United States to NATO

VICE-ADMIRAL CAROL M. POTTENGER, Deputy Chief of Staff, Capability Development, NATO Headquarters Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, Norfolk

12:45 – 14:15 Networking Lunch

14:15 – 15:00 GLOBSEC KEYNOTE: CHALLENGES FOR MONTENEGRO AND THE WESTERN BALKANS ON THEIR PATH TO EURO-ATLANTIC INTEGRATION

H. E. IGOR LUKŠIĆ, Prime Minister of Montenegro

ŠTEFAN FÜLE, European Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighbourhood Policy, Brussels

INTRODUCED AND CHAIRED BY: **IVAN VEJVODA**, Vice-President for Programmes, German Marshall Fund of the U.S., Washington, D.C.

15:00 – 16:30 SESSION 4: WHAT'S NEXT FOR THE ARAB SEASONS?

CO-ORGANISED BY **CENTRE FOR EUROPEAN STUDIES**

CHAIR: **ROLAND FREUDENSTEIN**, Deputy Director & Head of Research, Centre for European Studies, Brussels

H.E. NICKOLAY MLADENOV, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Bulgaria

ANAS EL GOMATI, Middle East Analyst, Director, Al Sadeq Institute, Tripoli

TAREK OSMAN, Author of the Book "Egypt on the Brink: From Nasser to Mubarak", Cairo

AMB. ODED ERAN, Senior Research Fellow, Institute of National Security Studies, Tel Aviv University, Tel Aviv

16:30 – 17:00 Networking Coffee Break

17:00 – 18:30 SESSION 5: REVITALISING EUROPE'S SECURITY AND DEFENCE: STRATEGY VS. LIMITATIONS

CO-ORGANISED BY THE **KONRAD ADENAUER STIFTUNG**

CHAIR: **GERHARD WAHLERS**, Deputy Secretary General, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Berlin

CHRISTIAN SCHMIDT, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister of Defence

ZBIGNIEW WŁOSOWICZ, Deputy Minister for Defence Policy, Ministry of National Defence of the Republic of Poland

NICK WITNEY, Senior Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations, London; Former Chief Executive of the European Defence Agency

COL. (RET.) JOSEPH R. WOOD, Senior Fellow, German Marshall Fund of the United States; Former Deputy Assistant to the Vice President for National Security Affairs, Washington, D.C.

21:30 – 23:00 BREAK-OUT DINNER SESSIONS (UPON SEPARATE INVITATION ONLY, OFF THE RECORD)

- A/ Belarus and the EU: Behind Closed Doors
- B/ NATO Defence and Deterrence Posture Review
- C/ NATO Post Libya: Lessons Learned
- D/ Moscow: How Will Elections Affect European Security?
- E/ The Future of the EU: What Will the Crisis Entail?
- F/ Kosovo's EU Perspective in the Context of European Security and Political Architecture

21:30 NIGHT OWL SESSION 5: THE BALKANS AND THE EU: NEW REALITIES (OFF THE RECORD)

CO-ORGANISED BY THE **EUROPEAN FUND FOR THE BALKANS**

ROOM: **HABSBURG**, FIRST FLOOR

CHAIR: **HEDVIG MORVAI-HORVAT**, Executive Director, European Fund for the Balkans, Belgrade

H. E. MIROSLAV LAJČÁK, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic

H. E. EDMOND HAXHINASTO, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania

H. E. NIKOLA POPOSKI, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia*

SONJA LICHT, President, Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence, Belgrade

21:30 NIGHT OWL SESSION 6: FROM THEORY TO HARSH REALITY: CYBER SPACE & SECURITY TODAY (OFF THE RECORD)

ROOM: RIVER BANK BRASSERIE, GROUND FLOOR

CHAIR: **JASON HEALEY**, Director, Cyber Statecraft Initiative, Atlantic Council, Washington, D.C.**ROBERT HAYES**, UK Representative of the Microsoft Institute for Advanced Technology in Governments, Cambridge**COL. (RET.) GREGORY J. RATRAY**, Senior Security Advisor, BITS Financial Services Roundtable, Washington, D.C.**21:30 NIGHT OWL SESSION 7: UKRAINE TOGETHER AND BETWEEN THE EU AND RUSSIA (OFF THE RECORD)**CO-ORGANISED BY THE **CIVIC EXPERT COUNCIL – GER** WITH THE SUPPORT OF **USAID** THROUGH **PACT, INC.**

ROOM: ARTE RESTAURANT, GROUND FLOOR

CHAIR: **ROLAND KOVATS**, Chief of Party United Project, PACT, Kyiv**PAVLO KLIMKIN**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Kyiv**PETER BURIAN**, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic**OLEH RYBACHUK**, Chairman, Civic Expert Council – GER, Kyiv**BRUCE JACKSON**, President, Project on Transitional Democracies, Washington, D.C.**21:30 NIGHT OWL SESSION 8: NATO PARTNERSHIPS AND ENLARGEMENT**ORGANISED AS PART OF THE **BRATISLAVA YOUNG ATLANTICIST SUMMIT** PROGRAMME (BYAS)ROOM: **MARIA THERESIA MAIN CONFERENCE ROOM**, FIRST FLOORCHAIR: **BENJAMIN BILSKI**, Executive Director, Pericles Foundation, London**GEORGE GAMKERILEDZE**, Analyst, New Generation – New Initiative, Tbilisi**JELENA PETROVIC**, PhD Candidate, King's College London, London**TIMOTHY STAFFORD**, Research Assistant, United Kingdom Parliament, London**3RD DAY – SATURDAY, APRIL 14, 2012****09:00 – 10:30 SESSION 6: GENERATION CHANGE IN THE US & AUSTERITY IN EUROPE: A MARRIAGE IN CRISIS?**CHAIR: **JUDY DEMPSEY**, Columnist for the International Herald Tribune, Senior Associate, Editor in Chief, Strategic Europe, Carnegie Europe, Berlin**HON. MIKULÁŠ DZURINDA**, MP, Former Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic, Bratislava**BOGDAN LUCIAN AURESCU**, State Secretary for Strategic Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Romania, Bucharest**AMB. KURT VOLKER**, Sr Fellow and Managing Director, Center for Transatlantic Relations, School of Advanced Int'l Studies, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C.**CONSTANZE STELZENMÜLLER**, Senior Transatlantic Fellow, German Marshall Fund of the U.S.**MAJ.-GEN. MARK O. SCHISSLER**, Director, Plans and Policy, Headquarters U. S. European Command, Stuttgart-Vaihingen

10:30 – 10:50 Networking Coffee Break

10:50 – 12:00 SESSION 7: NEW GEOPOLITICS IN THE MIDDLE EASTCHAIR: **ROBIN SHEPHERD**, Senior Fellow, Central European Policy Institute, Bratislava**RAGHIDA DERGHAM**, Columnist and Senior Diplomatic Correspondent, Al-Hayat, London**SINAN ÜLGEN**, Chairman, Center for Economics and Foreign Policy Studies (EDAM), Istanbul**DANIEL LEVY**, Non-Resident Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations, London

12:00 – 12:20 Networking Coffee Break



12:20 – 13:50 SESSION 8: POST-CRISIS GLOBAL GOVERNANCE: WHOSE RULES?

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CHAIR: **JAMES DENTON**, Publisher, The World Affairs Journal, Washington, D.C.

IGNAZIO ANGELONI, Adviser to the ECB Executive Board, Frankfurt and Visiting Fellow, Bruegel, Brussels

JIM O'NEILL, Chairman, Goldman Sachs Asset Management, London

DMITRI SUSLOV, Deputy Director for Research, Council on Foreign and Defence Policy, Moscow

LIMING WANG, Director, Confucius Institute for Ireland, University College Dublin

13:50 CLOSING REMARKS AND SUMMARY

RÓBERT VASS, Secretary General, Slovak Atlantic Commission

14:00 NETWORKING LUNCH

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