

EASTERN PARTNERSHIP: TOWARDS CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM

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CONFERENCE PROGRAM

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Organizer

Association for International Affairs (CZ)

Partners

Prague Security Studies Institute (CZ), Institute for International Relations (CZ), Institute for Security and Development Policy (SE), Polish Institute of International Affairs (PL), East European Democratic Centre (PL), Open Society Institute, Black Sea Trust, Heinrich Böll Foundation, European Partnership for Democracy, European Council on Foreign Relations, Policy Association for an Open Society, Pact, Office for a Democratic Belarus and others

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TUESDAY, MAY 5

14:00 - 17:00

6 parallel workshops (by special invitations only)

WORKSHOP A

Building a Partnership of Shared Values?

Thematic focus: Democracy, Good Governance and Human Rights

Host: Policy Association for an Open Society (PASOS)

Venue: CERGE-EI, Politických veznu 7, Prague 1

Coordinator

Jeff Lovitt, Executive Director; Policy Association for an Open Society, Czech Republic / UK

Rapporteur

Iryna Solonenko, Director, European Programme; International Renaissance Foundation, Ukraine

Participants

Ana Coretchi, Program Director, East East: Partnership beyond Borders Program; Soros Foundation-Moldova, Moldova

Iris Kempe, Director; Heinrich Böll Foundation, Georgia / Germany

Amalia Kostanyan, Chairwoman; Transparency International Anti-corruption Center, Armenia

Boris Navasardian, President; Yerevan Press Club, Armenia

Kristina Prunerová, Programme Manager; European Partnership for Democracy, Brussels / Czech Republic

Grégoire Théry, Liaison Officer to the EU; Delegation to the European Union, International Federation of Human Rights, Brussels

Elena Tonkacheva, Legal Transformation Center, Belarus / Chairperson of the Board; Foundation for Legal Technologies Development, Ukraine

Liudmila Ulyashyna, Coordinator, International Law in Advocacy; Human Rights House Foundation, Norway / Belarus

Arman Vardanyan, Director; Social Policy and Development Centre, Armenia

Leyla Yunusova, Director; Institute for Peace and Democracy, Azerbaijan

WORKSHOP B

Resolving Conflicts: Pre-condition for Development in other Areas?

Thematic focus: Security and Peace Building

Host: Association for International Affairs (AMO)

Venue: Prague Security Studies Institute (PSSI), Pohorelec 6, Prague 1

Coordinator

Michal Thim, Director, Research Center; Association for International Affairs, Czech Republic

Rapporteur

Oleksandr Sushko, Research Director; Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation, Ukraine

Participants

Arzu Abdullayeva, Chairwoman; Azerbaijan National Committee of Helsinki Citizens' Assembly, Azerbaijan

Alexander Bogomolov, President; Association of Middle East Studies, Ukraine

Archil Gegeshidze, Senior Fellow; Georgian Foundation for Strategic and International Studies, Georgia

Ferenc Kálmár, Project Manager; International Centre for Democratic Transition, Hungary

Vlad Lupan, Independent Expert, Moldova

Olena Prystayko, Research Fellow; EU-Russia Centre, Brussels / Ukraine

Mira Sovakar, Projects Manager, Caucasus Programme; Conciliation Resources, Germany / UK

Vít Střítecký, Researcher; Institute of International Relations, Czech Republic

George Tarkhan-Mouravi, Director; Institute for Policy Studies, Georgia
Gevorg Ter-Gabrielyan, Country Director; Eurasia Partnership Foundation, Armenia

WORKSHOP C

EU Role in Economic Convergence of EaP Countries

Thematic Focus: Economic Integration

Host: Association for International Affairs (AMO)

Venue: Association for Communication in Public Sector (AKVS), Lazarska 11/6, Prague 2

Coordinator

Alice Savovová, Executive Director; Association for International Affairs, Czech Republic

Rapporteur

Marek Dabrowski, President; CASE - Center for Social and Economic Research, Poland

Participants

András Deák, Executive Director; Hungarian Institute of International Affairs, Hungary

Ghenadie Ivascenco, Executive Director; Habitat-Moldova Center, Moldova

Alexandru Oprunenco, Director, International Programs; Expert Group, Moldova

Irakli Rekhviashvili, Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative; Open Society Institute, Hungary

Rena Safaraliyeva, Executive Director; Transparency International, Azerbaijan

Olga Shumylo, Director; International Centre for Policy Studies, Ukraine

Karel Svoboda, Research Fellow; Association for International Affairs, Czech Republic

WORKSHOP D

Connecting Neighbours: From Infrastructure to People-to-People Contacts

Thematic Focus: Communication, Transport, Visa Facilitation

Host: Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM)

Venue: Institute of International Relations (IIR), Nerudova 3, Prague 1

Coordinator

Łukasz Adamski, Analyst; Polish Institute of International Affairs, Poland

Rapporteur

Iryna Vidanova, Editor-in-Chief; Multimedia Magazine "34", Belarus

Participants

Olena Betlii, Director, Polish and European Studies Centre; National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, Ukraine

Grzegorz Gromadzki, Director, International Cooperation Program; Stefan Batory Foundation, Poland

Jacek Kucharczyk, Research Director; Institute of Public Affairs, Poland

Peter Mossop, International Centre for Democratic Transition, Hungary

Igor Munteanu, Executive Director; IDIS-Viitorul (Institute for Development and Social Initiatives), Moldova

Lucia Najšlová, Junior Researcher, European Studies Program; Research Centre of Slovak Foreign Policy Association, Slovakia

Ghia Nodia, Board Member; Caucasus Institute for Peace, Democracy and Development, Georgia

Tevan Poghosyan, Director; International Center for Human Development, Armenia

WORKSHOP E
Eastern Partnership and Energy Security
Thematic Focus: Energy Security

Host: Institute of International Relations (IIR)
Venue: Institute of International Relations (IIR), Nerudova 3, Prague 1

Coordinator

Petr Kratochvíl, Deputy Director; Institute of International Relations (IIR), Czech Republic

Rapporteur

Tornike Sharashenidze, Head, International Affairs Program; Georgian Institute of Public Affairs, Georgia

Participants

Ingilab Ahmedov, Director; Public Public Finance Monitoring Center, Azerbaijan

Petr Binhack, Association for International Affairs, Czech Republic

Richard Giragosian, Director; Armenian Center for National and International Studies, Armenia / USA

Veaceslav Ionita, IDIS-Viitorul (Institute for Development and Social Initiatives), Moldova

Roderick Kefferpütz, Director, Energy Security Programme; Heinrich Böll Foundation - EU Regional Office, Brussels / Germany / Netherlands

Sascha Müller-Kraenner, Director; Nature Conservancy in Europe, Germany

Jiří Schneider, Program Director; Prague Security Studies Institute, Czech Republic

Ernest Wyciszkiwicz, Coordinator, Energy Security Programme; Polish Institute of International Affairs, Poland

WORKSHOP F
A Role for the Civil Society Forum in the Eastern Partnership
Thematic Focus: Agenda and Design of the Civil Society Forum

Venue: CERGE-EI, Politických veznu 7, Prague 1

Coordinator

Alexander Duleba, Director; Research Centre of Slovak Foreign Policy Association, Slovakia

Rapporteur

Igor Kohut, Chairman of the Board; Agency for Legislative Initiatives, Ukraine

Participants

Arcadie Barbarosie, Director; Institute for Policy Studies, Moldova

Valentin Burada, Program Manager; Civil Society Development Foundation, Romania

Pawel Kazanecki, President; East European Democratic Center, Poland

Artak Kirakosyan, Chairman of the Board; Civil Society Institute, Armenia

Ales Lahviniec, Adviser to Chairman; Movement for Freedom, Belarus

Siarhiej Mackievič, Chairman, Working Group; Assembly of Pro-democratic NGOs of Belarus, Belarus

Ketevan Vashakidze, Country Director; Eurasia Partnership Foundation, Georgia

Andrei Yahorau, Consortium "EuroBelarus", Belarus

Natalia Yarotskaya, Program Officer; Think Tank Fund of Open Society Institute, Hungary

17.30

PRESENTATION OF A STUDY (registration required)
by **Michael Emerson**, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Brussels
"Synergies v. Spheres of Influence in the Pan-European Space"

Venue: Czernin Palace, Loretanske namesti 5, Prague 1

Moderator

Jeff Lovitt, Executive Director; Policy Association for an Open Society, Czech Republic / UK

Comments

Elsa Tulmets, Researcher; Institute of International Relations, Czech Republic / France

19:00 **GLASS OF WINE** (by special invitations only)
Venue: Embassy of Sweden, Uvoz 13, Prague 1

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

Venue: Czernin Palace, Loretanske namesti 5, Prague 1

08:15 - 09:00 **REGISTRATION**

09:00 - 09:30 **WELCOMING REMARKS**
H. E. Karel Schwarzenberg, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic

H. E. Radoslaw Sikorski, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Poland
(video message)

Alice Savovová, Executive Director; Association for International Affairs,
Czech Republic (on behalf of organizers and partners of the conference)

OPENING REMARKS
Eugeniusz Smolar, President of the Board; Polish-Czech Forum, Poland

09:30 - 10:30 **PANEL A**
Building a Partnership of Shared Values?
Thematic focus: Democracy, Good Governance and Human Rights

Chair

Pavol Demeš, Director; German Marshall Fund, Slovakia

Speakers

Boris Navasardian, President; Yerevan Press Club, Armenia

Liudmila Ulyashyna, Coordinator, International Law in Advocacy; Human Rights House Foundation,
Norway / Belarus

Discussants

Aliaksandr Bialiatski, Chair; Human Rights Center 'Viasna' / Vice-President; International Federation
of Human Rights, Belarus

Ana Coretchi, Program Director, East East: Partnership beyond Borders Program; Soros Foundation-
Moldova, Moldova

10:30 - 10:50 **COFFEE BREAK**

10:50 - 11:00 **A SPECIAL ADDRESS**
by **H. E. Pierre Morel**, EU Special Representative for Central Asia and the
Crisis in Georgia, Brussels / France

11:00 - 12:00 **PANEL B**
Resolving Conflicts: Pre-condition for Development in other Areas?
Thematic focus: Security and Peace Building

Chair

Svante Cornell, Director; Institute for Security and Development Policy, Sweden

Speakers

Alexander Bogomolov, President; Association of Middle East Studies, Ukraine

Ivlian Haindrava, Director, South Caucasus Studies Program; Center for Development and Cooperation – Center for Pluralism, Georgia

Discussants

Arzu Abdullayeva, Chairwoman; Azerbaijan National Committee of Helsinki Citizens' Assembly, Azerbaijan

Vlad Lupan, Independent Expert, Moldova

Gevorg Ter-Gabrielyan, Country Director; Eurasia Partnership Foundation, Armenia

12:00 - 13:00

LUNCHEON

13:00 - 14:00

PANEL C

EU Role in Economic Convergence of EaP Countries

Thematic Focus: Economic Integration

Chair

Tomáš Valášek, Director, Foreign Policy and Defence; Centre for European Reform, UK / Slovakia

Speakers

Alexandru Oprunenco, Director, International Programs; Expert Group, Moldova

Olga Shumylo, Director; International Centre for Policy Studies, Ukraine

Discussants

Ihar Lednik, Coordinator; Human Rights Defenders' Movement "Our Belarus", Belarus

Rena Safaraliyeva, Executive Director; Transparency International, Azerbaijan

14:00 - 14:20

COFFEE BREAK

14.20 - 14:30

A SPECIAL ADDRESS

by **Evaldas Ignatavicius**, Undersecretary; Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Lithuania

14:30 - 15:30

PANEL D

Connecting Neighbours: From Infrastructure to People-to-People Contacts

Thematic Focus: Communication, Transport, Visa Facilitation

Chair

Andrew Wilson, Senior Policy Fellow; European Council on Foreign Relations, UK

Speakers

Grzegorz Gromadzki, Director, International Cooperation Program; Stefan Batory Foundation, Poland

Vitali Silitski, Director; Belarusian Institute for Strategic Studies, Belarus

Discussants

Igor Munteanu, Executive Director, IDIS-Viitorul (Institute for Development and Social Initiatives), Moldova

Jacek Kucharczyk, Research Director; Institute of Public Affairs, Poland

15:30 - 15:45

COFFEE BREAK

15:45 - 16:45

PANEL E

Eastern Partnership and Energy Security
Thematic Focus: Energy Security

Chair

Roderick Kefferpütz, Director, Energy Security Programme; Heinrich Böll Foundation - EU Regional Office, Brussels / Germany / Netherlands

Speakers

Richard Giragosian, Director; Armenian Center for National and International Studies, Armenia / USA
Sascha Müller-Kraenner, Director; Nature Conservancy in Europe, Germany

Discussants

Leila Aliyeva, President; Center for National and International Studies, Azerbaijan
Vitalii Martyniuk, Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research, Ukraine

16:45 - 17:00

COFFEE BREAK

17:00 - 17:20

A SPECIAL ADDRESS

by **H. E. Benita Ferrero-Waldner**, Commissioner responsible for External Relations and European Neighbourhood Policy; European Commission, Brussels / Austria

followed by a **PRESENTATION OF THE CONFERENCE RECOMMENDATIONS**

at the presence of distinguished guests:

H. E. Alexandr Vondra, Deputy Prime Minister for European Affairs, Czech Republic

H. E. Catherine von Heidenstam, Ambassador to the Czech Republic, Kingdom of Sweden

H. E. Jan Pastwa, Ambassador to the Czech Republic, Poland

17:20 - 18:30

CONCLUDING PANEL

Civil Society Participation in Eastern Partnership: Recommendations and Future Activity

Chair

Jiří Schneider, Program Director; Prague Security Studies Institute (PSSI), Czech Republic

Rapporteurs of workshops A-F

Iryna Solonenko, Director, European Programme; International Renaissance Foundation, Ukraine

Oleksandr Sushko, Research Director; Institute for Euro-Atlantic Cooperation, Ukraine

Marek Dabrowski, President; Center for Social and Economic Research, Poland

Iryna Vidanova, Editor-in-Chief; Multimedia Magazine "34", Belarus

Tornike Sharashenidze, Head, International Affairs Program; Georgian Institute of Public Affairs, Georgia

Igor Kohut, Chairman of the Board; Agency for Legislative Initiatives, Ukraine

19:00

RECEPTION (open to all registered conference participants)
Venue: Embassy of Poland, Valdstejska 8, Prague 1

Conference Working Language:

English and Russian simultaneous translation

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