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FORUM 2000 CONFERENCE PROGRAM

Tentative as of August 25, 2022

Wednesday, August 31

15:45 - 16:45

Opening (Prague Congress Centre, Václav Havel Hall)

FORUM 2000 AND FORUM FOR UKRAINE OPENING SESSION

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Welcome:

Jakub Klepál, Executive Director, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czechia

Introduction:

Jan Lipošský, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czechia

Keynote speech:

Petr Fiala, Prime Minister, Czechia
Volodymyr Zelenskyy, President, Ukraine
Francis Fukuyama, Political Scientist, USA

15:45 - 16:30

Panel Discussion (Prague Congress Centre, Václav Havel Hall)

UKRAINE: A VISION FOR SUCCESS

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The determination of Ukraine and Ukrainian citizens to join the EU has been steady, and is even growing. The current Russian aggression was caused, among other things, by this pro-European drive in Ukraine. It is of utmost importance for the West to have a viable and concrete vision for a future Ukraine's EU membership - a vision for the future success of Ukraine. It goes without saying that both Ukraine and the EU must still make significant efforts in order to achieve this historical geopolitical goal. Why is the European perspective important for Ukraine? Are both Ukraine and the EU ready? What are the tasks, reforms, and efforts that both sides need to work on?

Moderator:

Jan Lipošský, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czechia

Speakers:

Josep Borrell Fontelles, High Representative of the EU for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, Vice-President of the European Commission for a Stronger Europe in the World, Spain
Annalena Baerbock, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Germany
Dmytro Kuleba, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ukraine
Zbigniew Rau, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Poland
Luigi Di Maio, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Italy

16:30 - 17:00

Other (Prague Congress Centre, Conference Foyer)

COFFEE BREAK

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Panel Discussion (Prague Congress Centre, Václav Havel Hall)

SECURE WIDER EUROPE: THE VISION FOR SUCCESS

Russian aggression in Ukraine has clearly demonstrated the vital need of a peaceful and prosperous neighbourhood for the future of Europe. The EU, NATO and other partners have an important role to play in helping to secure this. What should the strategy be for neighbouring countries and wider European partners? What is our collective vision for a secure European neighbourhood? The EU has granted candidate status to Ukraine and Moldova. But what are the broader priorities and what are the instruments available?

Moderator:

Veronika Kuchynová Šmígelová, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czechia

Speakers:

Jose Manuel Albarés, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Spain
Bogdan Aurescu, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Romania
Pekka Haavisto, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Finland
Graham Stuart, Minister for Europe, United Kingdom

17:45 - 18:30

Panel Discussion (Prague Congress Centre, Václav Havel Hall)

THE RECONSTRUCTION OF UKRAINE: WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE?

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The post-war reconstruction of Ukraine and the West's key role in this process represent a unique opportunity for both sides. While the Ukrainian economy and society might feel a new impulse to fast-track modernization and development, reconstruction will also provide benefits and incentives for European economies and businesses. However, there are numerous potential risks and challenges on both sides that could eventually reduce all such benefits and could even lead to mutual mistrust. What are the plans and ideas of the international community for the post-war reconstruction? What are the major challenges on both sides that need to be tackled in order to make the reconstruction a success?

Moderator:

Mikuláš Bek, Minister for European Affairs, Czechia

Speakers:

Werner Hoyer, President, European Investment Bank, Germany/Luxembourg
Taras Kachka, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economy, Ukraine
Maciej Popowski, Acting Director-General, Directorate General Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG-NEAR), European Commission, Poland
Lenna Koszary, Founding Partner and CEO, Horizon Capital, Canada/Ukraine
Gordian Grčić Radman, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Croatia

19:00 - 21:00

Opening Evening and Award Ceremony (Prague Congress Centre, Freedom Foyer, 2nd floor)

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FORUM 2000 OPENING EVENING

Introduction:
Iveta Radčiková, Sociologist, Former Prime Minister, Member, International Advisory Board, Forum 2000 Foundation, Slovakia

Remarks:

Miloš Vystrčil, President, Senate of the Parliament, Czechia

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21:30 - 22:30

Night Owl Session (Corinthia Hotel Prague, Rickshaw room)

THE FUTURE OF CRIMEA?

In cooperation with People in Need.

Until the beginning of 2022, international press and analysts, as well as Western political leaders, seemed to have forgotten all about the fate of Crimea, illegally annexed by the Russian Federation. After the invasion of Ukraine, however, everything comes into a new perspective. What are the public moods in Crimea? What is the current human rights situation there? What are the different possible scenarios for the peninsula? What should be the EU position?

Moderator:

David Stulík, Senior Analyst, European Values Center for Security Policy, Czechia

Speakers:

Nicolas Tenzer, Chairman, Study and Reflection Center for Political Action, France
Pavlo Klimkin, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ukraine
Oksana Pokalchuk, Former Director, Amnesty International, Ukraine

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08:30 - 09:30

Working Breakfast (Prague Congress Centre, Joan Kagezi Hall)

KLEPTOCRACY AND RESOURCES CONFLICT IN AFRICA: IDENTIFYING THREATS AND LOOKING FOR SOLUTIONS

According to the Economic Development in Africa Report 2020 by the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), Africa loses about US\$88.6 billion annually in illicit financial flows. This loss translates into drained resources from sustainable development, as well as worsened inequalities, fuel instability, undermined governance, and damaged public trust. How deep is the link between corruption and these illicit financial flows in Africa? What can be done to deal with kleptocracy and who is already trying to curb illicit financial flows? Since the levels of corruption deeply affect social services and sustainable development of the citizens, how do we engage the African public in this struggle?

Moderator:

Martha Mutisi, Senior Programme Officer, International Development Research Centre (IDRC)'s Governance and Justice Programme, Zimbabwe

Speakers:

Andrea Papus Ngombet Malewa, Founder, Sassoufit Collective, Republic of the Congo/France
Fanda Nabourema, Executive Director, Topolesse Civil League, Togo
Jean-Jacques Lumumba, Former Banker and Whistleblower, Congo

Working Breakfast (Corinthia Hotel Prague, Rickshaw room)

NEW SECURITY LANDSCAPE IN CENTRAL EUROPE: MAKING CRITICAL ADJUSTMENTS

In cooperation with Czech-German Discussion Forum and Czech-German Future Fund.

The Russian invasion of Ukraine destroyed the illusion of almost permanent security that Central Europe, comfortably integrated into the NATO and the EU, enjoyed for the last two decades. What is the current security landscape of the region? What are the security priorities for Central European countries? Is Russia the only threat? Where does the

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Czech-German cooperation stand in this light?

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Libor Rouček, Former Vice President, European Parliament, Co-Chairman, Czech-German Discussion Forum, Czechia

Speakers:

Gert Weiskirchen, Chairman, Europa-Union Rhein-Neckar, Germany
Szuzanna Vegh, Researcher, European University Viadrina, Hungary
Stéfan Meister, Head, Program International Order and Democracy, German Council on Foreign Relations, Member, International Coalition for Democratic Renewal, Germany
Pavla Janebová, Research Director, Association for International Affairs, Czechia

08:30 - 09:30

Working Breakfast (Holiday Inn Prague, Winter Garden)

RESPONSIBILITY OF NETWORK PLATFORMS IN AN AGE OF DEMOCRATIC CRISIS

Tapping into the challenges that civil society actors across the world are facing as a result of their over-reliance on social media platforms operated by large tech companies is like opening up Pandora's box. We find resentments, frustrations, complaints, and censorship. At the heart of the problem are the companies' inability to understand political contexts and nuances, biased and often insufficient content moderation due to its automated nature, human error, language gaps, and business models driven by financial gains at the expense of vulnerable groups and communities affected by these problems. How do we push platforms to take a more proactive approach in the role they play, especially in countries with questionable leaderships? How to get platforms to act more responsibly? But also, how to mitigate the risks when these platforms are blocked in such countries?

Moderator:

Arzu Geybulliyeva, Columnist, Journalist, Member, Program Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, Member, International Coalition for Democratic Renewal, Azerbaijan

Speakers:

Tisha Ray, Associate Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, India
Yulia Bankova, Chief Editor, Liga.net, Ukraine
Xiao Qiang, President and Editor-in-Chief, China Digital Times, Member, International Coalition for Democratic Renewal, China/USA
Tolken Umaraliev, Managing Editor, Current Time digital, (Kyrgyzstan/Czechia

08:30 - 09:30

Working Breakfast (Prague Congress Centre, Oswaldo Payá Hall)

THINKING ON THE DAY AFTER: SOURCES OF PRIVATE INVESTMENT FOR THE RECONSTRUCTION OF UKRAINE (WORKING TITLE)

In cooperation with Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS)

After the war, Ukraine will face an unprecedented need for support in rebuilding its economy. Ukraine and its partners need to look at how they can attract private investment to drive economic growth, create lasting stability, and anchor the country in the Euro-Atlantic world. Central to this effort will be reforms targeted at improving overall governance and rule of law, including a significant focus on anti-corruption efforts. What conditions are needed to generate the necessary funding from the private sector for Ukraine's reconstruction? What will be the main sources of investment? What role will the US, EU, and other multilateral partners play in creating the conditions needed to attract private investment?

Moderator:

Romina Bandura, Senior Fellow, Center for Strategic and International Studies, USA

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Speakers:

Martina Tauberová, Former Deputy Minister for EU and International Trade, Ministry of Industry and Trade, Czechia
Taras Kachka, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economy, Ukraine
Jan Svejnar, Director, Center on Global Economic Governance, Columbia University, Member, Program Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, USA/Czechia

10:00 - 11:15

Plenary Panel (Prague Congress Centre, Václav Havel Hall)

HOW TO BUILD GLOBAL DEMOCRATIC UNITY AND SOLIDARITY IN THE NEW ERA

The Russian invasion of Ukraine, a sovereign and independent democratic state, threatens not just the survival of Ukraine and the security of Europe, but the norms that underpin the rules-based global order. In its struggle for survival, therefore, Ukraine is also defending universal democratic norms and international law. The challenge before us now is to build global democratic unity and solidarity. Ukraine deserves the support of the world's democracies, not just in Europe and North America but throughout the Global South. How we meet this challenge will determine the future of democracy and peace in this new era.

Moderator:

Carl Gershman, Founding President, National Endowment for Democracy, Member, Program Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, Member, International Coalition for Democratic Renewal, USA

Speakers:

Věra Jourová, Vice-President for Values and Transparency, European Commission, Czechia
Francis Fukuyama, Political Scientist, USA
Florida Ndourenna, Executive Director, Togolese Civil League, Togo
Luis Almagro, Secretary General, Organization of American States, Uruguay
Uzo Zeya, Under Secretary for Civilian Security, Democracy, and Human Rights, Department of State, USA

11:15 - 11:30

Other (Prague Congress Centre, Conference Foyer)

BREAK

11:30 - 12:45

Panel (Prague Congress Centre, Madeleine Albright Hall)

COUNTERING THE RESURGENT AUTHORITARIANISM

Authoritarian regimes and authoritarian leaders – of different kinds and in varying, even opposing, ideological shades – are on the rise globally. And not only are “the bad guys” winning, as Anne Applebaum said in a seminal article on the threat posed by authoritarian countries to democracy, but they are also cooperating with each other more than ever before. And they adjust and adopt new ways to keep and expand power, such as hybrid warfare, creative use of propaganda, and skillful employment of digital tools. - What are the main strengths of today’s authoritarians? Why are they successful? - What strategies should democracies adopt to counter this problem? - How to respond to the increasing authoritarian creativity and assertiveness? - How to strengthen internal opposition to authoritarian regimes?

Moderator:

Vesna Pusić, Former Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Professor, University of Zagreb, Member, Program Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, Member, International Coalition for Democratic Renewal, Croatia

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Speakers:

Zin Mar Aung, Foreign Minister, National Unity Government, Myanmar
Alexander Verkhovsky, Director, SOVA Centre for Information and Analysis, Russia
Nadia Ivanova, Deputy Director, People in Need, Human rights program, Ukraine/Czechia
Elmar Brok, Politician, Senior Adviser, Munich Security Conference, Germany

11:30 - 12:45

Panel (Prague Congress Centre, Joan Kagezi Hall)

HUNGARY AFTER ELECTIONS: WHAT NEXT?

In cooperation with Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom.

In April, Hungary held a crucial election. The main question was whether Viktor Orbán would continue as the indisputable leader of the country, and – more broadly – the inspiration for populist illiberal leaders the world over, or whether a diverse opposition coalition would succeed in deposing him. Eventually, the Orbán victory was even more decisive than expected and the opposition, despite its hard negotiated unified approach, failed. What is next for Hungary? What are the consequences for the EU? Given the cooperation of the democratic opposition forces, what lessons can be shared among the V4 countries?

Moderator:

Martin Ehl, Chief Analyst, Hospodářské noviny, Czechia

Speakers:

Peter Krekó, Director, Political Capital Institut, Member, International Coalition for Democratic Renewal, Hungary
Tomáš Petříček, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czechia
Karl Heinz Paqué, Chairman, Board of Directors, Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Germany
Daniel Berg, Vice-President, Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe, Hungary
Zsuzsanna Végli, Researcher, European University Viadrina, Hungary

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Panel (Prague Congress Centre, Václav Havel Hall)

SEIZING OPPORTUNITY FROM TRAGEDY: A FUTURE VISION FOR UKRAINIAN DEMOCRACY

Ukraine has received a great deal of democracy support over the years, but the invasion is likely to require a major change in such support. - What are the main challenges for the future of Ukrainian democracy? - What kinds of new and reshaped democracy support will now be required in and for Ukraine?

Moderator:

Jaroslav Kurjůst, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czechia

Speakers:

Hanna Hopko, Former Chair, Foreign Affairs Committee, Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine
Inna Pidiuska, Deputy Executive Director, International Renaissance Foundation, Ukraine
Jerzy Pomianowski, Executive Director, European Endowment for Democracy, Member, International Coalition for Democratic Renewal, Poland
Christopher Walker, Vice President, Studies & Analysis, National Endowment for Democracy, Member, Program Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, Member, International Coalition for Democratic Renewal, USA
Peter Erben, Principal Advisor, Senior Country Director, International Foundation for Electoral Systems, Denmark/Ukraine

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Panel (Prague Congress Centre, Roman Ratushny Hall)

THE IMPACT OF THE RUSSIAN AGGRESSION ON ASIAN DEMOCRACIES

In cooperation with Asia Democracy Research Network (ADRN).

Russia's violation of the territorial integrity of a sovereign state is posing a serious challenge to protecting democracies from external threats in Asia. While valuing non-interference, regional countries are divided in their response to the aggression. How can Asia build democratic unity to respond to a national security threat? What is lacking in the existing multilateral bodies in Asia when the non-aggression principle is violated? Can the creation of a new pact or a plurilateral body for democratic unity be a possible option? What kinds of narratives would be effective in mobilizing solidarity with a country in peril? What kinds of sanctions can be prepared to punish an aggressor in the region? Can Asian democracies cooperate together to build economic and judicial sanctions?

Moderator:

Soek-Jong Lee, Senior Fellow, East Asia Institute, South Korea

Speakers:

Marko Ichinaga, Professor, Hitotsubashi University, Member, International Coalition for Democratic Renewal, Japan
Evan A. Laksmana, Research Fellow, Centre on Asia and Globalisation, National University of Singapore, Singapore
Jaganmuth Panda, Head, Stockholm Centre for South Asian and Indo-Pacific Affairs, ISDP, Sweden, India

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Panel (Prague Congress Centre, Oswaldo Payá Hall)

THE NEED FOR DEMOCRATIC COOPERATION: EN ROUTE TO THE SECOND SUMMIT FOR DEMOCRACY

In cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic.

The Summit for Democracy was first convened last December, before Russia's invasion of Ukraine had transformed the geopolitics of the world. While the first meeting ended with pledges, the second one would have to visualize the methods and accomplishments of supporting democracy to legitimize the existence of the Summit itself. Where are we? Has the focus changed as the global situation is changing dramatically? Have democracies, in light of the current challenges, started to work together more intensely and effectively? When the Summit convenes again, what should be its principal strategic objectives?

Moderator:

Carl Gershman, Founding President, National Endowment for Democracy, Member, Program Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, Member, International Coalition for Democratic Renewal, USA

Speakers:

Eamon Gilmore, European Union Special Representative for Human Rights, Ireland
Robert Berchinski, Special Assistant to the President, Senior Director for Democracy and Human Rights, National Security Council, USA
David Kordecky, Political Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czechia
Beretetta Berti, Head, Policy Planning Unit, Office of the Secretary General, NATO, Italy
Marilyn Neven, Programme Manager, International IDEA, Belgium

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Roundtable (Prague Congress Centre, Asma Jahangir Hall)

UKRAINE'S PATH TOWARDS EU MEMBERSHIP:



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PARLIAMENTARY DIMENSION

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The European integration process, as well as the pre-accession preparations, cannot take place without the active role of both national and European parliaments. Candidate countries' parliaments have to adopt the critical mass of EU legislation (acquis communautaire), which is a precondition for EU membership. National parliaments also need to ratify EU membership for each of the candidate countries. How are parliaments in candidate countries involved in this critical role? What major obstacles are they facing when adopting key elements of the acquis? How can other parliaments in EU Member States, as well as the European Parliament, help with these tasks?

Moderator:

Alexandra Vondra, Member, European Parliament, Member, Board of Directors, Program Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czechia

Speakers:

Marketa Pekarova Adamová, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies, Parliament, Czechia
Yanna Klimpush-Tsintsatzé, Chair, Committee on Integration of Ukraine to the EU, Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine
Anna Fotyga, Member, European Parliament, Poland
Oleksandr Merzishko, Chair, Committee on Foreign Policy and Interparliamentary Cooperation, Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine

Other (Prague Congress Centre, Panorama Hall)

LUNCH

12:45 - 14:00

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Roundtable (Prague Congress Centre, Asma Jahangir Hall)
CLOSED ROUNDTABLE. VALUE-ORIENTED CZECH FOREIGN POLICY

In cooperation with DEMAS - Association for Democracy Assistance and Human Rights. By special invitation only.

The closed roundtable debate aims to enable an open and frank exchange among the civic, public, political, and business sectors. The goal of this gap-bridging exercise is to enable a cross-sectoral dialogue related to democracy, human rights, civil society, rule of law, and good governance support in third countries. Such a dialogue could potentially spill over into Czech foreign policy as a whole and emphasize its value base. What is the relationship between value-based foreign policy and the support of Czech business interests abroad? Where does support for democracy lie in the scope of general Czech foreign policy? What does the MFA support of democracy look like during the time of war in Ukraine?

Moderators:

Sabina Matković, Executive Director, DEMAS - Association for Democracy Assistance and Human Rights, Czechia
Marek Svoboda, Director of Programs, CEELI, Czechia

Panel (Prague Congress Centre, Madeleine Albright Hall)

EASTERN PARTNERSHIP AFTER THE INVASION

The invasion raises questions about the whole EAP framework, which has served as the main umbrella for European democracy support policies in the region for over a decade. This session will examine how the EU is adjusting its EAP framework and how it needs to rethink its policies across the region in the wake of the invasion. Is the EAP fit for purpose

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after the invasion and the applications of associated countries to the EU? What kind of new initiative might better direct EU democracy support across the region?

Moderator:

Richard Youngs, Senior Fellow, Carnegie Europe, Member, Program Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, Member, International Coalition for Democratic Renewal, United Kingdom

Speakers:

Katrina Mathemová, Deputy Director General, European Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, Slovakia
Stefan Meister, Head, Program International Order and Democracy, German Council on Foreign Relations, Member, International Coalition for Democratic Renewal, Germany
Nikoloz Samkharadze, Chair, Foreign Relations Committee, Parliament, Georgia
Pavlo Klimkin, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ukraine
Mihai Popsoi, Deputy Speaker, Parliament, Moldova

Panel (Prague Congress Centre, Václav Havel Hall)

HAVEL ALBRIGHT TRANSATLANTIC DIALOGUES: THE INDISPENSABLE WOMAN: THE LEGACY OF MADELEINE K. ALBRIGHT

In cooperation with Václav Havel Library and National Democratic Institute.

On March 22, 2022, Madeleine K. Albright, diplomat, politician, author, United States Secretary of State, and National Democratic Institute founder and chair, passed away. Forum 2000, Václav Havel Library, and National Democratic Institute invite you to commemorate and celebrate her personality and her passion for freedom, democracy, human rights and gender equality, symbolically in the town where she was born and that she loved throughout her life. What did Madeleine K. Albright contribute to the transatlantic relationship? What is her political legacy? How is it followed by current female political leaders?

Moderator:

Myroslava Gongadze, Eastern Europe Chief, Voice of America, Ukraine

Speakers:

Jan Lipavský, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czechia
Yosa Osman, President, Kosovo
Ana Palacio, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Spain
Derek Mitchell, President, National Democratic Institute, USA
Michael Zantovsky, Executive Director, Václav Havel Library, Member, Program Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, Member, International Coalition for Democratic Renewal, Czechia

Panel Discussion (Prague Congress Centre, Oswald Payá Hall)

CHINA AHEAD OF THE CCP CONGRESS: PERSPECTIVE FOR THE HUMAN RIGHTS?

At the 20th National Congress of the Chinese Communist Party this fall, Xi Jinping is expected to be re-elected as Secretary General for a third term. This upcoming event is already deeply affecting Beijing's foreign and domestic policy. Under increasing economic pressures, even more assertiveness externally and more authoritarian tightening internally is to be expected. What is the current human rights situation in Communist China? - What will be the impact of Xi's re-election? - What should the international democratic community do to support the victims of totalitarian persecution?

Moderator:

Kateřina Procházková, Journalist, Sinopsis, Czechia

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There are thousands, if not dozens of thousands, of systematic war crimes committed by Russian soldiers and the army that call for proper investigation and punishment. For Ukrainian citizens, it is of utmost importance to see that the international justice system works. This represents a serious commitment for the international community. There are also doubts that Russian highest officials could be brought to international courts and be held accountable for these war crimes. What are the biggest obstacles that the ongoing investigation of Russian war crimes entails? Is it realistic to expect the creation of a dedicated international tribunal that could deal with war criminals from Russia?

Speakers:

Pempa Tsering, President, Central Tibetan Administration, Tibet
Samuel Chu, Founder and President, The Campaign for Hong Kong, USA
Rushan Abbas, Director, Campaign for Uyghurs, USA

Moderator:

Martin Dvořák, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czechia

Panel (Prague Congress Centre, Roman Ratushny Hall)

RESTORING JUSTICE: PUNISHING RUSSIAN PERPETRATORS (AND THEIR SPONSORS) OF WAR CRIMES.

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Moderator:

Martin Dvořák, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czechia

THE INVASION: ECONOMIC CONSEQUENCES AND THE WAY FORWARD FOR UKRAINE

In cooperation with the Center for International Private Enterprise.

The invasion has caused enormous economic damage to Ukraine. According to the World Bank, the country's GDP will contract by 4.5% in 2022. In the real lives of Ukrainian citizens, this represents tremendous hardship for businesses, entrepreneurs, and families. But the war and postwar reconstruction are also opportunities to build a more competitive modern economy, deeply interconnected with Europe and the democratic world. With such widespread devastation, where should Ukraine begin to rebuild its economy? Will the war represent a sharp inflection point in business ethics and the way of doing business in Ukraine? What government policies might encourage accountable, constructive investment that provide positive externalities to support the market? What lessons are there for the leaders of the economic system of world's democracies? How might Ukraine become a prosperous leader among the European family of nations?

Moderator:

Abdulwahid Alkedi, Managing Director, Center for International Private Enterprise, Member, International Coalition for Democratic Renewal, USA

Speakers:

Lena Koszary, Founding Partner and CEO, Horizon Capital, Canada/Ukraine
Andy Hunder, President, AmCham, Ukraine
Anna Derevyanko, Executive Director, European Business Association, Ukraine

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Panel (Prague Congress Centre, Oswaldo Payá Hall)

**EL AUTORITARISMO EN AMÉRICA LATINA/
AUTHORITARIAN INFLUENCE AND DEMOCRATIC
RESPONSES IN LATIN AMERICA. IS THIS FAIR PLAY?**

Authoritarian regimes' influence over already fragile democracies has had a negative impact throughout Latin America. Populism, extremism, violence, and intolerance have plagued the region. At the same time, democratic countries and international organizations have tried to enhance resilience among democracies. But to what extent are denunciations and sanctions good enough to counteract authoritarian influence? What else can be done to protect fragile democratic systems? To what extent democratic instability in the region and the alliances of countries of the like of Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua with Russia or Iran affect democratic governance in Latin America? What are the consequences of the war in Ukraine for Latin America? ¿La influencia de regímenes autoritarios en el deterioro de los sistemas democráticos en la región y qué debe hacerse para contrarrestar dicha influencia. Son efectivos las denuncias y las sanciones?

Moderator:

Tamara Sotil, Executive Director, CASLA Institute, Venezuela

Speakers:

Luis Almagro, Secretary General, Organization of American States, Uruguay
Marta Lucía Ramírez, Former Vice President, Colombia

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Panel (Prague Congress Centre, Roman Ratushny Hall)

**EUROPEAN DEMOCRACY HUB AT FORUM 2000: GLOBAL
INNOVATIONS IN DEMOCRATIC RENEWAL**

In cooperation with European Partnership for Democracy.

In recent years, much attention has been given to the spread of innovative forms of deliberative and participatory democracy. It is widely agreed that novel forms of democratic practice are needed to help democracy recover its legitimacy and dynamism. However, most of the focus has been on citizen assemblies and the like within Western countries. This has left insufficient room to explore interesting and promising new experiences in participatory and deliberative democracy outside the West. Building on the new research by the European Democracy Hub, this panel will assess democratic innovations that could inform and innovate democratic renewal around the world. The session will serve to discuss and test the findings of this new research and reflect further on the implications of innovations in democracy worldwide.

Moderator:

Ken Godfrey, Executive Director, European Partnership for Democracy, Member, International Coalition for Democratic Renewal, United Kingdom/Belgium

Speakers:

Niranjan Sahoo, Senior Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, India
Jinkyung Baek, Director, Research Department, East Asia Institute, South Korea
Olga Buryluk, Assistant Professor, UVA Amsterdam, Ukraine
Marta de Grassi di Pianura, Member of Cabinet of Commissioner for Democracy and Demography, European Commission, Italy

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Panel (Prague Congress Centre, Václav Havel Hall)

FREEDOM OF SPEECH AT A CROSSROADS

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Panel (Prague Congress Centre, Madeleine Althright Hall)

Since ancient Greece, free speech has been the cornerstone of self-governing societies. Without it, there is no democracy. But, as we have recently seen with the new media law in Poland, the use of misinformation, via both traditional media and social networks, by authoritarian powers, or in the recent cancel culture wave at university campuses, free speech is both under pressure and being abused. - As the public space is being democratized and increasingly exposed to potential abusers, is widespread censorship the inevitable future? - Can free speech have limits and still be "free"? - How can we protect free speech?

Moderator:

Detmar Doering, Head of Project Office for Central Europe and the Baltic States, Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom, Germany

Speakers:

Aziz Geypulliyeva, Columnist, Journalist, Member, Program Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, Member, International Coalition for Democratic Renewal, Azerbaijan
Margareta Dirich, Director, Ukrainian Service, RFE/RL, Ukraine/Czechia
Karl-Heinz Priguck, Chairman, Board of Directors, Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Germany
Ramin Jahandegloo, Political Philosopher, Professor, Jindal Global University, Member, Program Council of Forum 2000 Foundation, Member, International Coalition for Democratic Renewal, Canada/Iran

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Panel Discussion (Prague Congress Centre, Joan Kagezi Hall)

**MIDDLE EAST: COPING WITH THE IMPACTS OF RUSSIA'S
AGGRESSION**

The reactions in the Middle East to the Russian invasion of Ukraine have been mixed. Israel has sided with Ukraine but was careful not to provoke Putin by supplying Ukraine with military equipment. Turkey has tried to be the bridge between Russia and the West while at the same time it hoped to gain economically from the war. Maghreb countries, where Russia has been an important trade partner with many political bonds, have stayed mostly on the sidelines. Iran hopes that a weaker Russia will serve its political interest in the Middle East. What are the regional consequences of the war? Will it change the balance of power in the Middle East?

Moderator:

Irena Kalituzová, Director, Herzl Center for Israel Studies, Charles University, Member, Program Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czechia

Speakers:

Gilles Kepel, Political Scientist, Professor, Sciences Po, France
Amichai Magen, Director, Program on Democratic Resilience and Development, Professor, Reichman University, Member, Program Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, Member, International Coalition for Democratic Renewal, Israel
Konstantin von Egert, Journalist, Political Commentator, Russia

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Panel (Prague Congress Centre, Madeleine Althright Hall)

**SMART PARTNERSHIPS: THE ROLE OF WOMEN IN
DEMOCRATIC PROCESSES?**

Women are more than 52% of the world population. Their contributions need to be acknowledged and their challenges must shape the global response to democracy and human rights. As the global democracy indexes are in decline, it is often a temptation to forget key tenants of democracy which include equal participation. It is clear that women are strategic players in our societies, but for their role to be fully developed, public spaces must be fit for women to participate and our civic spaces should be, as well. What are the main obstacles women meet when participating in democratic

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processes? How should global institutions respond to these obstacles?

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Myratza Moshoyanombe, Women rights activist, Founding Executive Director, Tag a Life International (Tall), Member, Program Council, Forum 2000 foundation, Member, International Coalition for Democratic Renewal, Zimbabwe

Speakers:
Gulnara Shahinian, Founder, Democracy Today, UN Special Rapporteur on Slavery 2008-2014, Member, International Coalition for Democratic Renewal, Armenia
Vesna Pusić, Former Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, Professor, University of Zagreb, Member, Program Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, Member, International Coalition for Democratic Renewal, Croatia
Rowan Abdelgawad, Postgraduate Fellow, The American University in Cairo, Egypt

16:45 - 17:15 Other (Prague Congress Centre, Conference Foyer)

COFFEE BREAK

17:15 - 18:15 Closing Panel (Prague Congress Centre, Vaclav Havel Hall)

DAY 2 CLOSING PLENARY: FREE UKRAINE: WHAT NEEDS TO BE DONE

The free world has a major stake in a secure, sovereign, and democratic Ukraine. The defeat of Russia's aggression is a precondition for a safe Europe and a safe and strong global democratic community. The heroic Ukrainian resistance has generated a massive wave of solidarity. The transatlantic and global alliance of democracies has united in providing Ukraine with military assistance, humanitarian aid, and medical support. To make sure that the struggle of the Ukrainian people is a success, however, much more is needed.

Moderator:
Simon Panek, Co-Founder and Director, People in Need, Member, International Advisory Board, Forum 2000 Foundation, Member, International Coalition for Democratic Renewal, Czechia

Speakers:
Marketa Pekarová Adamová, Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies, Parliament, Czechia
Ivanna Klymush-Tsintsadze, Chair, Committee on Integration of Ukraine to the EU, Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine
Ali Ehsassi, Chair, Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs, House of Commons, Canada
Oleksandr Mereshko, Chair, Committee on Foreign Policy, and Interparliamentary Cooperation, Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine
Viola von Cramon-Taubadel, Vice-Chair, Delegation to the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Association Committee, European Parliament, Germany

19:00 - 21:00 Dinner (Prague Congress Centre, Freedom Foyer, 2nd floor)

DINNER

Welcome:
Zdeněk Hřib, Lord Mayor, Prague, Czechia

Introduction:
Jacques Rupnik, Political Scientist, Research Professor, CERF, Member, Program Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, Member, International Coalition for Democratic Renewal, France

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Remarks:
Viola Osmani, President, Kosovo

21:30 - 22:30

Night Owl Session (Holiday Inn Prague, Winter Garden)
DEMOCRATIZATION AND AUTOCRATIZATION IN SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIA: ANY ROOM FOR HOPE?

From a military coup in Myanmar to the persecution of protesters and democracy activists in Hong Kong, Singapore, and Thailand, not to mention the tightening totalitarian rule in China, the situation of democratization in many parts of Asia is not encouraging. Is there any room for democratization? What countries and/or movements should we pay attention to and support? What are the possible outcomes of China's growing clout and threats to its neighbors? What can we expect from India?

Moderator:
Sook-Jong Lee, Senior Fellow, East Asia Institute, South Korea

Speakers:
Niroshini Nugawela, Project Support Associate, Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka, Member, International Coalition for Democratic Renewal, Sri Lanka
Aung Myo Min, Minister for Human Rights, National Unity Government, Myanmar
Dolkun Isa, Uyghur Politician, Activist, President, The World Uyghur Congress, USA/Germany
Miranjana Sanoj, Senior Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, India

Friday, September 02

08:30 - 09:30

Book Presentation (Corinthia Hotel Prague)
BOOK LAUNCH "RETHINKING LIBERALISM" – MEET THE AUTHORS & DISCUSSION
In cooperation with Zentrum Liberale Moderne.

Liberalism builds the historical and intellectual foundation of modern democracies. Under the threat of populist movements and authoritarian governments like China or Russia, liberal thinking is far from dead but needs a profound renewal. The anthology "Rethinking Liberalism: Liberal answers to the great challenges of our time" published in German by the Center for Liberal Modernity (June 2021) gathers 21 essays on the future of liberalism. Now presented in English, it offers liberal answers to climate change, globalization, the new systemic conflict with authoritarian powers, and the need for security in times of rapid change. This panel will allow the audience to discuss some of the essays with the authors.

Moderator:
Ralf Fücks, Managing Director, Center for Liberal Modernity, Member, International Coalition for Democratic Renewal, Germany

Speakers:
Karolina Wągora, Chairwoman, Kultura Liberalna Foundation, Poland
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Working Breakfast (Prague Congress Centre, Oswaldo Payá Hall)

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NEW DIVISIVE NARRATIVES IN THE WAKE OF THE RUSSIAN INVASION OF UKRAINE

In cooperation with International Republican Institute.

Russia's invasion of Ukraine was a watershed moment for Central Europe. While the degree of unity with and support for Ukraine throughout the EU and within the frontline states following the invasion was laudable, divisive narratives seeking to break the unity and weaken resolve quickly began to appear. Rather than being explicitly pro-Kremlin or anti-Ukrainian, narratives were more subtle and attempted to erode support through raising issues such as rising gas prices, 'danger' posed by refugees, or them being prioritized over needs of the local population, the inadequacy of Brussels' response, etc. The longer the war lasts, the greater the threat to cohesion and unity, both within frontline states and between new and old member states. Beacon Project partners began tracking these narratives across several countries from the beginning of the war. This panel will discuss findings and responses.

Moderator:
Joanna Rohozinska, Resident Program Director Europe, International Republican Institute, Belgium

Speakers:
Rasfo Kužel, Executive Director, MEMO 98, Slovakia
Daniel Szeligowski, Head of Eastern Europe Programme, The Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM), Poland
Lóránt Györi, Geopolitical analyst, Political Capital, Hungary

10:00 - 11:15

Panel (Prague Congress Centre, Panorama Hall)

DEFENDING TAIWAN AFTER THE INVASION OF UKRAINE

The People's Republic of China under Xi Jinping has repeatedly threatened to invade Taiwan, just as Russia has done to Ukraine. The visit of the Speaker of the US House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi to Taiwan triggered a PRC military blockade of the island. Though Taiwan is not, like Ukraine, an independent state, it is a de facto democratic country. And it is clear that international peace and security, as well as the cause of democracy, would be gravely injured if Beijing attacked and absorbed Taiwan. How can the world's democracies and global civil society deter such aggression and protect Taiwan's democracy?

Moderator:
Myroslava Gongadze, Eastern Europe Chief, Voice of America, Ukraine

Speakers:
Jausheh Joseph Wu, Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Taiwan
Reinhard Buttkofer, Chair, Delegation for Relations with the People's Republic of China, European Parliament, Germany
Jiří Drahoš, Chairman, Committee for Science, Culture, Education, and Human Rights, Senate, Czechia
Lynn Lee, Associate Director for Asia, National Endowment for Democracy, USA

10:00 - 11:15

Panel (Prague Congress Centre, Joan Kagezi Hall)

INDEPENDENT MEDIA VERSUS AUTHORITARIANISM

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Panel (Prague Congress Centre, Oswaldo Payá Hall)

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INTERNATIONAL ORDER: HOW TO RESPOND TO RUSSIA'S WAR?

In cooperation with Zentrum Liberale Moderne.

Regardless of its outcome, Russia's war against Ukraine will fundamentally change the global political landscape. Other authoritarian powers are closely following the response of the West and will draw their conclusions, not least concerning China's further approach to Taiwan. How should we deal with a nuclear power and a permanent member of the UN Security Council that poses an imminent security threat and repeatedly demonstrates its willingness to break fundamental norms of international law? What consequences must the international community draw from this war? Does the West need to return to a policy of deterrence and containment? Do we have to adjust our business model and drastically reduce our economic interdependence with China?

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Speakers:
Manana Klymynush-Tsuntsatze, Chair, Committee on Integration of Ukraine to the EU, Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine
Jaganmohan Panda, Head, Stockholm Centre for South Asian and Indo-Pacific Affairs, ISDP, Sweden, India
Konstantin von Eggert, Journalist, Political Commentator, Russia
Wojciech Kononczuk, Deputy Director, Centre for Eastern Studies (OSW), Poland

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Panel (Prague Congress Centre, Madeleine Albright Hall)

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INTERNATIONAL RECONSTRUCTION PACKAGE FOR UKRAINE – AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE EU PRE-ACCESSION ASSISTANCE

Despite the fact that the Russian aggression is still ongoing, it is necessary to design plans for the future post-war reconstruction. There are discussions about the possible new Marshall Plan for Ukraine. The EU, together with the EU Member States, will play a crucial role in this process. At the same time, proper donors' coordination, as well as cooperation with Ukrainian authorities and civil society, must be ensured. Various modes of activities, principles and priorities could be modeled on previous similar



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processes, for example from former Yugoslavia or from post-2014 Donbas. What are the biggest risks and perils of this post-war reconstruction in Ukraine? How should be that assistance delivered? What should be the ways and mechanisms of implementation?

Moderator:
Petr Gandalovič, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czechia

Speakers:
Katarina Mathemová, Deputy Director General, European Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, Slovakia
Simon Pánek, Co-Founder and Director, People in Need, Member, International Advisory Board, Forum 2000 Foundation, Member, International Coalition for Democratic Renewal, Czechia
Petr Kroganin, Owner, Agromino, Czechia/Ukraine
Max Primorac, Director, Douglas and Sarah Allison Center for Foreign Policy, The Heritage Foundation, USA
Tetyana Kovtun, Executive Director, Reformis Delivery Office, Ukraine
Jean-Erik De Zaagon, Head of the EIB Group Representation in Kiev, Luxembourg

Roundtable (Prague Congress Centre, Asma Jahangir Hall)

THE WAY FORWARD FOR UKRAINIAN REFUGEES IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE
In cooperation with EPIM - European Programme for Integration and Migration

This roundtable explores the pressing needs of Ukrainian refugees and the resulting demands on policymakers, civil society, philanthropy, and local authorities in the CEE region. Six months into the war, institutions are fast running out of ideas, funding and capacities as the outlook extends into the medium and long-term. Alarmingly, most countries lack comprehensive forward-looking housing, education, employment and social and health service strategies. The Czech Presidency of the EU offers a unique opportunity to reflect on these priorities and a chance to better coordinate a strategic response, by leveraging the capacities at the national and EU level, and the power of philanthropy and the private sector to support civil society and local authorities.

Moderator:
Hishabh Sandilya, Senior Programme Manager, European Programme for Integration and Migration, India

Speakers:
Nadia Ivanova, Deputy Director, People in Need, Human rights program, Ukraine/Czechia
Anna Brabková, Director, Labour Market Integration Department, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Czechia
Markus Lux, Senior Vice President Global Issues, Robert Bosch Stiftung, Germany

Other (Prague Congress Centre, Conference Foyer)

COFFEE BREAK

Democracy Dialogues (Prague Congress Centre, Madeleine Albright Hall)

DEMOCRACY DIALOGUES: HOW IMPORTANT ARE DEMOCRATIC VALUES IN TODAY'S WORLD?

Democracy is eroding in different settings and contexts. The concept of democracy continues to mobilize people around the world, but its practice has often disappointed and disillusioned. Indeed, the added value, viability, and future of democracy is being contested in a way that has not been seen in modern history, at least since the 1990s.

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New democracies are often weak and fragile. Older democracies struggle to ensure equitable and sustainable socio-economic development. Despite the challenges, democratic transitions continue to take place, popular democratic aspirations continue to be expressed, and democratic values are upheld around the world. How can democratic values remain a critical asset in the various geopolitical struggles between Western democracies and their autocratic adversaries?

Moderators:
Ramin Jahanbegloo, Political Philosopher, Professor, Jindal Global University, Member, Program Council of Forum 2000 Foundation, Member, International Coalition for Democratic Renewal, Canada/Iran

Speakers:
Petr Fleischmann, Member, Board of Directors, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czechia
Amichai Magen, Director, Program on Democratic Resilience and Development, Professor, Reichman University, Member, Program Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, Member, International Coalition for Democratic Renewal, Israel
Franzisk Vircorik, Senior Advisor to Swatlana Tskhanouskaya, Belarus/USA
Rajendra Regesens, Activist, President of the Federation of the Student Centers of the Central University of Venezuela, Venezuela

Panel (Prague Congress Centre, Oswaldo Payá Hall)

LATIN AMERICA: CAN WE PREVENT DEMOCRACIES FROM COMMITTING SUICIDE?
Democratic Solidarity

As democracies decline in the world, Latin America is no exception. The long-standing dictatorships in Cuba, Venezuela and Nicaragua are now clear members of the authoritarian club. At the same time, countries like El Salvador, Bolivia, Mexico, and Brazil are seeing their democratic principles weakened. Democratically elected presidents have turned their backs on democratic principles such as checks and balances, press freedom and even fair elections. Are democratic values in decline in Latin America? Do the citizens only see the importance of the electoral aspect of democracy but not its values? Why do citizens allow this to happen? Are democracies not delivering? What can we expect from younger generations and the impact of technology? Does the digital era have something to do with the decline?

Moderator:
Minam Kornblith, Senior Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, National Endowment for Democracy, Venezuela/USA

Speakers:
Christopher Sabatini, Senior Research Fellow, Chatham House, USA
Patricio Navia, Political scientist, columnist, Peru/Chile
Marta Lucia Ramirez, Former Vice President, Colombia

Panel Discussion (Prague Congress Centre, Panorama Hall)

OPENING THE INTERNAL MARKET ON THE WAY OF THE EU ACCESSION? OPPORTUNITY FOR UKRAINE

In the context of the Russian aggression, several interesting studies and proposals regarding the process of EU integration have appeared and have attracted attention. CEPIS published a study on a phased integration, the European Council on Foreign Relations published the concept of partnership for integration, and the idea of opening the internal market during the accession process was published by the European Stability Initiative. The European Commission canceled tariffs and quotas for Ukraine for one year and applied similar measures to Moldova. Should there be an opening of the internal market for candidate countries even before they join the EU? What benefits and

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limitations would such a move bring? What potential problems would countries run into? What can the Czech Presidency do in this matter? What horizons of this process are realistic?

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Katerina Sotariková, Journalist, Czechia

Speakers:
Taras Kachka, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Economy, Ukraine
Maciej Popowski, Acting Director-General, Directorate General Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations (DG NEAR), European Commission, Poland
Gerdald Knauts, Chairman, European Stability Initiative, Austria
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Tomáš Prouza, President, Confederation of Commerce and Tourism, Czechia

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Panel (Prague Congress Centre, Joan Kagezi Hall)

THE FUTURE OF RUSSIA?

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Speakers:
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11:30 - 12:45

Panel (Prague Congress Centre, Asma Jahangir Hall)

THE UNFREEDOM MONITOR – DOCUMENTING THE NETWORKED AUTHORITARIANISM

In cooperation with Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty

This panel is based on recent research carried out by a team of researchers, journalists, and rights advocates under the project "Unfreedom Monitor" at Global Voices Advox. The Unfreedom Monitor reports on the growing phenomenon of the use of digital communications technology to advance networked authoritarianism around the world. What motivates, shapes, and influences digital authoritarianism? In its pilot research, the Unfreedom Monitor looks at 11 countries tracing the trends, and examining the narratives shaping this debate. It is a global problem that requires a global solution - but how? And is it at all possible? How should liberal democracies, in an age when digital authoritarian countries are on the rise, resist the influence of digital authoritarianism? How can they respond in ways that do not erode democracy?

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Nanjala Nyabola, Writer, Political Analyst, Author, Kenya
Tanya Lokor, Associate Professor, Digital Media and Society, School of Communications, Dublin City University, Ireland
Patrick Boehler, Head of Digital Strategy, Radio Free Europe, Austria/Czechia
Katolína Wigura, Chairwoman, Kultura Liberalna Foundation, Poland

12:45 - 13:15

Closing Session (Prague Congress Centre, Panorama Hall)

CLOSING SESSION

Remarks:
Tsai Ing-wen, President, Taiwan
Milos Vysrckil, President, Senate of the Parliament, Czechia
Concluding Remarks:
Jakub Klepal, Executive Director, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czechia

13:15 - 14:30

Other (Prague Congress Centre, Panorama Hall)

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