

# EASTERN PARTNERSHIP: TOWARDS CIVIL SOCIETY FORUM

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## CONFERENCE PROGRAM

(as of April 19, 2009)

### 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), Zagranica Group (PL), Open Society Institute, Heinrich Boell Foundation, European Partnership for Democracy, European Council on Foreign Relations, Policy Association for an Open Society, Pact Ukraine and others

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## TUESDAY, MAY 5

14:00 - 17:00

5 parallel workshops

### 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

#### *Rapporteur*

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

#### *Participants*

**Igor Botan**, Director; ADEPT - Association for Participatory Democracy, Moldova (tbc)

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

**Boris Navasardian**, President, Yerevan Press Club, Armenia

**Elena Tonkacheva**, Independent Society for Legal Research, Belarus

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

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

**Iris Kempe**, Director; Heinrich Boell Foundation, Georgia / Germany

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

### 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**, Center for Peace, Conversion and Foreign Policy, Ukraine

#### *Participants*

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

**Vlad Lupan**, Independent Expert, Moldova

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

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

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

**Vit Štrítecký**, Institute of International Relations, Czech Republic (tbc)

**Peter Mossop**, International Centre for Democratic Transition (ICDT), Hungary /Sweden (tbc)

### WORKSHOP C

#### **Thematic Focus: Economic Integration**

EU Role in Economic Convergence of EaP Countries

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*

**Ghenadie Ivascenco**, Executive Director; Habitat-Moldova Center, Moldova  
**Rena Safaraliyeva**, Executive Director; Transparency International, Azerbaijan  
**Olga Shumylo**, Director; International Centre for Policy Studies, Ukraine  
**Valeriu Prohntchi**, Expert Group, Moldova (tbc)

**WORKSHOP D**

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

Thematic Focus: Communication, Transport, Visa Facilitation

Host: Polish Institute for International Affairs (PISM)  
Venue: Institute of International Relations (IIR), Nerudova 3, Prague 1

*Coordinator*

**Łukasz Adamski**, Polish Institute for International Affairs, Poland

*Rapporteur*

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

*Participants*

**Olena Betlij**, Akademia Kijevsko-Mohylanska, Ukraine  
**Grzegorz Gromadzki**, Director, International Cooperation Program; Stefan Batory Foundation, Poland  
**Igor Munteanu**, IDIS-Viitorul (Institute for Development and Social Initiatives), Moldova  
**Ghia Nodia**, Caucasus Institute for Peace, Democracy and Development, Georgia  
**Oleg Serebrian**, President; Preparatory Committee of the European Movement in Moldavia, Moldova

**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*

**Richard Giragosian**, Director; Armenian Center for National and International Studies, USA / Armenia  
**Veaceslav Ionita**, IDIS-Viitorul (Institute for Development and Social Initiatives), Moldova  
**Sasha Müller-Kraenner**, Director; The Nature Conservancy in Europe, Germany  
**Volodymyr Saprykin**, Razumkov-Center, Ukraine (tbc)

**Jiří Schneider**, Program Director; Prague Security Studies Institute (PSSI), Czech Republic  
**Ernest Wyciszkievicz**, Polish Institute of International Affairs, Poland  
**Roderick Kefferpütz**, Director, Energy Security Programme; Heinrich Boell Foundation - EU Regional Office, Germany / Brussels  
**Ferenc Kalmar**, International Centre for Democratic Transition (ICDT), Hungary (tbc)  
**Ingilab Ahmedov**, Director of Public Finance Monitoring, Azerbaijan (tbc)

17.30                    **PRESENTATION OF THE STUDY**  
                              **“Synergies v. Spheres of Influence in the Pan-European Space”** by  
                              **Michael Emerson, Centre for European Policy Studies (CEPS), Brussels**  
                              (open for all workshop participants; public after previous registration only)  
                              Venue: Czernin Palace, Loretanske namesti 5, Prague 1

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

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 6

Venue: Czernin Palace, Loretanske namesti 5, Prague 1

08:30 - 09:00            **REGISTRATION**

09:00 - 09:30            **WELCOMING REMARKS**  
                              **OPENING REMARKS**

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

### *Chair*

**Pavol Demeš**, German Marshall Fund, Slovakia

### *Speakers*

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

**Boris Navasardian**, President; Yerevan Press Club, Armenia

### *Discussants*

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

**Igor Botan**, Director; ADEPT - Association for Participatory Democracy, Moldova (tbc)

10:30 - 11:00            **COFFEE BREAK**

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*

**Vlad Lupan**, Independent Expert, Moldova

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

**Arzu Abdullayeva**, Chairman of Helsinki Citizens Committee in Azerbaijan, Azerbaijan (tbc)

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, Slovakia / UK

*Speakers*

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

**Valeriu Prohntchi**, Expert Group, Moldova (tbc)

*Discussants*

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

**Veronika Movchan**, Academic Director; Institute for Economic Research and Policy Consulting, Ukraine

14:00 - 14:15

**COFFEE BREAK**

14:15 - 15:15

**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*

**Oleg Serebrian**, President; Preparatory Committee of the European Movement in Moldavia, Moldova (tbc)

15:15 - 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 Boell Foundation - EU Regional Office, Germany / Brussels

*Speakers*

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

*Discussants*

**Leila Aliyeva**, President; Center for National and International Studies, Azerbaijan  
**Volodymyr Saprykin**, Razumkov-Center, Ukraine (tbc)

16:45 - 17:00

**COFFEE BREAK**

17:00 - 18:00

**CONCLUDING PANEL**

**Civil Society Participation in Eastern Partnership: Recommendations and Future Activity**

*Chair*

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

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

**Oleksandr Sushko**, Center for Peace, Conversion and Foreign Policy, Ukraine (tbc)

**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

19:00

**RECEPTION** (open to all registered conference participants)

Venue: Embassy of Poland, Valdstejska 8, Praha 1

**Conference Working Language:**

English and Russian simultaneous translation

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