



CENTER FOR THE ADVANCEMENT OF SECURITY AND POLITICS  
IN EURO-ATLANTIC RELATIONS

BUDAPEST MAY 26-27. 2023.

## TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS 2.0

### The New Global Strategic Environment for Transatlantic Cooperation and Values

*1-2-30: One Year After, Two Members More, Thirty-years' Chapter (of Post-Cold War World) Closed –  
And Their Consequences for Transatlantic Relations*

#### ***Preliminary Agenda***

“1-2-30” – One Year After, Two Members More, Thirty-years' Chapter (of Post-Cold War World) Closed – And Their Consequences for Transatlantic Relations. As the subtitle of the conference captures it, Russia's aggression against Ukraine closed a strategic period in geostrategic situation and thinking, and opened a wholly new era, one that has already fundamentally reorganized strategic priorities and organizations. One year after the North Atlantic Treaty Organization has *de iure* one, *de facto* two new members, and the thirty-year long period of the post-Cold War world is definitely over. It is an important moment to assess the most important developments and the key challenges ahead: The conference will investigate the key questions of how Trans-Atlantic cooperation is managing the strategic pressures to support Ukraine, the imminent threats posed by Russia to its Eastern flank, and at the same time bracing itself for the strategic challenge that China represents to the international system. Top level experts from NATO, the US, Europe and especially Central-Eastern Europe are gathering together to this bespoke event, in an on-invitation-only, closed doors format, under Chatham House rules, with the goal of discussing the diverse views regarding these challenges and of assessing the steps needed on the national and/or Alliance level in order to get their countries and organizations equipped to the period ahead, for maintaining security and re-establishing stability, peace and the observance of international law.

#### **May 26. 2023. Friday**

19:30 pm Registration opens

20:00 – 21:30 **Pre-event Night Owl Session:**

#### **The Development of Russian Strategic Thought and Old/New Russian Foreign Policy**

Vlad Socor\*, Jamestown Foundation

István Gyarmati\*, Founder and President, ICDT

András Rácz\*, Senior Fellow, German Council on Foreign Relations

Moderator: Chris Holzen, IRI\*



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**May 27. 2023 Saturday**

8:00 - 9:00      **Pre-Event: “Power Breakfast – CEE Women Leaders in Security”** (on-invitation only)

**Guest Speakers of Honor:**

Val Dowling,\* WDN, International Republican Institute, US

Amb. Borbála Czakó,\* Former Ambassador to London, Founding President, The Institute of Directors, HU

Benedetta Berti,\* Head of Policy Planning Office of the Secretary General, NATO

Hajnalka Juhász,\* MP, Vice-Chair, Foreign Affairs Committee, Parliament of Hungary

Barbara Haig, Special Advisor to the President, NED, US

Moderator: Réka Szemerkényi,\* IRI

8:30-9:00      Registration, Coffee

9:00 – 9:45      **CONFERENCE OPENING**

**Welcome Remarks:** Jan Surotchak, Senior Director, Transatlantic Strategy, IRI

**OPENING KEYNOTE: One Year After, Two Members More, Thirty-years' Chapter (of Post-Cold War World) Closed – And What These Mean for the Future of Transatlantic Relations**

János Martonyi\*, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Hungary

James Carafano, Heritage Foundation/Max Primorac,\* Heritage Foundation

Randy Scheunemann,\* Vice Chairman of the Board, IRI

- 9:45 – 10:15 **A Personal Perspective:** A Briton who was captured by Russian forces in Ukraine  
Discussion with Shawn Pinner  
Introduction: Thomas Clowes-Pritchard,\* Outreach Director, Pinsker Center, UK
- 10:15-10:30 **Coffee break**
- 10:30 – 11:30 **PANEL ONE: Real Conflicts of an Imagined Continent – Central Eastern Europe, the Continent of the Geopolitical Fault Line**  
  
Attila Demkó\*, Head of the Center for Geopolitics, MCC, HU  
Marek Matraszek, Chairman, CEC Group, PL  
Iulian Fota, Director General, Romanian Diplomatic Institute, RO  
Pavol Demes, Foreign Policy Analyst, GMF US, CZ  
Moderator: István Gyarmati,\* ICDDT
- 11:30 – 11:45 **Coffee Break**
- 11:45 – 12:45 **PANEL TWO: Russia’s War Against Ukraine and the Field of Competing Narratives – The Impact of the Ongoing Disinformation Campaigns - A Fight for Hearts and Minds?**  
  
Thomas Clowes-Pritchard,\* Outreach Director, Pinsker Center, UK  
Jamie Fly, Director, RFE/RL  
Barbara Haig, Special Advisor to the President, NED, US  
Slawomir Debski, Director, PISM, PL  
Moderator: John O’Sullivan, President, Danube Institute
- 12:45 – 13:30 **LUNCHEON KEYNOTE: Whither NATO? The Way Forward**  
  
Benedetta Berti,\* Head of Policy Planning, Office of the Secretary General, NATO  
Introduction: Jan Surotchak,\* Senior Director, Transatlantic Strategy, IRI
- 13 :30 – 14:30 **PANEL THREE: Myths and Realities of The Impacts of International Investments - China to the Rescue?**  
  
Amb. Borbála Czakó,\* Former Ambassador to London, Founding President, The Institute of Directors, HU  
Velina Tchakarova, Director, AIES, AU  
Zdenek Beranek, Foreign Policy Adviser to the Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies, CZ  
Tomasz Wroblewski, CEO Warsaw Enterprise Institute, Poland  
Tamas Matura, Founder, Central and Eastern European Center for Asian Studies, Corvinus University, HU  
Moderator: István Gyarmati,\* ICDDT

14:30 – 15:15 **DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS:**  
**Whither Europe & Central-Eastern Europe? The Way Forward**

Kurt Volker,\* CEPA, US

Pavlo Klimkin,\* Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Ukraine

Moderator: Réka Szemerkényi,\* Senior Advisor, Transatlantic Strategy, IRI

15:15-15:30 Conference Closing

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