

„TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS 2.0“
The New Global Strategic Environment for Transatlantic Cooperation and Values

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China's rise in the global arena, the intensity of global interconnectedness, the COVID pandemic and most recently Russia's aggression against Ukraine with its European, transatlantic and global ramifications, have fundamentally altered the strategic framework and impacted the importance and the role of Transatlantic cooperation in more than one ways. The objective of our event is to take a close look at these simultaneous developments, analyze the new strategic situation evolving from under their impact, and offer policy options for managing the challenges they pose in a way to support transatlantic values and democratic societies, as well as to create a space for strategic discussion strengthening the transatlantic network of experts and thought-leaders.

9:00 – 9:10: Welcome

The Heritage Foundation: James Carafano* International Republican
Institute: Jan Surotchak*

9:10 – 9:30

Opening Keynote:

James Carafano, The Heritage Foundation*

János Martonyi, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Hungary*

9:30 – 10:45: Panel One

Understanding China's Moves: Strategy and/or Business

Discussion focus: The end of the Post-Westphalian world order? A paradigm change or a return to the bipolar logic. The new tools of strategic influence and positioning of states and of non-state actors. Influence or malign influence. Hard and soft power reconsidered.

Speakers:

Anthony Kim, Senior Research Fellow, Heritage, US*

Daniele Scalea, President, Machiavelli – Centro Studi Politici e Strategici, Italy* Velina
Tchakarova, Director, AIES, Austria*

Tomasz Wroblewski, CEO Warsaw Enterprise Institute, Poland*

Tamas Matura, Founder, Central and Eastern European Center for Asian Studies, Corvinus University, Hungary*

Shea Bradley-Farrell, President, Counterpoint Inst. for Policy, Research, and Education, US*

Moderator:

Reka Szemerkenyi, IRI*

11:00 – 12:15: Panel Two:

The New Geostrategic Situation and Its Consequences for Europe

Discussion focus: Geopolitics gone rogue? Russia' invasion of Ukraine: return to the 20th century-style military aggression or a/the new warfare of the 21st century. Russian strategic failure, tactical challenges, military strengths and weaknesses, combined with enhanced domestic oppression - whither Russia? Consequences and alternatives to Europe. European security/defense autonomy, a solution or a weakness. CEE's old fears confirmed or CEE emerging to a strategic new role in the alliance.

Speakers:

Marek Matraszek, Chairman, CEC Group, Poland*

Dr. Kiron Skinner, Taube Professor for IR, Carnegie Mellon University, US* Attila Demkó, Head of the Center for Geopolitics, MCC, Hungary*

Daniel Bartha, Director for International Relations, Equilibrium Institute, Hungary* Vladimir Socor, Senior Fellow, The Jamestown Foundation*

Moderator:

Jan Surotchak, Director, Transatlantic Strategy, IRI*

12:30 – 14:00: Luncheon Presentation and Panel Discussion:

12:30 – 12:45: Luncheon Presentation of Women Democracy Network

Valerie Dowling, Director WDN, IRI*

Adrienne Ross, WDN IRI*

Paula Dobriansky, WDN IRI

12:45 – 14:00: Panel III:

The Role of Transatlantic Cooperation: A New Strategy for „Atlanticism 2.0”

Discussion focus: NATO's new Strategic Concept, designed for this challenge or in need of revisiting. Rethinking the Eastern flank. New members to come to NATO, a genuine historic change and its consequences. Unity for strengthening and expanding atlantic cooperation, retuning tools, new areas of atlantic cooperation. 2022: the beginning of the era of

„Atlanticism 2.0”

Speakers:

Jamie Fly, President, FRE/RL, Czech Republic*

Hajnalka Juhasz, MP, Vice-Chair, Foreign Affairs Committee, Parliament of Hungary Adrienne Ross, Senior Advisor, WDN IRI ,US*

Matej Kandrik, Director, Stratpol, Slovakia* Kurt Volker, Distinguished Fellow, CEPA, US

John Venable, Senior Reseach Fellow for Defense Policy, Heritage Foundation, US*

Moderator:

István Gyarmati, ICDT*

14:00 – 14:15: Closing Remarks

Gyarmati István, ICDT*

Daniel Bartha, Director for International Relations, EI* Jan Surotchak, IRI*

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