

NATO@70: The Road Ahead

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KEYNOTE

KARSTEN D. VOIGT, SPD

FORMER COORDINATOR OF GERMAN-NORTH AMERICAN COOPERATION AT THE FOREIGN OFFICE OF GERMANY



Karsten Voigt Karsten D. Voigt is member of the board of Aspen Germany and Senior Associate fellow and member of the presidium of the German Council on Foreign Policy. From 1976 - 1998 he was member of the German Bundestag. There he served als Foreign Policy Speaker of the Socialdemocratic Fraction from 1983 - 1998. For many years he was chairman of the German - Soviet and later the German - Russian parliamentary group. From 1992 - 1994 he was elected as Vice-president and from 1994 - 1996 as President of the Parliamentary Assembly of NATO. From 1999 - 2010 he served as the German-American Coordinator in the Federal Foreign Office

ROUNDTABLE DISUCSSION:

What is NATO in 2019? – Roundtable discussion

PÉTER BALÁZS

DIRECTOR, CEU CENTER FOR EUROPEAN NEIGHBORHOOD STUDIES, BUDAPEST



Dr. Péter Balázs is the director of the Center for European Neighborhood Studies (CENS) which he established in 2005. Research activities of Prof. Balázs are centered on EU foreign policy and problems of the late modernization and European integration of the Eastern part of the continent. He also analyzes European governance and the future of European institutions. He graduated from the Faculty of Economics of “Karl Marx” University (today Corvinus University) and obtained his doctorate and habilitation there. He is a ScD of the Hungarian Academy of Sciences. In parallel with his government and diplomatic career, he has been teaching and researching. He was nominated Professor of Corvinus University in 2000 and joined Central European University as a Professor in 2005. He is regularly teaching at various Hungarian and foreign universities. Prof. Balázs

joined the Government of Hungary several times, e.g. as State Secretary for Industry and Trade (1992-1993) and State Secretary for European Integration (2002-2003). He was Ambassador of Hungary in Denmark (1994-1996), Germany (1997-2000) and to the EU in Brussels (2003-2004). He was also the Government Representative of Hungary in the European Convention drafting the Constitutional Treaty, which became later, after several modifications, the Lisbon Treaty. In 2004, he was nominated as the first Hungarian Member of the European Commission responsible for regional policy. In 2009-2010, he was Foreign Minister of Hungary.

RASTISLAV KÁČER

CHAIRMAN, GLOBSEC, BRATISLAVA



Ambassador Rastislav Káčer has become Ambassador of Slovakia to Hungary in October 2013. He has served as President and Chairman of the Slovak Atlantic Commission since 2008, after completion of his five-year term in Washington D.C. as Ambassador of Slovakia to the United States. Prior to this, Mr Káčer served at different decision-making levels for 16 years. He began his career as a policy analyst at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, rising to Head of the Analytical Unit. Between 1994 and 1998, he served at NATO headquarters in Brussels and on his return from Brussels became Head of Policy Planning Staff and Director General for Security Policy and Multilateral Affairs at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 2001, he became Secretary of State at

the Ministry of Defence responsible for the negotiation and accession process of Slovakia to NATO. In July 2008, Mr Káčer was elected President of the Slovak Atlantic Commission, which is a member of the Atlantic Treaty Association. He is widely recognised as an expert on U.S. domestic and foreign policy, transatlantic relations, defence and security issues.

REINHARD KRUMM

HEAD OF FES REGIONAL OFFICE FOR COOPERATION AND PEACE IN EUROPE



Dr. Reinhard Krumm, born in Hamburg, Germany, got his MA in Russian History from the University of Hamburg in 1989, and his PhD from Regensburg University, Germany in 2003, where he is a lecturer on Russian History since 2008. He holds an honoree professorship from the department of Political Science at Moscow State University. From 1991 to 1998 he worked as a journalist in the former Soviet Union, being the Moscow correspondent of Der Spiegel magazine from 1996 to 1998. He joined the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung in 2002, serving as the Head of the Regional Central Asian office in Tashkent/Uzbekistan from 2003 to 2007, as the Head of the Russian office in Moscow from 2007 to 2012 and from 2012 to 2016 as the Head of the Department of Central and Eastern Europe in Berlin. Currently he is heading the newly established FES Regional Office for

Cooperation and Peace in Europe, based in Vienna.

BARBORA MARONKOVA

DIRECTOR AT NATO INFORMATION AND DOCUMENTATION CENTRE, KYIV



Barbora Maronkova joined the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO), Public Diplomacy Division in Brussels, Belgium in 2006 as program coordinator to oversee projects that aim to raise awareness and promote NATO in a number of NATO member states. As of September 2010, she worked as programme manager for the Western Balkans where she designed, planned and implemented public diplomacy campaigns. In this capacity, she advised several candidate countries on their national public awareness campaigns on NATO membership.

From January to December 2016, she worked for NATO's Press and Media office. In March 2017, she became Director of NATO Information and Documentation Centre in Kyiv, Ukraine.

In 2003, she established and headed the Slovak-based NGO Centre for European and North Atlantic Affairs to contribute to public and

academic debate on Slovakia's membership to the EU and NATO. Her work included public relations and media appearances, public speaking, donor and stakeholder relations, and management of the NGO.

A graduate of the University of Economics of Bratislava, Slovak Republic, Barbora is also holds a Public Affairs diploma from the Chartered Institute for Public Relations in the UK. She currently serves as a non-resident Research Fellow with the USC Center on Public Diplomacy and is a frequent contributor to the CPD Blog.

CHAIR

KRISZTINA BOMBERA

TELEVISION ANCHOR, PRODUCER, INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENT



Krisztina Bombera J.D. – television anchor, producer, international correspondent and owner of CauseArt Platform value-advocacy agency. Krisztina co-anchors a politics-public policy-culture themed morning show at ATV Hungary and the only CNN-affiliated international news show of the country. A lawyer by training, she has been advocating human rights, democratic values and the values of a free press for twenty years. She lived and worked in the United States for close to ten years. Among her jobs were: presidential campaign correspondency or a junior academic research position focusing on recent Hungarian legal changes at Princeton University, New Jersey.

Ms. Bombera co-founded CauseArt Platform in 2016 in order to advocate and fundraise for causes that support disadvantaged groups of society, enhance social cohesion, promote awareness

and tolerance. CauseArt Platform designs campaigns that involve local and global entertainment stars leveraging their power to reach young audiences and cooperates with opinion leaders from business to science and culture in order to inspire, amplify impact and call for activism.

Ms. Bombera has written three books, one covering her personal experiences and live news coverage living in New York City during the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

Expert panel:
NATO's Eastern expansion: Lessons learned and the way ahead

TAMÁS CSIKI

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Dr. Tamás Csiki is a research fellow specializing in Euro-Atlantic defense at the Institute for Strategic and Defense Studies in Budapest, Hungary. A graduate from Central European University and a PhD-candidate in military sciences at the National University of Public Service (Budapest, Hungary), at ISDS he has been providing independent analysis on European security and defense policy issues to the Hungarian Ministry of Defense. His PhD research focuses on the defense cooperation of Central European countries.

MATÚŠ HALÁS

SENIOR RESEARCHER, INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, PRAGUE



Dr. Matúš Halás received his Ph.D. in International Relations from Charles University and he spent a part of his studies and also of his career at the University of Potsdam and the Bibliothèque de la Sorbonne. His research focuses on agent-based modelling of complex systems, deterrence theory and geopolitics. His articles appeared in journals like Geopolitics, Social & Cultural Geography and Cambridge Review of International Affairs. Matúš also edited a volume titled Geopolitical Mistakes of the 20th Century that introduced classical geopolitical texts to the general public for the first time in a translated form. He regularly writes op-ed articles on topics related to European security and international politics too.

DOVILĖ JAKNIŪNAITĖ

PROFESSOR, INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND POLITICAL SCIENCE, VILNIUS UNIVERSITY



Dr. Dovile Jakniunaite is professor at the Institute of International Relations and Political Science of Vilnius University, head of the Institute's Russia and Central Eastern European Studies Center.. Her main fields of expertise are foreign policy analysis, security studies, international relations theory, border studies, EU Eastern Partnership policy. She is the author of the books *Kur prasideda ir baigiasi Rusija: kaimynystė tarptautinėje politikoje* [Where Russia Begins and Ends: Neighborhood in International Relations] (2007) and *Kaip tapti valstybe: sienos ir erdvės Gruzijos teritoriniuose konfliktuose* [How to Become a State: Spaces and Territories in Georgian Territorial Conflicts] (2017), editor of *Ambicingas dešimtmetis: Lietuvos užsienio politika 2004-2014* [An Ambitious

Decade: Lithuanian Foreign Policy 2004-2014]. She works at the Institute since 2003, has had fellowships in Cracow, Creighton, Florida, Tbilisi universities, in 2017 received Vilnius University Rector's award for yearly scientific achievements, currently is contributing to the Horizon 2020 project "EU-STRAT: The EU and Eastern Partnership countries: an inside-out analysis and strategic assessment".

CHAIR

ANDRÁS SZALAI

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Andras Szalai, PhD is research fellow at the Center for European Neighborhood Studies of the Central European University (CENS), where he is responsible for academic projects related to European neighbourhood policy and transatlantic relations. Currently he is heading a research project that investigates the securitization of the 2015 migration crisis in the Visegrad 4 region. The project also seeks to analyze the implication of this crisis on the future of the EU, and the political repercussions of the divide between Eastern (transit) and Western (receiving) EU member states. Szalai also holds the position of assistant professor at the Department of International Relations and European Studies of Loránd Eötvös University, where he teaches courses on International Relations theory and security studies on both undergraduate and graduate levels.