



## Five years into Russian-Ukrainian conflict: What role for the West?

**Date and time: May 13 (Monday), 2019**

**Venue: Central European University, Budapest, Nádor utca 15. 103 (Tiered room)**

Five years after the annexation of Crimea and start of the armed conflict in Donbas – the situation on the ground remains unchanged. The Minsk process did not result in any overall stabilization but remains in place as there seem to be not better alternatives. The policies of the recently elected president will determine whether the political status quo can be more or less maintained or whether Ukraine and its neighbors will have to adapt to new, potentially unforeseeable, circumstances. The U.S. decision of December 2017 to supply Ukraine with military equipment enabled Kyiv to improve its combat capabilities and reduce losses. Moreover, Ukraine started to play a more important role for the Trump Administration in its policy towards European security and Russia. At the same time, the idea of a peacekeeping mission is favored by both Ukraine and Russia, but the lack of mutual trust is limiting viable options. Western engagement is mainly maintained through the OSCE and its special monitoring mission in Ukraine. Additionally, the Normandy format and recent Franco-German initiatives on the Azov Sea showcase attempts to prevent a re-escalation of hostilities.

This conference seeks to discuss the role that the West is currently playing in the resolution of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict, the efficiency of existing resolution mechanisms and the relevance of engagement/deterrence options and sanctions policy vis-a-vis Russia.

**09:30 – 10:00      Registration**

**10:00 – 10:10      Opening Remarks**

**Beate Martin**, Director, Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung Budapest Office

**Péter Balázs**, Director, CEU Center for European Neighborhood Studies (CENS)

**10:10 – 11.45**

**Panel I: Russian-Ukrainian conflict and its implications for the Western liberal order**

**Chair: Maryna Vorotnyuk**, researcher, CEU Center for European Neighborhood Studies

**Andrew Wilson**, Professor of Ukrainian Studies, School of Slavonic and East European Studies (SSEES), University College London, London

**Anna Korbut**, Academy Robert Bosch Fellow, Russia and Eurasia Programme, Chatham House, London

**Alexander Baunov**, Senior Fellow, Carnegie Moscow Center and editor-in-chief of Carnegie.ru

**Kataryna Wolczuk**, Professor, Centre for Russian, European and Eurasian Studies, University of Birmingham, UK

**11:45 – 12.15**

*Coffee Break*

**12:15 – 13.45**

**Panel II: Western stance and contribution towards the resolution of the Russian-Ukrainian conflict: Assessing the options at hand**

**Chair: Balázs Jarábik**, Nonresident Scholar, Carnegie's Russia and Eurasia Program

**Wolfgang Sporrer**, Head of Human Dimension OSCE Special Monitoring Mission to Ukraine

**Sergey Utkin**, Head of Strategic Assessment Section, Institute of World Economy and International Relations, Russia

**Volodymyr Dubovyk**, Associate professor, Odesa Mechnikov National University, Ukraine

**Susan Stewart**, Senior Associate, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, SWP

**13.45 – 14.00**

**Concluding remarks**