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# PROGRAM

**8:30 – 9:00**

**REGISTRATION**

**9:00 – 9:15**

**WELCOME SPEECH**

**Jan Macháček** Chairman of the Board, Institute for Politics and Society (Czech Republic)

**Martina Dlabajová** Member of the European Parliament, ALDE (Czech Republic)

**Andrej Babiš** Leader of political movement ANO (Czech Republic)

**9:15 – 10:00**

**TALK FOR EUROPE**

**Andrej Babiš** Leader of political movement ANO (Czech Republic)

**Ryszard Petru** Leader of Political Party Nowoczesna (Poland)

*Moderator:* **Pavel Telička** Vice-President, European Parliament (Czech Republic)

**10:00 – 10:10**

**Coffee Break**

**10:10 – 11:45**

**PANEL A: WILL US-EU RELATIONS BE GREAT AGAIN?**

**Peter Chase** Senior Fellow, The German-Marshall Fund (USA)

**Vladislav Davidzon** Chief Editor, The Odessa Review (USA/Russia)

**Janusz Onyszkiewicz** Director, Euro-Atlantic Association (Poland)

**Magdalena Kirchner** Conflict Researcher, RAND Corporation in Arlington, VA (Germany)

*Moderator:* **Sebastian Vagt** Analyst, Friedrich Naumann Foundation (Germany)

**11:45 – 12:45**

**LUNCH**

# PROGRAM

**12:45 – 14:15**

**PANEL B: THE UNION DIVIDED:  
QUO VADIS, EUROPE?**

**H. E. Christoph Israng** Ambassador of Germany to the Czech Republic (Germany)

**Anna Orosz** Analyst, Budapest Institute (Hungary)

**Mats Braun** Head of Department of International Relations and European Studies, Metropolitan University in Prague (Sweden)

**Vít Beneš** Researcher, Institute for International Relations (Czech Republic)

**Lubor Lacina** Professor, Mendel University (Czech Republic)

*Moderator:* **Csaba Tóth** Strategic Director, Republikon Institute (Hungary)

**14:15 – 14:30**

**Coffee Break**

**14:30 – 16:00**

**PANEL C: LIFE AFTER BREXIT AND THE FUTURE  
OF THE EUROZONE**

**Kishwer Falkner, Baroness Falkner of Margravine**

Politician, Liberal Democrats (United Kingdom)

**John Lloyd** Contributing Editor, Financial Times (United Kingdom)

**Matthias Bauer** Senior Economist, European Centre for International Political Economy (Belgium)

**Karel Lannoo** CEO, Center for European Policy Studies (Belgium)

**Ivo Šlosarčík** Professor, Charles University (Czech Republic)

*Moderator:* **Jan Macháček** Chairman of the Board, Institute for Politics and Society (Czech Republic)

**16:00 – 17:00**

**NETWORKING WITH A GLASS OF WINE**

## PANEL A WILL US-EU RELATIONS BE GREAT AGAIN?

Security is certainly the most important challenge for Europe as European defense systems are vulnerable in the wake of multiple physical and digital security breaches. The situation is even more complicated due to Donald Trump's eurosceptic perspective and often unpredictable agenda. Authorities are consistently having to address the rising levels of terrorism, ISIS, disinformation and the migration crises and despite the ceasefire in Ukraine, Russian aggression continues to erupt throughout the eastern region.

**Questions:**

*What is the future for the Atlantic Alliance? How will the new European defense system look like? What would it mean for security if the EU were to rely less on the US?*

## **PANEL B**

# **THE UNION DIVIDED: QUO VADIS, EUROPE?**

The EU is currently facing many important challenges. Not only is the East-West division resurfacing, but also the illiberal tendencies have intensified, particularly in Poland and Hungary. For the first time since the end of the Second World War, nationalist populist parties have been close to victory in the Western European elections over the last two years. In Central and Eastern Europe, the inhabitants are entertaining the idea of changing their political regimes and are looking for strong and charismatic “leaders”.

### **Questions:**

*How dangerous is Separatism, Nationalism and Populism? What is the future of liberal constitutional democracy in Europe? Is there a chance that Brexit will inspire more countries to leave the EU?*

## **PANEL C**

# **LIFE AFTER BREXIT AND THE FUTURE OF THE EUROZONE**

High levels of uncertainty still revolve around Brexit. The position of the EU seems a little clearer than the British one. Meanwhile, internal difficulties continue within the eurozone, even though economic growth has returned. There are still strong imbalances, high indebtedness and a weak banking sector in some states. Progress is being stifled by politicians persistently acting within national interests, which prevent solutions that would benefit the eurozone as a whole.

### **Questions:**

*How could the danger of growing hostilities and misunderstandings in the negotiation of Brexit be avoided? What would a so-called ‘hard Brexit’ mean for the UK and the EU? Is Brexit really an incentive for further eurozone integration? How will this proceed? Is membership mandatory?*

## WELCOME SPEECH



### **Martina Dlabajová**

Czech Republic

Martina Dlabajová (ANO/ALDE) has been a Member of the European Parliament since 2014, where her work focuses mainly on youth employment. She serves on the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs. The European Parliament has approved her report on connecting skills with the requirements of the labour market. Martina Dlabajová is also the parliamentary reporter of the strategic plan for improvement of education. She is the patron of the project “PročByNe?” (“Why Not?”), which offers internships to youths.



### **Andrej Babiš**

Czech Republic

Andrej Babiš obtained his degree at the University of Economics in Bratislava, with his studies focusing on international trade. He began his career as a trader for the Chemapol company in Bratislava and later continued on the Petrimex company. In 1993, he established his own company, Agrofert, which is now an international conglomerate with more than 250 subsidiaries in several industries: chemical, agriculture, food processing, forestry and timbering, ground-technologies, technology and transportation, renewable energy sources and media. Since 2011, he has been the chairman of the ANO political movement, which gained the second largest amount of votes in the 2013 parliamentary elections.

## TALK FOR EUROPE



### **Ryszard Petru**

Poland

Ryszard Petru is a member of the Polish Parliament, leader and founder of a liberal political party Nowoczesna (The Modern). Between 2011 and 2015, he was a chairman of the Association of Polish Economists (TEP) and a partner at PwC from 2011 to 2014. Prior to that, he had held a position of the Chief Economist and Executive Director in commercial banks. From 2001 to 2004, Petru worked as an economist for the Polish and Hungarian affairs at the World Bank. Between 1997 and 2000, when Leszek Balcerowicz was the Deputy Prime Minister and the Minister of Finance, Petru was his advisor, working on reforms of pension systems and public finance. He graduated from Warsaw School of Economics (SGH). He is an author of publications on current economic issues, including a book “The End of the Free Market? The Origins of the Crisis” (2014).



### **Pavel Telička**

Czech Republic

Pavel Telička is a member of the European Parliament with the ALDE Group and Vice-President of the European Parliament. Pavel Telička was elected in the Czech Republic after having significantly contributed to the country’s integration into the EU throughout his career. After having obtained a law degree from the Charles University in Prague, he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, where he also held various senior positions. As such, Mr. Telička was the Chief Negotiator of the Accession of the Czech Republic to the European Union. His successful efforts were recognised by former President Vaclav Havel, who awarded him a Memorial Medal. Subsequently, Pavel Telička served as Czech Ambassador to the EU and as the first Czech European Commissioner. In May 2014, he was elected to the European Parliament, running for the Czech liberal movement ‘ANO 2011’. Mr. Telička is Vice-President of the European Parliament and coordinator of ALDE MEPs in the Committee on Transport and Tourism.



## PANEL A WILL US-EU RELATIONS BE GREAT AGAIN?



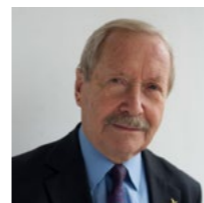
**Peter Chase**  
USA

Peter Chase is a Senior Fellow at the German Marshall Fund, based in Brussels. He recently left the U.S. Chamber of Commerce after six years as its Senior Representative in Europe. Prior to joining the Chamber, Mr. Chase was a U.S. diplomat for 30 years, working extensively on transatlantic economic policy issues between 1992 and 2010. During his diplomatic career, he also served 1990-92 as the Director of Investment Affairs at the Office of the U.S. Trade Representative and as Legislative Assistant for Economic Policy and Foreign Affairs with Senator Bill Bradley (D-NJ). Mr. Chase, who grew up in Taiwan, received his Bachelor of Arts in Chinese Language and Literature from the University of Washington in Seattle in 1976 and his Master of International Affairs from Columbia University in 1978. He was married and has three grown daughters.



**Vladislav Davidzon**  
USA/Russia

Vladislav Davidzon is the Chief Editor of The Odessa Review and Tablet Magazine's European culture critic. His literary criticism and reportage have appeared in Bookforum, The Forward, The New York Observer, World Policy Journal, Foreign Policy Magazine, and the Atlantic Council's Atlanticist. He holds a degree in Human Rights from the EMA program in Venice. He has reported widely from Eastern Europe, France and Ukraine, and was previously Ukraine Today's Paris correspondent.



**Janusz Onyszkiewicz**  
Poland

Born in 1937, Janusz holds a M.Sc and PhD in pure mathematics and served as Doctor Honoris Causa at the University of Leeds, UK. He has been a member of the democratic opposition since the mid-1960s. After 13th December 1981 and during the martial law, he was imprisoned for over one year, then rearrested several times. He was the national spokesman of "Solidarity" (until 1989) and a member of its National Executive (Presidium). Furthermore, he was the spokesman of "Solidarity" delegation to Round Table negotiations with the communist authorities (February- April 1989). His other roles include being a member of Polish Parliament 1989-2001, the Deputy Minister (1990-1991) and the Minister of National Defence (1991-1993 and 1997-2000). He also served as both the member of the Democratic Party (Union for Freedom) and its President in 2006-2009, was a Member of the European Parliament (2004-2009) and became its Vice-President. He also held the position of Vice President of the Foreign Relation Committee of the European Parliament.

His past titles include: President of the Council of the Euro-Atlantic Association (Poland), Member of the Advisory Board of the Security & Defence Agenda (Brussels), Member of the European Leadership Network, Senior Fellow in the Centre for International Relation (Warsaw), Adviser to the Minister of National Defence (2010-2015), Chairman of the Defence Industry, Cooperation Committee of the Polish-Ukrainian Chamber of Commerce. Speleologist and alpinist, President of Polish Mountaineering Association (since 2001). Decorations: Great Cross of Order of Gedymin (Lithuania), Officer of the Legion of Honour (France), Manfred Woerner Cross (Germany), Terra Mariana Cross (Estonia), Commander of the Polonia Restituta Cross (Poland).



**Magdalena Kirchner**  
Germany

Magdalena Kirchner, Mercator-IPC Fellow at Sabanci University's Istanbul Policy Center, is a political scientist and conflict researcher specializing in transatlantic security and foreign policy, crisis management and Turkey. Previously, she held research positions inter alia at the RAND Corporation in Arlington, VA, the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), the German Institute for International Affairs and Security Affairs (SWP) in Berlin, the Moshe Dayan Center for Middle Eastern and African Studies in Tel Aviv as well as the Center for Middle Eastern Strategic Studies (ORSAM) in Ankara, Turkey. Prior to that, she taught politics at her alma mater, the University of Heidelberg, and led the Working Group & Conflicts in the Middle East and Maghreb at the Heidelberg Institute for International Conflict Research (HIIK). In the past years, she has testified as an expert witness in several high-profile counter-terrorism trials in Germany and her comments on international security issues were published by international media outlets such as the BBC, DailyStar Lebanon, Deutsche Welle (Arabic, Turkish, German), Politico, Tagesschau and Tagesspiegel.

## **PANEL B**

# **THE UNION DIVIDED: QUO VADIS, EUROPE?**



**H. E. Christoph Israng**

Germany

Dr. Christoph Israng is a career diplomat who joined the German Foreign Service in 1997. From 2014 to 2017, he represented Germany at the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons, and has served more than eight years on the foreign policy advisory team of Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel. Previous assignments include: the Federal Foreign Office, head of Division 212 in the Federal Chancellery, foreign policy adviser in the German Bundestag, and foreign missions in Sarajevo, Istanbul and St. Petersburg. Dr. Israng holds a PhD in economic geography and multiple degrees in business administration. He's served in the German Air Force, where he holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.



**Anna Orosz**

Hungary

Anna Orosz, is a board member of Momentum- a new Hungarian political movement with open, pro-European and progressive values. With its extremely successful first official campaign, the "NOlympia" campaign, Momentum broke into the Hungarian political landscape in January 2017. With a network of over 1000 people and dozens of local units, the party is preparing in full force for the 2018 parliamentary elections. Anna has been part of the board since March 2017. She is an economist and works for a policy analysis institute.



**Mats Braun**

Sweden

Mats Braun is an associate professor and head of the department of International Relations and European Studies at the Metropolitan University in Prague. He also lectures regularly at Södertörn University, Stockholm. He has published his work in the Journal of Common Market Studies, Journal of Contemporary European Research and Cooperation and Conflict, among others. He is the author of the book "Europeanization of Environmental Policy in the New Europe: Beyond Conditionality" (Ashgate/Routledge – 2014). From 2010 to 2016, he served as a member of the Executive Council of the Central and East European International Studies Association (CEEISA). During the fall of 2015, he was a visiting scholar at the Cornell Institute for European Studies, Ithaca.



**Vít Beneš**

Czech Republic

Vít Beneš is a Senior Researcher and Editor-In-Chief of the journal International Relations at the Institute of International Relations in Prague. His areas of research include EU enlargement, European integration, the European dimension of Czech foreign policy, and Turkey-EU relations. Before joining the Institute, Vít was a lecturer at the Institut für Politische Wissenschaft, Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg; Metropolitan University Prague; Jan Masaryk Center for International Studies, Faculty of International Relations of the University of Economics and Charles University in Prague. He received his Ph.D. degree in International Relations from the University of Economics.



**Lubor Lacina**

Czech Republic

Lubor Lacina is a Professor of Economics at Mendel University in Brno. He is Jean Monnet Chair in Economic Studies and Director of Jean Monnet Center of Excellence. He is the director of the think tank Mendel European Center and is the author or editor of several monographs on the topic of European economic and political integration. He is the editor of a policy paper series which provides suggestions on further processes for deepening economic and political integration in the EU.

## **PANEL C**

# **LIFE AFTER BREXIT AND THE FUTURE OF THE EUROZONE**



**Kishwer Falkner, Baroness Falkner of Margravine**

United Kingdom

Since 2015, Kishwer has been the Chairwoman of the House of Lords EU Sub-Committee on Financial Affairs, and has led this cross-party committee's pivotal work on the EU and Brexit. She is also a Visiting Professor at King's College and has held fellowships at St Antony's College, University of Oxford and at the Institute of Politics, Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University. Kishwer is a graduate of the London School of Economics and the University of Kent.



**John Lloyd**

United Kingdom

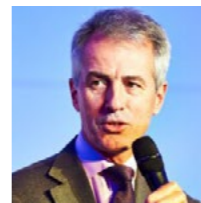
John Lloyd is a British journalist and contributing editor for the Financial Times. He co-founded the Reuters Institute for the Study of Journalism at the University of Oxford in 2006, and is now a Senior Research Fellow. Mr Lloyd is also chairman of the advisory board of the Moscow School of Civic Education and has written several books, including "What the Media Are Doing to Our Politics?" (2004).



**Matthias Bauer**

Belgium

Matthias Bauer is Senior Economist at ECIPE. His areas of research include international trade, the economics of digital markets and the digital economy, European Single Market integration, European fiscal affairs and capital market policy. Before joining ECIPE, Matthias was the coordinator of International Political Economy at the international cooperation division of Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Berlin. Previously, Matthias held positions at DekaBank, UBS, Mercedes-Benz China, and worked as a start-up and business development consultant. He received his Ph.D. degree after joining the Bundesbank graduate programme on the "Foundations of Global Financial Markets and Financial Stability".



**Karel Lannoo**

Belgium

Karel Lannoo has been the Chief Executive of CEPS since 2000, one of the leading independent European think tanks. He has published books and numerous articles in newspapers, specialized magazines and journals on general European public policy, and specific financial regulation and supervision matters. In 2015, he published his latest book, called "The Great Financial Plumbing: From Northern Rock to Banking Union". Karel Lannoo holds a Baccalaureate in Philosophy (1984) and an MA in Modern History (1985) from the University of Leuven, Belgium. In 1986, he obtained a postgraduate in European studies (Centre d'Etudes européennes, CEE) from the University of Nancy, France. Before joining CEPS, he worked for STUC (Students' Cultural Center), did a stage in the EU Commission (spokesmen's service), was employed by an Italian agro-food company (Ferruzzi) and a professional association, and was also active as a freelance journalist.



**Ivo Šlosarčík**

Czech Republic

Ivo Šlosarčík is a professor of European Integration Studies and Jean Monnet Chair in EU Law at Charles University in Prague. Having graduated in law and European integration studies, he obtained a LL.M. in Comparative Constitutional Law (from Central European University in Budapest) and a Ph.D. in International Law (Charles University in Prague). Ivo Šlosarčík also acted as the director for research at EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy, as member of the governmental advisory bodies on the European Constitutional Treaty and the EU Council Presidency, and contributed to Czech Convention on the EU. Ivo Šlosarčík's areas of research covers norm enforcement in the European Union, the EU's cooperation in the AFSJ and Europeanization of national, political, administrative and judicial structures. At present, Ivo Šlosarčík is working on a monograph on the Europeanization of Czech civil service in years 2004-2016.



## MODERATORS



### Sebastian Vagt

Germany

Sebastian Vagt is a defence analyst at the Friedrich-Naumann-Foundation for Freedom. Being based in Brussels, his focus is on the security and defence politics of NATO and the EU. Mr. Vagt has been a naval officer in the German military between 2004 to 2016. During this time he helped to shape the Bundeswehr's public affairs in Berlin, acted as the Executive Officer on a mine hunting vessel in Kiel and joined a NATO Response Force mission. He earned a diploma in state and social sciences in Munich and Stellenbosch, South Africa.



### Csaba Tóth

Hungary

Csaba Toth, PhD (1979) is a political scientist based in Budapest, Hungary. He has worked in the Hungarian Prime Minister's office as a political advisor, and has been the strategic director for two election campaigns for the Hungarian Liberal Party (SZDSZ). He is the founder and currently the director of strategy of the Republikon Institute, a politically independent, liberal think-tank. He is a member of the board of the European Liberal Forum, the party foundation affiliated with the ALDE party. He also teaches at ELTE University and is a member of the board of the Hungarian Political Science Association. As a writer, he is interested in the political aspects of science fiction universes, having published two books on the topic.



### Jan Macháček

Czech Republic

Jan Macháček is an analyst for the daily newspaper Lidové noviny. Before, he worked for Respekt, which he co-founded after the Velvet revolution. His main field of interest is political economy, eurozone crisis, european integration etc. He publishes his daily online column, Monitor, for Lidové Noviny. He teaches journalism at NYU Prague. During communist era, he was a vocal dissent of the regime and is a signatory of Charta 77. He was involved in samizdat publishing and underground music culture. His is currently the Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the Institute for Politics and Society and formerly, he was the Chairman of the Board of Trustees at the Václav Havel Library. He has been repeatedly awarded as the best journalist in the country (for instance, he received the Ferdinand Peroutka Award in 2010).

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