

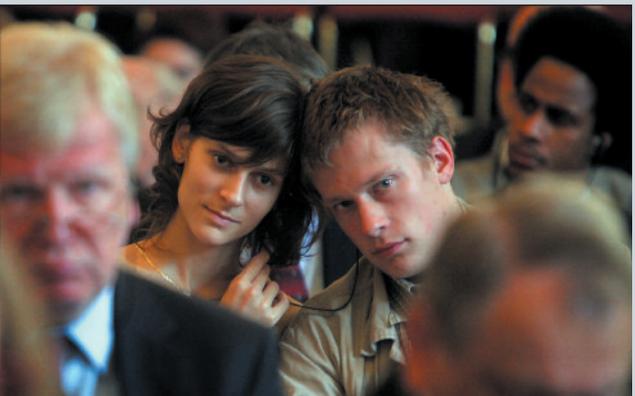
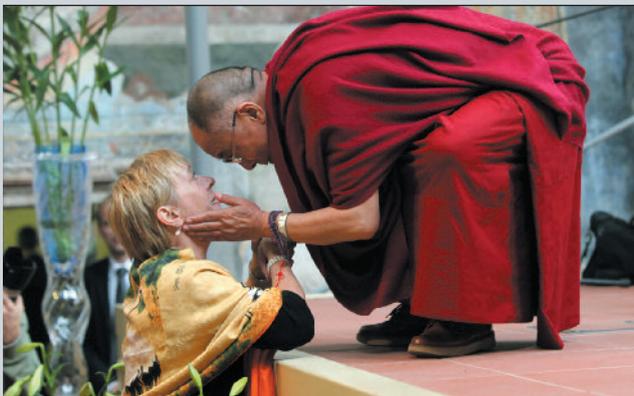


MEDIA AND DEMOCRACY

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Introduction

Dear Friends,

This is the sixteenth year that we have held Forum 2000. However, this year is the first time that we are coming together without President Václav Havel: our steadfast leader in our quest to deepen what he referred to as our spiritual experience.

Throughout the past fifteen years, he taught us something very important. That is, in order to solve our world's problems at their most basic level, it is not enough to simply implement new mechanisms, new regulations or new institutions. Each one of us must first turn our gaze again to our own fundamental spirit. Our own moral base. Our own conscience. Then, after deep reflection, we must make the necessary changes to these most central parts of ourselves. Only then should we begin to search for external solutions.

Over the past decade and a half, President Havel was our teacher. He was our exemplar. He guided us as we took up such vital issues as our sense of responsibility, faith and trust. He pushed us to delve into the complex issues surrounding spiritual, moral and cultural values.

It is meaningful that he did this here, in Prague. Prague lies at the center of Europe. It is a crossroads of thought and ideas. This city has experienced, more than many, the turbulent extremes of our age. Prague has witnessed humankind's worst lies and our deepest truths. It has seen our gravest threats and has come to embody some of our brightest hopes. It is the most suitable place imaginable for us to come together every year to further pursue these thoughts and ideas with the rigor that President Havel asked of us. And when we send our new ideas out into the world from Prague, they are not only filled with hope. They inspire hope.

The legacy of President Havel – his moral and intellectual leadership – is alive here today, watching over us and inspiring us all to personally take responsibility as we walk day by day toward the world we want to live in. Let us strive to live up to his example this year again and make our debate even more active, thought-provoking and world-changing than ever.



Yohei Sasakawa
Chairman of The Nippon
Foundation

"When [Václav Havel] established Forum 2000, it was on the principle that it would be good if informed and concerned people, from different continents, different cultures, from different religious circles, but also from different disciplines of human knowledge could come together to talk calmly with each other. This, it seems to me, is the most appropriate way to promote democracy in non-democratic countries and to support respect for human rights and religious, culture and ethnic tolerance in young democracies. I have assured the Forum 2000 Foundation that I shall be very happy to do whatever I can to contribute to its work and keep alive the spirit of freedom that Václav Havel made such efforts to promote."

His Holiness the Dalai Lama, December 27, 2011

Dear Friends,

After Václav Havel passed away last December, this message and others expressing similar support have helped us enormously in the decision to continue in the project that Václav Havel, Yohei Sasakawa and Elie Wiesel jointly started. The Forum 2000 Conference this year focuses on two main themes – first, on Václav Havel's Legacy, and second, on Media and Democracy, a topic Václav Havel had suggested. In short, the conference is about Václav Havel. But we do not want to mourn or start building a memorial. We intend to honor his work by carrying it forward. We are absolutely committed to it. With the determination of our amazing team, the Board of Directors, and ample circle of advisors and supporters, Václav Havel's Forum 2000 will continue creating a unique space for open debates about freedom, human rights and democratic values.

We hope that you will enjoy the conference, learn something new, and come back next year.



Tomáš Vrba
Chairman of the Board
of Directors



Jakub Klepal
Executive Director

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2.
Academy of Sciences
Národní 3, Prague 1

3.
Czernin Palace
Loretánské náměstí 101/5, Prague 1

4.
DOX Centre for Contemporary Art
Poupětova 1, Prague 7

5.
European House
Jungmannova 24, Prague 1

6.
Faculty of Social Sciences,
Charles University
Smetanovo nábřeží 6, Prague 1

7.
French Institute Prague
Štěpánská 35, Prague 1

8.
Goethe-Institut
Masarykovo nábřeží 32, Prague 1

9.
Karolinum
Ovocný trh 3, Prague 1

10.
Langhans, People in Need Center
Vodičkova 37, Prague 1

11.
Mlýnec
Novotného lávka 9, Prague 1

12.
Prague Crossroads
(former St. Anne's church)
Zlatá, entrance from Liliová, Prague 1

13.
St. Martin in the Wall Church
Martinská 8, Prague 1

Venues Outside Prague

Antiquarian Bookshop Fiducia
Nádražní 30, Ostrava

Faculty of Philosophy and Arts,
University of West Bohemia
Sedláčkova 15, Pilsen

Hotel Devín
Riečna 4, Bratislava
Slovakia

Conference Index

Dear Conference Participants,

This year's Forum 2000 Conference events are divided into the following themes: Václav Havel's Legacy, The Changing Role of the Media, Media and Freedom, Media and Responsibility, Media and the Economy and a grouping called Special Focus. Below is a description of all the events listed chronologically as they take place. A final section outlines Exhibitions, Books and Campaigns taking place as part of the conference.

Please take into consideration that the number and content of events can change during the final stages of the conference preparation. The most up-to-date information is always available at www.forum2000.cz and on screens and at information stands at the conference venues.

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Václav Havel's Legacy

Monday, October 22

10.⁰⁰–10.⁰⁵ OPENING SESSION (Žofín Palace, Forum Hall)

CONFERENCE OPENING

Moderator: *Gareth Evans*, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chancellor, Australian National University, Australia

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10.⁰⁵–11.⁴⁵ SPECIAL SESSION (Žofín Palace, Forum Hall)

VÁCLAV HAVEL: THE POWERFUL POWERLESS

Moderator: *Gareth Evans*, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chancellor, Australian National University, Australia

Panel Discussion: *Karel Schwarzenberg*, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic

Yoani Sánchez, Blogger and Activist, Cuba

Ko Ko Gyi, 1988 Student Leader, Burma

Alyksandar Milinkevich, Opposition Leader, Belarus

Roger Scruton, Philosopher and Political Scientist, United Kingdom

ONLINE

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18.⁰⁰–19.³⁰ ROUNDTABLE (Žofín Palace, Forum Hall)

VÁCLAV HAVEL AS A MEDIA PRACTITIONER

Moderator: *Paul Wilson*, Author, Editor, Radio Producer, Translator, Canada

Panel Discussion: *Karel Hviždala*, Journalist, Writer, Playwright, Czech Republic

Michael Žantovský, President, Aspen Institute Prague, Ambassador to the United Kingdom, Czech Republic

Ivo Mathé, Rector, Academy of Performing Arts, Czech Republic

Jolyon Naegele, Political Director, UNMIK, Former Correspondent, Voice of America, USA

Pavel Pecháček, Journalist, Senior Adviser to the President, RFE/RL, Czech Republic

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Tuesday, October 23

14.¹⁵–15.⁴⁵ SPECIAL SESSION (Žofín Palace, Forum Hall)

VÁCLAV HAVEL'S CIVIL SOCIETY

Moderator: *Jakub Klepal*, Executive Director, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czech Republic

Panel Discussion: *Tomáš Vrba*, Chairman, Board of Directors, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czech Republic

Marta Smolíková, Executive Director, Václav Havel Library, Czech Republic

František Janouch, Chairman, Charter 77 Foundation, Sweden/Czech Republic

Igor Blažević, Founder, One World Film Festival, Czech Republic/Bosnia and Herzegovina

Martin Bútora, Sociologist, Institute for Public Affairs, Slovakia

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17.³⁰–17.⁴⁵ CLOSING SESSION (Žofín Palace, Forum Hall)

CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE

Remarks: *Karel Schwarzenberg*, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic

Gareth Evans, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chancellor, Australian National University, Australia

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The Changing Role of the Media

Monday, October 22

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PANEL (Žofín Palace, Forum Hall)

CHANGING ROLE OF THE MEDIA

Moderator: *Vendeline von Bredow*, Deputy Europe Editor/Europe Online Editor, The Economist, United Kingdom
 Panel Discussion: *Jeffrey Gedmin*, CEO and President, Legatum Institute, Former President, RFE/RL, USA
Ingrid Deltenre, Director General, European Broadcasting Union, Switzerland/The Netherlands
Naguib Sawiris, Businessman and Politician, Egypt
Marites Vitug, Journalist, Chair, Advisory Board, Newsbreak, Philippines
Olga Romanova, Journalist and Activist, Russia

ONLINE

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12.⁰⁰–13.³⁰

PANEL (Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University)

ELECTRONIC ACTIVISM AND DEMOCRATIZATION OF THE PUBLIC SPHERE

In cooperation with the Association for International Affairs

Moderator: *Zora Hesová*, Association for International Affairs, Czech Republic
 Panel Discussion: *Tarik Nesh Nash*, Electronic Activist, Morocco
Sava Tatić, Managing Director, Sourcefabric, Czech Republic/Serbia
Jaroslav Valûch, People in Need, Czech Republic
Min Yan Naing, Co-founder, Generation Wave, Burma

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14.³⁰–16.⁰⁰

PANEL (Žofín Palace, Conference Hall)

THE FUTURE OF THE MEDIA IN ASIA

Moderator: *Surendra Munshi*, Sociologist, India
 Panel Discussion: *Kiichi Fujiwara*, Professor of International Politics, University of Tokyo, Japan
Marites Vitug, Journalist, Chair, Advisory Board, Newsbreak, Philippines
Kavi Chongkittavorn, Group Editor, Nation Multimedia Group, Thailand
Aroon Purie, Founder and Editor-in-Chief, India Today, India
Tomáš Etzler, Journalist, Editor and Producer, China/Czech Republic
Jennifer Chou, Deputy Director of Programming, Radio Free Asia, USA

ONLINE

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ROUNDTABLE (European House)

MEDIA CHOICE, POLARIZATION AND DEMOCRACY

In cooperation with Respekt

Moderator: *Erik Best*, Journalist, The Fleet Sheet, Czech Republic/USA
 Panel Discussion: *Nico Carpentier*, Board Member, European Communication Research and Education Association, Czech Republic/Belgium
Ondřej Liška, Chairman, Green Party, Czech Republic
Erik Tabery, Editor-in-Chief, Respekt, Czech Republic
Mykola Riabchuk, Political and Cultural Analyst, Ukraine

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PANEL (Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University)

THE AL JAZEERA PHENOMENON

Moderator: *Karel Kovanda*, Former Deputy Director-General, DG External Relations, European Commission, Belgium/Czech Republic

Panel Discussion: *Shlomo Avineri*, Professor of Political Science, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
Dan Meredith, Program Director, Internet Freedom Program, Radio Free Asia, USA
Sultan Barakat, Director, Post-war Reconstruction and Development Unit, University of York, United Kingdom/Jordan

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PANEL (French Institute)

DIPLOMACY IN THE AGE OF NEW MEDIA

In cooperation with Embassy of France to the Czech Republic

Moderator: *Pierre Lévy*, Ambassador to the Czech Republic, France

Panel Discussion: *Vintsuk Viachorka*, Opposition Activist, Belarus
U Ohn Kyaing, Member, Central Executive Committee, National League for Democracy, Burma
Yaakov Levy, Ambassador to the Czech Republic, Israel
Janina Hřebíčková, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic

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18.⁰⁰–19.³⁰

PANEL (Goethe-Institut)

THE ROLE OF SOCIAL MEDIA IN TODAY'S BELARUS

In cooperation with People in Need

Moderator: *Rostislav Valvoda*, Head of East-European Program, Centre for Human Rights and Democracy, People in Need, Czech Republic

Panel Discussion: *Franak Viachorka*, Youth Leader, Filmmaker, Belarus
Aliaksandr Atroshchankau, Journalist, Former Political Prisoner, Belarus
Ales Lahviniets, Activist, Movement for Freedom, Belarus

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Tuesday, October 2310.⁰⁰–11.³⁰

PANEL (Žofín Palace, Conference Hall)

MEDIA AS A RELIGION

Keynote Speech: *Tomáš Halík*, Sociologist, President, Czech Christian Academy, Czech Republic

Moderator: *Doris Donnelly*, Director, The Cardinal Suenens Center, John Carroll University, USA

Panel Discussion: *Surendra Munshi*, Sociologist, India
Roger Scruton, Philosopher and Political Scientist, United Kingdom
Nico Carpentier, Board Member, European Communication Research and Education Association, Czech Republic/Belgium

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ROUNDTABLE (Žofín Palace, Knight's Hall)

MEDIA (R)EVOLUTION: MEDIA CHANGES IN CENTRAL EUROPE

In cooperation with Aspen Institute Prague

Moderator: *Michael Žantovský*, President, Aspen Institute Prague, Ambassador to the United Kingdom, Czech Republic

Panel Discussion: *Aleksander Kaczorowski*, Journalist, Poland
Endre B. Bojtár, Editor-in-Chief and Publisher, Magyar Narancs, Hungary
David Brauchli, Communications Director, Piano Media, Slovakia/USA

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14.¹⁵–15.⁴⁵

ROUNDTABLE (Goethe-Institut)

BALKANS: THE CHANGING ROLE OF THE MEDIA

Moderator: *Jan Urban*, Journalist, Member, Program Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czech Republic

Panel Discussion: *Fatmir Sejdiu*, Former President, Kosovo
Gordana Knežević, Director, Balkan Service, RFE/RL, Czech Republic/Bosnia and Herzegovina
Sava Tatić, Managing Director, Sourcefabric, Czech Republic/Serbia
Jeremy Druker, Executive Director, Transitions (TOL), Czech Republic/USA

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ROUNDTABLE (Academy of Sciences)

MEDIA AND EDUCATION

Moderator: *Josef Jařab*, Former Chairman, Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defense and Security, Czech Republic

Panel Discussion: *Ellen Hume*, Media Analyst, Journalist, Fellow, Central European University, Hungary/USA
Jiří Stránský, Author, Czech Republic
Min Yan Naing, Co-founder, Generation Wave, Burma
Steven Gan, Editor, Malaysiakini, Malaysia

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PANEL (Žofín Palace, Forum Hall)

MEDIA AND FREEDOM

Moderator: *Peter Brod*, Journalist, Czech Republic

Panel Discussion: *Lobsang Sangay*, Kalon Tripa, Central Tibetan Administration, India
Gareth Evans, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Chancellor, Australian National University, Australia
José Maria Argueta, Secretary of Strategic Intelligence, Guatemala **ONLINE**
Dunja Mijatović, OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media, Austria/Bosnia and Herzegovina
Bay Fang, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of State, USA **CZ/EN**

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ROUNDTABLE (Žofín Palace, Knight's Hall)

THE PERSISTENT INFLUENCE OF STATE-DOMINATED MEDIA AND THE CHALLENGE TO DEMOCRACY

In cooperation with International Forum for Democratic Studies, National Endowment for Democracy

Moderator: *Christopher Walker*, Executive Director, International Forum for Democratic Studies, National Endowment for Democracy, USA

Panel Discussion: *Zygmunt Bauman*, Sociologist, United Kingdom/Poland
Grigory Yavlinsky, Economist, Politician, Russia
Hu Yong, Professor, School of Journalism and Communication, Peking University, China
Miklós Haraszti, Journalist, Human Rights Advocate, Hungary **EN**

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ROUNDTABLE (Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University)

CENSORSHIP ON THE INTERNET

Moderator: *Tarik Nesh Nash*, Electronic Activist, Morocco

Panel Discussion: *Michael Anti*, Journalist, Political Blogger, China
Yuri Dzhibriladze, President, Centre for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights, Russia
Jaroslav Valůch, People in Need, Czech Republic
Dan Meredith, Program Director, Internet Freedom Program, Radio Free Asia, USA **EN**

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ROUNDTABLE IN MEMORY OF OSWALDO PAYÁ (European House)

CUBA: PUBLIC SPACE IN A CLOSED SOCIETY

In cooperation with People in Need

Moderator: *Marek Svoboda*, Director, Human Rights and Democracy Department, People in Need, Czech Republic

Panel Discussion: *Yoani Sánchez*, Blogger and Activist, Cuba
Tomáš Klvaňa, New York University in Prague, Czech Republic
Regis Iglesias, Christian Liberation Movement, Spain/Cuba
Pavla Holcová, People in Need, Czech Republic **EN/ES**

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Tuesday, October 23

10.⁰⁰–11.³⁰

ROUNDTABLE (Žofín Palace, Knight's Hall)

FREEDOM OF THE PRESS, POVERTY AND DEMOCRACY IN AFRICA

Moderator:

Jeremy Druker, Executive Director, Transitions (TOL), Czech Republic/USA

Panel Discussion:

Nicéphore Soglo, Mayor of Cotonou, Former President, Benin*Ruth Oniang'o*, Executive Director, Rural Outreach Program, Kenya*Gwen Dillard*, Director, African Division, Voice of America, USA*Ian Phillips*, News Director, Associated Press, Czech Republic/United Kingdom

EN

11.⁴⁵–13.¹⁵

PANEL (Academy of Sciences)

OPENING CLOSED SOCIETIES BY PROTECTING PERSECUTED JOURNALISTS, EDITORS AND BLOGGERS

In cooperation with Freedom Now

Moderator:

Jared Genser, President, Freedom Now, USA

Panel Discussion:

David Keyes, Executive Director, Advancing Human Rights, Co-founder, CyberDissidents.org, USA*Aung Zaw*, Founding Editor and Director, The Irrawaddy, Thailand/Burma*Dan Meredith*, Program Director, Internet Freedom Program, Radio Free Asia, USA

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14.¹⁵–15.⁴⁵

ROUNDTABLE (Žofín Palace, Conference Hall)

ACCESSING FREE INFORMATION IN CHINA: CHALLENGES AND PERSPECTIVES

Moderator:

Jennifer Chou, Deputy Director of Programming, Radio Free Asia, USA

Panel Discussion:

Michael Anti, Journalist, Political Blogger, China*Hu Yong*, Professor, School of Journalism and Communication, Peking University, China*Christopher Walker*, Executive Director, International Forum for Democratic Studies, National Endowment for Democracy, USA*Tomáš Etzler*, Journalist, Editor and Producer, China/Czech Republic*Jennifer Chou*, Deputy Director of Programming, Radio Free Asia, USA*SU Chi*, Former Secretary-General, National Security Council, Taiwan

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PANEL (Žofín Palace, Forum Hall)

DEMOCRACY AND MEDIA IN RUSSIA

Moderator:

Jefim Fištejn, Journalist, Czech Republic

Panel Discussion:

Grigory Yavlinsky, Economist, Politician, Russia*Olga Romanova*, Journalist and Activist, Russia*Boris Nemtsov*, Economist, Politician, Russia*Rostislav Valvoda*, Head of East-European Program, Centre for Human Rights & Democracy, People in Need, Czech Republic

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PANEL (Žofín Palace, Knight's Hall)

THE ROLE OF MEDIA IN BURMA ON THE PATH TO DEMOCRACY

In cooperation with People in Need

Moderator:

Scott Hudson, Burma Section, People in Need, Czech Republic

Panel Discussion:

Ko Ko Gyi, 1988 Student Leader, Burma*U Ohn Kyaing*, Member, Central Executive Committee, National League for Democracy, Burma*Aung Zaw*, Founding Editor and Director, The Irrawaddy, Thailand/Burma*Kyaw Thu*, Director, Paung Ku, Burma

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Wednesday, October 2418.⁰⁰–19.³⁰

PANEL (Antiquarian Bookshop Fiducia, Ostrava)

TODAY'S MEDIA: SYMBOL OF FREEDOM OR MANIPULATION?

In cooperation with Antiquarian Bookshop Fiducia

Moderator:

Libor Magdoň, Moderator, Czech Radio Ostrava and Radio Vltava, Czech Republic

Panel Discussion:

Tomáš Etzler, Journalist, Editor and Producer, China/Czech Republic*Martin Ehl*, Chief International Editor, Hospodářské noviny, Czech Republic*Monika Horsáková*, Editor, Czech Television, Czech Republic*Jiří Siostrzonek*, Sociologist, Member of the Media Council, Czech Republic

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Monday, October 22

14.³⁰–16.⁰⁰

PANEL (Goethe-Institut)

OPEN DATA: A TOOL FOR TRANSPARENT POLITICS?

In cooperation with Open Society Fund Prague

Moderator:

Jakub Mráček, Open Data Advocacy, Open Society Fund Prague, Czech Republic

Panel Discussion:

Michal Berg, Journalist, Datablog.cz, Czech Republic

Pavla Brady, First Deputy Lord Mayor, Opava, Czech Republic

Jan Farský, Member of Parliament, Mayor, Semily, Czech Republic

Zdeněk Zajíček, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic, Czech Republic

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18.⁰⁰–19.³⁰

ROUNDTABLE (Žofín Palace, Knight's Hall)

PUBLIC, STATE AND GOVERNMENT MEDIA: WHERE ARE THE BOUNDARIES?

In cooperation with Czech Radio-Rádio Česko

Moderator:

Václav Sochor, Editor-in-Chief, Czech Radio-Rádio Česko, Czech Republic

Panel Discussion:

Olga Romanova, Journalist and Activist, Russia

Ingrid Deltenre, Director General, European Broadcasting Union, Switzerland/The Netherlands

Hu Yong, Professor, School of Journalism and Communication, Peking University, China

Yusmadi Yusoff, Lawyer, Member of Parliament, Malaysia

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Tuesday, October 23

09.⁴⁵–10.⁰⁰

SPECIAL REMARKS (Žofín Palace, Forum Hall)

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Remarks:

Madeleine Albright, Former Secretary of State, USA

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10.⁰⁰–11.³⁰

PANEL (Žofín Palace, Forum Hall)

HUMAN RIGHTS AND THE MEDIA

Moderator:

Kiichi Fujiwara, Professor of International Politics, University of Tokyo, Japan

Panel Discussion:

Zygmunt Bauman, Sociologist, United Kingdom/Poland

Alyaksandar Milinkevich, Opposition Leader, Belarus

Abu Bakr Shawky, Filmmaker, Activist, USA/Egypt

Marites Vitug, Journalist, Chair, Advisory Board, Newsbreak, Philippines

Tarik Nesh Nash, Electronic Activist, Morocco

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10.⁰⁰–11.³⁰

ROUNDTABLE (Academy of Sciences)

POLITICS OF IMAGE

Moderator:

Ellen Hume, Media Analyst, Journalist, Fellow, Central European University, Hungary/USA

Panel Discussion:

José Maria Argueta, Secretary of Strategic Intelligence, Guatemala

Oana Popescu, Political Analyst, Founder, Global Focus Center, Romania

Tomáš Klvaňa, New York University in Prague, Czech Republic

András Stumpf, Journalist, Heti Válasz, Hungary

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11.⁴⁵–13.¹⁵

PANEL (Žofín Palace, Forum Hall)

DO WE (STILL) TRUST MEDIA?Moderator: *Ivo Mathé*, Rector, Academy of Performing Arts, Czech RepublicPanel Discussion: *Iveta Radičová*, Sociologist, Former Prime Minister, Slovakia
Franak Viachorka, Youth Leader, Filmmaker, Belarus
Adrian Sarbu, President, Central European Media Enterprises, Romania
Aleksander Kaczorowski, Journalist, Poland

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PANEL (Žofín Palace, Conference Hall)

MEDIA, RESPONSIBILITY AND ETHICSModerator: *Norman L. Eisen*, Ambassador to the Czech Republic, USAPanel Discussion: *Josef Jařab*, Former Chairman, Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defense and Security, Czech Republic
Kavi Chongkittavorn, Group Editor, Nation Multimedia Group, Thailand
Petr Pokorný, Theologian, President, The Learned Society, Czech Republic
Ahmad Mango, Advisor to Prince El Hassan bin Talal, Jordan

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Wednesday, October 2411.⁰⁰–12.³⁰

PANEL (Faculty of Philosophy and Arts, University of West Bohemia, Pilsen)

MEDIA, CULTURE AND CIVIL SOCIETY DEVELOPMENT

In cooperation with Pilsen 2015 and Faculty of Philosophy and Arts, University of West Bohemia, Pilsen

Moderator: *Přemysl Rosůlek*, Political Scientist, Faculty of Philosophy and Arts, University of West Bohemia, Czech RepublicPanel Discussion: *Mykola Riabchuk*, Political and Cultural Analyst, Ukraine
Karel Hviždala, Journalist, Writer, Playwright, Czech Republic
Shlomo Avineri, Professor of Political Science, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

CZ/EN

15.⁰⁰–16.³⁰

PANEL (Hotel Devín, Bratislava, Slovakia)

SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY OF THE MEDIA

In cooperation with Institute for Public Affairs, Bratislava

Moderator: *Miroslav Kollár*, Chairman of the Council, Radio and Television of Slovakia, SlovakiaPanel Discussion: *Jan Urban*, Journalist, Member, Program Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czech Republic
Václav Mika, CEO, Radio and Television of Slovakia, Slovakia
Alexej Fulmek, CEO, Petit Press Publishers, Audit Bureau of Circulation, Slovakia
Eva Babitzová, Director, Radio Expres, President, Association of Independent Radio and Television Stations, Slovakia
Branislav Ondrášik, Media Expert, Faculty of Mass Media, Paneuropean University, Slovakia

CZ/SK

Media and the Economy

Monday, October 22

10.¹⁵–11.⁴⁵

PANEL (Goethe-Institut)

TOWARDS A GREEN ECONOMY AND SUSTAINABLE FUTURE: ROLE OF THE MEDIA

In cooperation with UN Information Centre Prague, Embassies of Brazil, Germany, United Kingdom and Heinrich Böll Foundation

Moderator:

Martina Mašková, Journalist, Czech Radio-Rádio Česko, Czech Republic

Panel Discussion:

Dagmar Dehmer, Editor, Der Tagesspiegel, Germany

James Randerson, Editor, The Guardian, United Kingdom

Jan Macháček, Journalist, Respekt, Czech Republic

Rodrigo Russo, Correspondent, Folha de Sao Paulo, Brazil

CZ/EN

12.⁰⁰–13.³⁰

ROUNDTABLE (European House)

CHANGING MEDIA BUSINESS MODELS

In cooperation with Transitions (TOL)

Moderator:

Jeremy Druker, Executive Director, Transitions (TOL), Czech Republic/USA

Panel Discussion:

Kavi Chongkittavorn, Group Editor, Nation Multimedia Group, Thailand

David Brauchli, Communications Director, Piano Media, Slovakia/USA

Jan Macháček, Journalist, Respekt, Czech Republic

Klaas Glenewinkel, Director, MICT - Media in Cooperation and Transition, Germany

Steven Gan, Editor, Malaysiakini, Malaysia

Ian Phillips, News Director, Associated Press, Czech Republic/United Kingdom

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16.¹⁵–17.⁴⁵

PANEL (Žofín Palace, Forum Hall)

MEDIA, ECONOMY AND POLITICS

In cooperation with Center on Global Economic Governance, Columbia University

Keynote Speech:

Jan Švejnar, Director, Center on Global Economic Governance, Columbia University, USA/Czech Republic

Moderator:

Hana Lešnarová, Member, Corporate Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, Associate Director, Control Risks

Deutschland, Germany/Czech Republic

Panel Discussion:

Boris Nemtsov, Economist, Politician, Russia

Aroon Purie, Founder and Editor-in-Chief, India Today, India

Emil Constantinescu, Former President, Romania

Tomáš Sedláček, Chief Macroeconomic Strategist, ČSOB Bank, Czech Republic

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CZ/EN/RU

Special Focus

Monday, October 22

12.⁰⁰–13.³⁰

PANEL (Žofín Palace, Conference Hall)

ISSUES AND SOLUTIONS FOR THE BOTTOM BILLION

In cooperation with The Sasakawa Peace Foundation

Introduction: *Jiro Hanyu*, Chairman, The Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan

Opening Remarks: *Motoshige Itoh*, Professor, Graduate School of Economics and Faculty of Economics, The University of Tokyo, Japan

Keynote Speech: *Olusegun Obasanjo*, Former President, Nigeria

Nicéphore Soglo, Mayor of Cotonou, Former President, Benin

Moderator: *Wolfgang Michalski*, Managing Director, WM International, Former Chief Advisor to the Secretary General, OECD, Germany

Panel Discussion: *Ruth Oniang'o*, Executive Director, Rural Outreach Program, Kenya

Núria Molina-Gallart, Director of Policy and Research, Save the Children, United Kingdom

ONLINE

EN

12.⁰⁰–13.³⁰

PANEL (Žofín Palace, Knight's Hall)

TIBET: A WAY FORWARD

In cooperation with Potala

Moderator: *Petr Placák*, Historian, Journalist and Writer, Former Dissident, Czech Republic

Panel Discussion: *Lobsang Sangay*, Kalon Tripa, Central Tibetan Administration, India

Ondřej Klimeš, Sinologist, Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic

Jarmila Ptáčková, Tibetologist, Germany/Czech Republic

Martin Bursík, Former Deputy Prime Minister, Czech Republic

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12.⁰⁰–13.³⁰

PANEL (Goethe-Institut)

HUNGARY: STILL A DEMOCRACY?

Moderator: *Martin Ehl*, Chief International Editor, *Hospodářské noviny*, Czech Republic

Panel Discussion: *Endre B. Bojtár*, Editor-in-Chief and Publisher, *Magyar Narancs*, Hungary

András Stumpf, Journalist, *Heti Válasz*, Hungary

Miklós Haraszti, Journalist, Human Rights Advocate, Hungary

Ellen Hume, Media Analyst, Journalist, Fellow, Central European University, Hungary/USA

EN

13.⁰⁰–16.¹⁵

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (Czernin Palace)

PRAGUE ENLARGEMENT DIALOGUE

In cooperation with Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, European Commission Representation in the Czech Republic, Institute of International Relations, EUROPEUM
By special invitations only

Moderators: *Karel Kühnl*, Advisor to Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic

Radek Špicar, Executive Director, Aspen Institute Prague, Czech Republic

Panel Discussion: *Karel Schwarzenberg*, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic

Štefan Füle, European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy, Belgium/
Czech Republic

Suzana Grubješić, Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration, Serbia

Vesna Pusić, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Croatia

Martin Tlapa, Former Deputy Minister of Industry and Trade, Czech Republic

Peter Balas, Deputy Director General, DG Trade, European Commission, Belgium/Hungary

Special Focus

Branko Azeski, President, Economic Chamber of Macedonia, FYR of Macedonia
Michael Clauss, Director General, Federal Foreign Office, Germany
Bernadette M. Gierlinger, Director General, Federal Ministry of Economy Family and Youth, Austria

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16.¹⁵–17.⁴⁵

PANEL (Žofín Palace, Conference Hall)

WOMEN LEADERS PANEL

In cooperation with Forum 50 %, Open Society Fund Prague and Friedrich Ebert Foundation Representation in the Czech Republic

Moderator:

Oana Popescu, Political Analyst, Founder, Global Focus Center, Romania

Panel Discussion:

Iveta Radičová, Sociologist, Former Prime Minister, Slovakia*Doris Donnelly*, Director, The Cardinal Suenens Center, John Carroll University, USA*Magdaléna Vášáryová*, Politician, Diplomat, Slovakia*Josefina Vázquez Mota*, Politician, Businesswoman, Mexico

ONLINE

EN

16.¹⁵–17.⁴⁵

WORKSHOP (Žofín Palace, Knight's Hall)

THE NILE RIVER: A PROBLEM THAT IS NOT DRYING OUT

In cooperation with The Coca-Cola Company

Moderator:

Irena Kalhousová, Chief Analyst, Prague Security Studies Institute, Czech Republic

Panel Discussion:

David Grey, Professor, School of Geography and the Environment, University of Oxford, United Kingdom*Ayman Ramadan Mohamed Ayad*, Water Engineer, Alexandria Water Company, Egypt*Václav Cílek*, Geologist and Climatologist, Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic

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18.⁰⁰–19.³⁰

ROUNDTABLE (European House)

VENEZUELA AFTER THE PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

Moderator:

José Maria Argueta, Secretary of Strategic Intelligence, Guatemala

Panel Discussion:

Enrique ter Horst, Former United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, Venezuela*Jan Ruml*, Politician, Human Rights Activist, Czech Republic*Tamara Sujú*, Human Rights Lawyer, Venezuela

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Tuesday, October 2309.³⁰–17.⁰⁰

OPEN WORKING MEETING (DOX Centre for Contemporary Art, Lecture Room)

WOMEN'S CONGRESS

In cooperation with Forum 50%

Moderator:

Jana Smiggels Kavková, Director, Forum 50 %, Czech Republic

Panel Discussion:

Daniela Retková, Manager of Special Programs, DOX Centre for Contemporary Art, Czech Republic*Věra Budway-Strobach*, Program Manager Diversity & Inclusion, Česká spořitelna, Czech Republic*Miriám Letašiová*, Real Woman Empowerment, Slovakia*Anna Karaszewska*, Chair of Women's Congress, Poland

CZ/PL

Special Focus

10.⁰⁰–11.³⁰

PANEL (European House)

MULTISPEED EUROPE AND THE EUROZONE: A CENTRAL EUROPEAN PERSPECTIVEModerator: *Jan Macháček*, Journalist, Respekt, Czech RepublicPanel Discussion: *Martin Ehl*, Chief International Editor, Hospodářské noviny, Czech Republic
Aleksander Kaczorowski, Journalist, Poland
Roman Joch, Executive Director, Civic Institute, Czech Republic

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10.⁰⁰–11.³⁰

PANEL (Goethe-Institut)

THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION, A CENTRAL EUROPEAN DEBATE: CORRUPTION, PART I

In cooperation with Goethe-Institut

Moderator: *Erik Best*, Journalist, The Fleet Sheet, Czech Republic/USAPanel Discussion: *Jürgen Marten*, Transparency International Deutschland, Germany
Tereza Stöckelová, Sociologist, Czech Republic
Mari Kooskora, Director of the Center for Ethics in Tallinn, Estonia
Ella Salgo, Project Manager at Transparency International Hungary, Hungary

CZ/EN/DE

11.⁴⁵–13.¹⁵

ROUNDTABLE IN MEMORY OF PROFESSOR JIŘÍ MUSIL (Žofín Palace, Conference Hall)

THE CHANGING ROLE OF INTELLECTUALS IN TODAY'S WORLDModerator: *Pavel Fischer*, Political Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czech RepublicPanel Discussion: *Roger Scruton*, Philosopher and Political Scientist, United Kingdom
Shlomo Avineri, Professor of Political Science, The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel
Enrique ter Horst, Former United Nations Deputy High Commissioner for Human Rights, Venezuela

ONLINE

EN

11.⁴⁵–13.¹⁵

ROUNDTABLE (Žofín Palace, Knight's Hall)

DEMOCRACY: CHALLENGES FROM DEMAGOGY AND EXTREMISMModerator: *William Cook*, Professor of History and Religion, State University of New York, USAPanel Discussion: *Jan Fischer*, Former Prime Minister, Czech Republic
Jørgen Ejbøl, Chairman, JP/Politiken Newspapers, Denmark
Endre B. Bojtár, Editor-in-Chief and Publisher, Magyar Narancs, Hungary

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11.⁴⁵–13.¹⁵

PANEL (Goethe-Institut)

THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION, A CENTRAL EUROPEAN DEBATE: CORRUPTION, PART II

In cooperation with Goethe-Institut

Moderator: *Šárka Daňková*, Journalist, Czech Radio-Rádio Česko, Czech RepublicPanel Discussion: *Magdaléna Klimešová*, Environmental Law Service, Czech Republic
Rytis Juozapavičius, Journalist, Media Consultant, Lithuania

CZ/EN/DE

Special Focus

11.⁴⁵–13.¹⁵

PANEL (European House)

UKRAINE: DEMOCRACY ON THE BORDERLINE

In cooperation with Heinrich Böll Foundation and Na Východ magazine

Moderator:

Rostislav Valvoda, Head of East-European Program, Centre for Human Rights & Democracy, People in Need, Czech Republic

Panel Discussion:

Yuri Andrukhovych, Writer, Poet, Ukraine*Mykola Riabchuk*, Political and Cultural Analyst, Ukraine*Ondřej Soukup*, Journalist, Hospodářské noviny, Czech Republic

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16.⁰⁰–17.³⁰

PANEL (European House)

THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY IN EU EXTERNAL RELATIONS

In cooperation with DEMAS and the European Commission Representation in the Czech Republic

Moderator:

Jeff Lovitt, Executive Director PASOS, Member, Steering Committee Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum, Czech Republic/United Kingdom

Panel Discussion:

Yuri Dzhibladze, President, Centre for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights, Russia*Susi Dennison*, Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations, United Kingdom*David Nichols*, Senior Executive Officer, EU Foreign Policy, Amnesty International, Belgium/United Kingdom*Karina Chircu*, Cooperation Officer DG DEVCO "Civil Society, Local Authorities", European Commission, Belgium*Jan Láta*, Human Rights and Transition Policy Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic

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18.⁰⁰–20.⁰⁰

SYMPOSIUM (DOX Centre for Contemporary Art, Lecture Room)

THE CZECH FEMALE PRESIDENT PLATFORM

In cooperation with Česká prezidentka (Czech Female President Platform)

Moderator:

Jana Šmídová, Journalist, Czech Radio 6, Czech Republic

Panel Discussion:

Anna Hogenová, Philosopher, Czech Republic*Adriana Krnáčová*, RESTART, Czech Republic*Zuzana Roithová*, Member of the European Parliament, Czech Republic*Marie Čermáková*, Sociologist, Former Director/Head of Institute of Sociology, Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic*Klára Samková*, Lawyer, Presidential Candidate, Czech Republic*Táňa Fischerová*, Former Member of the Parliament, Presidential Candidate, Czech Republic*Rut Kolínská*, Presidential Candidate, Czech Republic

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Exhibitions, Books and Campaigns

Monday, October 22

09.⁰⁰–19.³⁰

CAMPAIGN (Žofín Palace, Foyer)

3 MINUTES TO CHANGE THEIR LIVES: CAMPAIGN FOR THE RELEASE OF 3 PRISONERS OF CONSCIENCE

In cooperation with Amnesty International Czech Republic

09.⁰⁰–19.³⁰

EXHIBITION (Žofín, Knight's Hall)

TIBETAN-BURMESE HOPES

In cooperation with M.O.S.T. and People in Need

10.⁰⁰–16.⁰⁰

19.³⁰–21.⁰⁰

EXHIBITION (St. Martin in the Wall Church)

LIFE AS I KNOW IT: A GLIMPSE INTO THE ROMA COMMUNITY

In cooperation with Talitha Brauer and St. Martin in the Wall Church

10.⁰⁰–18.⁰⁰

EXHIBITION (DOX Centre for Contemporary Art)

CARTOGRAPHIES OF HOPE

In cooperation with DOX Centre for Contemporary Art

18.³⁰–19.³⁰

EXHIBITION OPENING (St. Martin in the Wall Church)

LIFE AS I KNOW IT: A GLIMPSE INTO THE ROMA COMMUNITY

In cooperation with Talitha Brauer and St. Martin in the Wall Church

Remarks:

Jarmila Balážová, Journalist, Czech Republic

Tuesday, October 23

08.⁴⁵–09.³⁰

BOOK SIGNING (Žofín Palace, Delegates' Lounge)

PRAGUE WINTER: A PERSONAL STORY OF REMEMBRANCE AND WAR, 1937–1948

Madeleine Albright, Former Secretary of State, USA

09.⁰⁰–19.³⁰

CAMPAIGN (Žofín Palace, Foyer)

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19.³⁰–21.⁰⁰**LIFE AS I KNOW IT: A GLIMPSE INTO THE ROMA COMMUNITY**

In cooperation with Talitha Brauer and St. Martin in the Wall Church

15.⁰⁰–17.⁰⁰

BOOK PRESENTATION WITH DISCUSSION (Karolinum, Small Hall)

NATIONAL, EUROPEAN AND HUMAN SECURITY: FROM CO-EXISTENCE TO CONVERGENCE

In cooperation with the Center for Security Policy, Charles University

By special invitations only

Moderator:

Jan Ludvík, Centre of Security Policy, Center for Social and Economic Strategies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, Czech Republic

Panel Discussion:

*Daniel Anýž, Journalist, Hospodářské noviny, Czech Republic**Miloš Balabán, Head of the Center of Security Policy, Center for Social and Economic Strategies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, Czech Republic**Kateřina Bocianová, Faculty of Social Sciences, Czech Republic**Pavel Seifter, Researcher, London School of Economics and Political Science, United Kingdom/Czech Republic**Marco Overhaus, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Senior Associate, Research Division: EU External Relations, Germany**Petr Pavel, Chief of General Staff, Czech Republic**Libor Stejskal, Center of Security Policy, Center for Social and Economic Strategies, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, Czech Republic**Lubomír Zaorálek, Deputy Chairman, Parliament of the Czech Republic, Czech Republic**Jiří Parkmann, Head of the Prague Office of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, Czech Republic*

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19.⁰⁰–20.³⁰

AUTHOR READING (Langhans, People in Need Center)

FROM WEST TO EAST AND BACK: ARE WE FAR APART?

In cooperation with Heinrich Böll Foundation and Na Východ magazine

Moderator:

Radka Denemarková, Writer, Translator, Czech Republic

Panel Discussion:

Yuri Andrukhovych, Writer, Poet, Ukraine

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Social Events and Meals

Sunday, October 21

19.⁰⁰–21.⁰⁰ OPENING (Prague Crossroads)

OPENING CEREMONY

By special invitations only

Remarks: *Ivan Havel, Scientist, Czech Republic*

Yohei Sasakawa, Chairman, The Nippon Foundation, Japan

Keynote Speech: *Iveta Radičová, Sociologist, Former Prime Minister, Slovakia*

Moderator: *Jan Urban, Journalist, Member, Program Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czech Republic*

CZ/EN

Monday, October 22

09.⁰⁰–09.⁵⁰ BREAKFAST (Žofín Palace, Conference Hall)

BREAKFAST

By special invitations only

Introduction: *Tomáš Vrba, Chairman, Board of Directors, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czech Republic*

Remarks: *Vesna Pusić, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Croatia*

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11.⁴⁵–12.⁰⁰ COFFEE BREAK (Žofín Palace, Restaurant)

13.³⁰–14.³⁰ LUNCH (Žofín Palace, Restaurant)

16.⁰⁰–16.¹⁵ COFFEE BREAK (Žofín Palace, Restaurant)

17.⁴⁵–18.⁰⁰ COFFEE BREAK (Žofín Palace, Restaurant)

20.⁰⁰–23.⁰⁰ DINNER (Mlýnec)

GALA DINNER

By special invitations only

Introduction: *Jakub Klepal, Executive Director, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czech Republic*

Remarks: *Naguib Sawiris, Businessman and Politician, Egypt*

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Social Events and Meals

Tuesday, October 22

09.⁰⁰–09.⁴⁵

BREAKFAST (Žofín Palace, Restaurant)

BREAKFAST*By special invitations only*Introduction:
Remarks:*Ivana Štefková*, Member, Board of Directors, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czech Republic
SU Chi, Former Secretary General, National Security Council, Taiwan

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COFFEE BREAK (Žofín Palace, Restaurant)

13.¹⁵–14.¹⁵

LUNCH (Žofín Palace, Restaurant)

15.⁴⁵–16.⁰⁰

COFFEE BREAK (Žofín Palace, Restaurant)

19.⁰⁰–21.⁰⁰

RECEPTION (DOX Centre for Contemporary Art)

CLOSING RECEPTION*By special invitations only*Introduction:
Remarks:*Jiří Oberfalzer*, Member, Board of Directors, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czech Republic
Bohuslav Svoboda, Lord Mayor of Prague, Czech Republic

CZ/EN

Themes and Panels

Václav Havel's Legacy

Václav Havel: The Powerful Powerless

In 1990, Václav Havel was the first to invite His Holiness the Dalai Lama on an official state visit. In 1991, he successfully nominated Aung San Suu Kyi for the Nobel Peace Prize, bringing the plight of Burmese people to the center of world attention. In 2010, Václav Havel, in the framework of Forum 2000's Shared Concern Initiative, initiated the successful campaign to award the Nobel Peace Prize to Liu Xiaobo. In the meantime, he established the Forum 2000 conferences to create a framework for civilized dialogue about crucial and difficult issues facing civilization. Václav Havel was a hero to his nation, but his reach was global. Despite his passing last year, his work is not over.

- What are the key elements of Václav Havel's human rights and democratic legacy?
- What is the future of this legacy?
- Where can and should Forum 2000 take it? What is the role for the organization and the annual conference?

Václav Havel as a Media Practitioner

Václav Havel interacted with the media most of his life. He was a consumer of media, as well as a protagonist and object of media interest. Before November 1989, in one of his interviews with Radio Free Europe, he stressed the importance of media interest in him and his beliefs and the resulting support of international public opinion for dissidents in Czechoslovakia. During his presidential tenure, he bathed in media sympathies but also suffered from occasional media invasions of his privacy. After leaving office he had yet another perspective.

- How did Václav Havel view the role of the media in a democratic society?
- How did he interact with the press during various periods of his life?
- Was he satisfied with the way media in the democratic Czechoslovakia and Czech Republic developed?

Václav Havel's Civil Society

Václav Havel believed a strong and thriving civil society to be the key element of a functioning democracy. Throughout his life and political career, he was involved with a number of civil society groups, movements and initiatives. After his death in December 2011, as a part of his legacy, several NGOs that he either personally created or was closely involved with, remained. Among them, Forum 2000 Foundation, Vize 97 Foundation, Václav Havel Library, Charter 77 Foundation, and People in Need.

- What are the cornerstones of "Havel's civil society" work?
- What is the role of these NGOs in the future?
- Are these organizations exclusively Czech, or do they have a more universal reach?

The Changing Role of the Media

Changing Role of the Media

Media, especially in electronic form, is changing our lifestyle at an unprecedented rate. Internet and related phenomena like Facebook and Twitter have given the term globalization new meaning. At the same time, technical advances and economic pressures threaten the very existence of such pillars of Western Civilization as books and newspapers. Some observers see great promise in the ever-increasing availability of news, data and intellectual content everywhere, anytime. Others fear an onslaught of reckless media disregarding any right to privacy.

- What is the role of media in responsible societies? What is new about this?
- Is more government regulation of media necessary?
- If media so easily transcends borders, is regulation even possible?

Electronic Activism and Democratization of the Public Sphere

In cooperation with the Association for International Affairs

Protests demanding more citizen involvement in politics and responses to humanitarian crises have highlighted the power of open and innovative electronic communication. New crowdsourced media are free information canals, open mobilization platforms, broad agenda-making spaces and watchdogs. As such, they multiply possibilities of citizen participation in public affairs. They were and still are particularly crucial in countries with limited civic freedoms and those on a transition path. Yet those more or less consolidated democracies in Eastern Europe also see themselves confronted with the challenge of enhancing citizen participation in decision making and of limiting the effects of corruption.

- What is the role of new media in already democratic states?
- Can social networks be used in government as well as they are used in entertainment?
- Does technology open a path to more direct democracy?

The Future of the Media in Asia

Asia is not only the most populous continent, but also an emerging economic center of gravity in the world. This vast territory is also characterized by extreme diversity in both peoples and politics. What happens to burgeoning democratic aspirations in this part of the world has serious implications for the rest of the world. Media has a role to play in these events.

- How have the media and democracy influenced each other in Asia?
- What are the persisting constraints in further democratization of Asia?
- Has the changing face of the media affected the Asian democratic experience or different Asian experiences?

Media Choice, Polarization and Democracy

In cooperation with Respekt

With increased media choices the so-called “knowledge gap” increases as the politically engaged choose political information and others increasingly avoid it. At the same time increased choices for consumers allow them to choose media that reinforces their existing beliefs. Both trends have the potential to polarize the public and have profound impacts on democracy. Running contrary, however, is that increased choices guarantee there is no monopoly on information.

- What are the implications of these two opposing tensions on an informed electorate and democratic participation?
- Are there such things as facts? Are common historical narratives a thing of the past?
- Is new media both an asset and impediment to democracy?

The Al Jazeera Phenomenon

Established in 1996, Al Jazeera, a broadcaster owned by the state of Qatar, has gradually become one of the most influential media organizations in the world. It has been criticized for supporting terrorism and anti-Americanism, but also credited with having a major positive influence during the Arab Spring. It is one of the key sources of information on the Middle East, but also on Africa and other regions. Al Jazeera Balkans, for example, has been called “an island of media professionalism in the region.”

- How important is Al Jazeera’s political and social influence?
- Is it a force for democratization in the Middle East?
- How is it different from more traditional Western media outlets, like the BBC or CNN?

Diplomacy in the Age of New Media

*In cooperation with the Embassy of France
to the Czech Republic*

As the role of Internet, social networks and other forms of new media grow, diplomacy aims to follow. Professional diplomats and ministries have Facebook and Twitter accounts. This suggests that changing media landscapes and ways of communicating with national publics offer both challenges and opportunities to the way statecraft is made and done.

- How can social networks and new media integrate with traditional diplomacy?
- How can diplomacy through the use of new media contribute to supporting democracy and human rights?
- How do activists in unfree countries view the role of traditional western diplomacy in their work? How can new media and social networks help them?

The Role of Social Media in Today’s Belarus

In cooperation with People in Need

After the largely successful suppression of opposition following the 2010 Presidential election, Belarus again seems to be quite firmly under the control of the Lukashenka regime. But is it really? The economy is in tatters and despite the repression, public happenings and displays of discontent continue. Social media is playing an increasingly central role in bypassing traditional channels of communication monitored by the government.

- How do activists coordinate and reach out to the public in preparation of happenings like “silent protests”?
- To what extent does social media substitute for debate that cannot take place in public space?
- Does the regime counter with its own online activities (paid bloggers, etc.)?

Media as a Religion

Media is in a certain sense a religion in today’s world, playing many roles that were traditionally played by religion. Media outlets are interpreters of words, the arbiters of true meaning and importance of events, the forum through which big symbols and stories are conveyed and influence the thinking and way of life of the masses. The media creates a certain form of common identity, which works as a unifying element of society.

- To what extent are the media really taking over social roles previously played by other institutions?
- In what ways is the role and place of religion in our society changing?
- Are such trends global, or merely present in the more-secular West?

Media (R)evolution: Media Changes in Central Europe?

In cooperation with Aspen Institute Prague

The medium of print is attracting radically less attention, whereas mobile technology may soon become the media access point for a majority of consumers. All stakeholders try to accommodate these trends by altering news distribution channels or through the personalization of the news stream. Central Europe is no exception to this phenomenon.

- What implications do these trends have for business?
- How do they influence politics, and in global terms, democracy?
- Is more-affordable access to news an opportunity or threat for investors?

Balkans: The Changing Role of the Media

The media in the Balkan region is suffering from the economic crisis, a lack of professional tradition and from media corruption. Together, they result in financially exhausted and frustrated journalists dependent on sponsors and owners. As a consequence there is a chronic loss of public trust in the media. Readers and viewers see journalists as influenced by various interest groups and politics, and as a corrupt force.

- Can this crisis of confidence in a key institution harm democratic development?
- Are there any bright spots on the Balkan media scene that can serve as a model for others?
- Will EU accession play any role in altering the media in these countries?

Media and Education

Contemporary media has an enormous ability to shape the minds of readers, listeners, viewers, and users, which suggests a potential for educating people. But media and education are hardly synonymous. When media seeks to entertain it does not necessarily educate and as the volume and variety of media grow it seems much of it could actually detract from studying and actively learning. Still, the enormous power of 21st century media and new technologies, especially in an age of austerity, offer new opportunities for education, including books and university lectures, for example, to people lacking such access before.

- Can contemporary media play a role in educating new generations? What?
- Can a homo eruditus and an open-minded citizen of the world ever be a product of media (especially if they combine their efforts with educational institutions)?

- Is there a danger that media overload “dumbs us down” rather than “smartens us up”?

Media and Freedom

Media and Freedom

Freedom of expression is regarded as the “first freedom” for a reason. Free media are indispensable for the maintenance of democratic societies. While the growth of the Internet, satellite TV channels, and social networks has enabled an unprecedented flow of information, censorship and media manipulation remain features of the information landscape. In fact, according to various global freedom indices, the proliferation of new technologies is not propelling greater political freedom.

- What are the main challenges to media freedom in modern, pluralistic societies?
- What are the implications of the greater fragmentation associated with the rapid development of media technologies? Are these developments good for democracy?
- What are the principal, new ways that governments, or even businesses or interest groups, are making media less free?

The Persistent Influence of State-Dominated Media and the Challenge to Democracy

In cooperation with International Forum for Democratic Studies, National Endowment for Democracy

Authoritarian regimes make management of news media a priority for a reason. For most authoritarian states, state media has been crucial for regime survival by creating an alternate reality for their populations. State dominance of the media allows repressive regimes to deprive alternative voices of a mass audience and systematically exclude meaningful criticism from the airwaves. In Russia, for example, roughly 75 percent of the population gets news and information from television, where news content is effectively under the control of the authorities. While the Internet and other technologies have created opportunities to challenge state media hegemony, prospects for democracy in authoritarian settings are directly challenged by the persistent influence of state-dominated media.

- How should we assess the impact and influence of state media dominance in authoritarian regimes?
- What are the implications of continuing state media dominance?
- How can democratic reformers in authoritarian settings more effectively challenge the narratives that attack civil society and the democratic idea?

Censorship on the Internet

Both the European Union and the United States have adopted official policies to aid Internet users and cyber-activists living in authoritarian regimes. Such thinking emphasizes a correlation between Internet access and political freedom. As technology advances and blanket censorship firewalls become more difficult to implement, it seems likely that authoritarian governments may resort to alternative tactics, including using citizens to monitor one another, paralleling surveillance techniques used in other areas.

- What methods are used to censor the Internet? Are they changing?
- What can activists and NGOs do to overcome censorship?
- How can the international community constructively promote the free flow of information in closed societies?

Cuba: Public Space in a Closed Society

In cooperation with People in Need

The Cuban government fears independent information and at the same time, it is a valued commodity among Cuban citizens. Apart from bringing practical information, like where to get butter on the black market, it encourages critical thinking. In Cuba, public media is supervised by the government and filled with excerpts from Fidel Castro's lengthy speeches from the early 1980s. Add to this a heavy dose of sporting news and the always excellent results of Five Year Plans and the mass media offers little of value. However, such an environment has also spurred a vibrant alternative media landscape. These journalists are oppressed and persecuted, but manage to survive on recycled paper and burned CDs. Their growing readership points to big underlying potential.

- What is the future of alternative media in Cuba?
- Can this media play a role in changing political conditions?
- Is there a role for the international community to play in fostering such efforts?

Freedom of the Press, Poverty and Democracy in Africa

Media are in the forefront of the fight for democracy in Africa, but media have also at times played a negative role as it was utilized as an ideological tool and brought under state control. African journalists operate under some of the most restrictive conditions anywhere and many face imprisonment or even death while doing their work. The condition of African media closely correlates to economic, social, and political problems. Governments have not promoted the political and economic climate which would lead to independent, critical, and

economically viable media. On the contrary, they justify press restrictions by invoking the primacy of economic development.

- What is the potential of new media, including the Internet, in sub-Saharan Africa?
- What are some of the external influences on African media?
- What role do economic conditions play in free media development?

Opening Closed Societies by Protecting Persecuted Journalists, Editors and Bloggers

In cooperation with Freedom Now

Perhaps the most important way repressive regimes seek to maintain their hold on populations is by severely restricting access to information. Specific measures are often taken to target distribution channels, such as shutting down newspapers, jamming radio broadcasts and censoring the Internet. Those who dare to run news organizations or report the news in repressive societies are at risk of being jailed, intimidated, harassed or even killed. The international community can play a role in supporting courageous individuals whose lives are at risk because of their work.

- What are the global trends regarding persecuted journalists? How many are killed, imprisoned, or otherwise intimidated and how has that changed over time?
- What are the most effective strategies for countering enhanced repression of the media?
- How can defending these persecuted individuals open greater space for access to information in closed societies?

Accessing Free Information in China: Challenges and Perspectives

Article 35 of the Constitution of the People's Republic of China claims that, "Citizens enjoy freedom of speech and of the press." Strict censorship, nevertheless, is widespread in China and people like Chen Wei are jailed for "subversive" writing when publishing essays on the Internet issuing public calls for greater freedom of speech. According to Amnesty International, China "has the largest recorded number of imprisoned journalists and cyber-dissidents in the world." The governmental authorities not only block website content (references to democracy, Free Tibet, the Arab Spring etc.) but also monitor the Internet access of individuals.

- What is the real situation of freedom of speech and the press in China?
- Is there any trend of growing freedoms alongside economic reforms? Is a shift in the future possible?
- How can the free and democratic societies from the

international community support the liberalization of the Chinese media scene?

Democracy and Media in Russia

Over the past year, Russia has witnessed a wave of unexpected and massive public protests over the conduct of elections. This brought hundreds of thousands of people to the streets, generating scenes unseen in Russia during the past two decades. It led to a swift response from authorities worried by the sudden upsurge in civic activism. A new anti-demonstration law, the reclassification of certain NGOs as “foreign agents,” and the criminalization of defamation in the trial of members from the Pussy Riot punk group are all signs of the forces of repression fighting back.

- What is next for the political evolution of Russia, more pluralism or continued repression?
- What role can the media play in shaping or following these developments?
- Do Russians have access to free information? And can they use this information to influence decision making?

The Role of Media in Burma on the Path to Democracy

In cooperation with People in Need

Burma has gone through unexpected changes for the past two years, but many remain cautious as the transition to a free society is largely managed by the same people who have aided one of the world’s most brutal dictatorships for several decades. In short, serious issues still persist. And yet, there have been a number of positive reforms and changes, many of which were almost unthinkable until recently. Chief among these was the abolishment of government censorship. This shift opens increased room for media to play a pivotal role in democratic transition and can also help the public understand reforms, providing space for reactions, opinions and discussion.

- How can media help Burma on its path towards democracy?
- Is media an observer to or participant in democratic reforms?
- Does the risk remain that the government could return to more restrictive measures in dealing with the press?

Today’s Media: Symbol of Freedom or Manipulation?

In cooperation with Antiquarian Bookshop Fiducia

Media is traditionally understood as a watchdog of democracy. However with the rise of professional public relations and new channels of communication there seems at least a potential that media can be used as a

tool for manipulation. Furthermore, information that can inform the public and thus empower them to make political decisions can be drowned out by entertainment. The landscape has changed, and media professionals must adapt as well.

- Can new media play a role in overcoming public relations spin of the news?
- Do the media help to describe reality or are they creating a reality of their own?
- Is publicly important information completely separate from entertainment? Should it be?

Media and Responsibility

Open Data: A Tool For Transparent Politics?

In cooperation with Open Society Fund Prague

The Open Government Partnership initiative was launched one year ago and both the Czech Republic and Slovakia have resolved to open government data to citizens. They are following an idea that believes open data promotes transparent business, academics and governance, but this is hardly a consensus. Experts offer passionate polemics on the subject.

- Is there any evidence that new technologies are making government more open?
- Are citizens ready and able to make sense of the data at their disposal?
- How open can a private sector based on intellectual property be?

Public, State and Government Media: Where Are the Boundaries?

In cooperation with Czech Radio-Rádio Česko

There are many different models of financing, overseeing and running publicly-funded media. Each such model potentially limits impartiality, independence and editorial values. At the same time the kind of news and information broadcast by some state media is of the type that for-profit media ignore, even as it is essential to informing citizens.

- Who “owns” public broadcasters – taxpayers or political elite?
- Which safeguards should be in place and what works best? Is there still a need for publicly-funded media?
- Is there an audience for serious news and current affairs programs?

Human Rights and the Media

Media can play a powerful role in defending human rights. It may help to protect dissidents, activists, and political prisoners, and even contribute to democratic change in a country. However, media can also contribute, sometimes unwittingly, to discrimination, hatred, and human rights abuses. During the Dreyfus affair at the turn of 19th and 20th centuries, anti-Semitism was fomented by newspapers; during the Rwandan genocide "hate media" played a crucial role. In Central Europe today, the media treatment of Roma community is often a cause for criticism and concern and in some countries, leprosy, a disease that became curable 20 years ago, is still a cause for stigmatizing and ostracizing entire communities.

- What are the root causes of discriminatory attitudes towards ethnic or minority groups in media?
- How can media avoid encouraging the exclusion of specific groups from mainstream society?
- How is the situation changing with the transforming media landscape?

Politics of Image

What started with Richard Nixon's unshaved face in a televised US presidential debate continues. Looking at the young handsome appearance of Tony Blair or David Cameron, one wonders whether Winston Churchill could become Britain's Prime Minister in today's era of telegenic politicians. It often seems that image, rather than ideas, plays the preeminent role in politics today.

- Has responsible governance given way to governing by opinion polls?
- Is there a crisis of political leadership or a crisis in belief in politics as a solution?
- Is the media at fault for such developments?

Do We (Still) Trust Media?

Anybody can manipulate photographs on a laptop these days. Millions of people can disseminate their views around the globe, blurring the borders between their Facebook profiles, blogs, and established media. Our cell phones are an open book to a certain kind of competitive journalist. Governments, even in democratic countries, do their best to influence their media image. The public, on the other hand, grows increasingly skeptical about traditional media.

- How is the perception of the media in society changing?
- Can we believe what we hear and see in the media?
- How do we know that the news we receive is accurate and impartial?
- Do we need new ways of controlling powerful media concerns?

Media, Responsibility and Ethics

The Western media tradition is based upon the Judeo-Christian concept of truth as a creative ethical principle. One of the key notions of media practice is that information (emanating from the Latin *in-formatio*) plays the role of educating its recipients. Media shapes public opinion, the value systems of individuals, as well as societies, and in many respects creates the essence of a culture. As a kind of arbitrator of truth, media enjoy considerable prestige and power, but also a high degree of responsibility.

- To what extent does the media today realize this responsibility?
- Are the truth and media information increasingly drifting apart? Is there one truth?
- Media can form, educate, entertain, or even manipulate – where is the balance shifting?

Media, Culture and Civil Society Development

In cooperation with Pilsen 2015 and Faculty of Philosophy and Arts, University of West Bohemia, Pilsen

There is some logical tension between a culture where people cultivate their own opinions, with diverse results, and one where common cultural codes are transferred via mass media. In short, media has tremendous influence on the development of civil society. This relationship is changing with the development of new media, as traditional social structures and means of communication become atomized.

- How does media contribute to the creation of cultural codes, norms and values?
- Can culture in this context act as a kind of social cement any longer?
- Is the use of new media a cultural feature in its own right?

Social Responsibility of the Media

In cooperation with Institute for Public Affairs, Bratislava

Social responsibility is normally associated with media only as carriers of such information. If they distribute useful, unbiased information, many consider the media as playing a socially responsible role. However, it seems there is also a role for media to promote social responsibility in society at large.

- Is media doing its job if it is not promoting general social responsibility?
- Are the values of social responsibility universal or are they disputed?
- To what degree is media already meeting its social responsibilities?

Media and the Economy

Towards A Green Economy and Sustainable Future: Role of the Media

In cooperation with UN Information Centre Prague, Embassies of Brazil, Germany, United Kingdom and Heinrich Böll Foundation

There were more than 4,000 journalists in Rio de Janeiro to cover the UN Conference on Sustainable Development. Globally, more than 160,000 articles were published on Rio+20 and a green economy is fast becoming a key component of mainstream economic discourse and seen as a blueprint for achieving sustainable growth. Still, there is a sense that other forms of economic thinking prevail in much of the mainstream media and there seems a role for journalists and broadcasters to bring more awareness to environmental issues as they intersect with changes in society.

- Is the media engaged enough in this subject?
- What can we learn from international best practices when it comes to transitioning to more sustainable economies?
- Can the media help shape a sustainable future agenda and connect the three pillars of sustainability – economic, environmental and social?

Changing Media Business Models

In cooperation with Transitions (TOL)

Large labor-intensive media outlets continue to look for new ways to finance their operations in the face of a proliferation of smaller, more agile, often Web-based competitors. At the same time, the big players, and their news-gathering operations, remain the foundation of informing the public and often even provide the source material for their smaller competitors. Effectively gathering news is contingent upon being able to finance that work, and as people get their information in new ways there is a vast amount of experimentation underway in how to adjust to this new reality.

- Will people pay for news?
- Is there a way to maintain traditional newsgathering strength within new revenue models?
- What happens if the role traditionally played by print newspapers, and other established outlets, disappears?
- Is there a way to mix the speed and networkability of the Internet with slower, more thoughtful journalism?

Media, Economy and Politics

In cooperation with the Center on Global Economic Governance, Columbia University

Media, business and politics are closely intertwined. The media plays an important role in forming public opinion, which in turn affects political preferences. Meanwhile, political leaders create a framework for doing business. A poorly performing economy is a recipe for electoral defeat and media reporting can dramatically influence market conditions. At the same time, businesses are dependent on a positive reception from the public, which often comes through information in the media. To close the loop, business conglomerates with core interests in other industries often acquire media outlets in an attempt to positively influence their public image.

- What are the main risks in this constant interaction between the economy, media and politics?
- Have the scandals at News Corp. in the UK had a long term impact? What about elsewhere in the world?
- What will be the impact of the “democratization of the media” wave with growing content choice on satellite channels and the rise of social networks?

Special Focus

Issues and Solutions for the Bottom Billion

In cooperation with The Sasakawa Peace Foundation

Globalization has played an important role in reducing the number of people living on or under US\$1.25 a day. But it has not reached the poorest parts of the population, the so called “bottom billion.” It is suggested that a more inclusive policy framework for globalization is necessary to address these effects and the international aid system needs to pay greater attention to the poorest parts of the population. The UN Millennium Development Goals have played a significant role in encouraging a reduction in the number of people living in destitute conditions. But the broader original goal to improve the social and economic conditions of the poorest countries and societies still remains to be achieved.

- How has globalization increased inequality and impacted the bottom billion?
- What are the most urgent issues at stake for people living in extreme poverty?
- Are there any potential solutions to bring the bottom billion into the global economy?
- What kind of new aid system is needed after the MDGs to contribute to a just, inclusive and sustainable pattern of global development?

Tibet: A Way Forward

In cooperation with Potala

For more than a half century there has been cultural and political tension on the Tibetan Plateau. The situation has taken on increased urgency as dozens of acts of self-immolation have taken place in the last year to protest heavy-handed Chinese government policy. The Tibetan language, culture, religion, heritage, and environment seem to be under increased pressure.

- What are the main problems Tibetans are facing? What are possible solutions?
- What are the aims of resident Tibetans and Tibetans in exile? Are they the same?
- What role is there for the international community?

Hungary: Still a Democracy?

With a two-thirds parliamentary majority, the Hungarian government of Viktor Orbán has seen foreign observers accuse them of building a regime with authoritarian features. While the critiques vary, limits on media freedom have drawn particular attention. The government has shown a questionable understanding of liberal democracy and economic policy, but foreign critics have also demonstrated a lack of knowledge about Hungarian society and history, where the roots of recent government policies lay. As a result, the picture of a more and more internationally isolated Hungary emerges at home as well as abroad.

- Is the Western (liberal) model of development discredited in the eyes of most Hungarians? What do disputes over the media law show?
- Is the foreign perception of Hungary close to reality? Is the international community able to understand the average Hungarian?
- Is this first example of a post-communist transition based on liberal values being over-powered by deeper traditions based in nationalism?

Prague Enlargement Dialogue

In cooperation with Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, European Commission Representation in the Czech Republic, Institute of International Relations, EUROPEUM

The Prague Enlargement Conference follows the introduction of the October 10, 2012 European Commission enlargement report. Its presentation in Prague will be accompanied by a political and expert conference, which would evaluate the perspectives of enlargement process in the context of the current strategic debate on the future of the European Union. The event will seek to underline the importance of the enlargement policy as well as its compatibility with further integration of the EU. Another goal would be to show the enlargement policy

as a policy with positive pro-growth impact through expansion of the internal market and creating new business opportunities.

Women Leaders Panel

In cooperation with Forum 50%, Open Society Fund Prague and Friedrich Ebert Foundation Representation in the Czech Republic

The representation of women in decision-making bodies is low. This applies both to politics, where the international average share of women in parliaments is 20 percent, and business, where women comprise just 13.7 percent of company boards. Nonetheless, some women still manage to break through the so-called glass ceiling to reach leadership positions, and thus have personal experiences and expertise to share.

- What are the root causes of this gender unbalance?
- Does the media play a role by making women invisible?
- Are there policy solutions, like quotas, that can help rectify the lack of balance?

The Nile River: A Problem That Is Not Drying Out

In cooperation with The Coca-Cola Company

The Nile River is the longest river in the world. Its basin covers huge territory, spanning 10 African countries. For Egypt, the importance of the Nile is tremendous, as roughly 95 percent of Egypt's population lives in the Nile Valley. This makes Egypt particularly vulnerable as it relies on fresh water that comes from outside its borders. The Egyptian population is growing and the Nile River is already hardly able to provide enough fresh water for all its dependents. Therefore, Egypt's ability to deal with the water scarcity is likely to be a major test for its political leaders.

- What are the water plans of the new Egyptian government?
- Will the Nile River be a source of cooperation or conflict among African countries?
- How to reconcile the national development needs of the Nile basin countries without threatening political and environmental stability?

Venezuela After the Presidential Election

The session takes place in the wake of a closely watched electoral contest won by long-time president Hugo Chávez over the opposition candidate, Henrique Capriles. Now, President Chavez is likely to face a fractured society in dire need of reconciliation. The session will offer an insight into both the imminent political fallout as well as more long-term ramifications for Venezuela's future.

Themes and Panels

- What policy priorities is the President Chavez likely to pursue?
- What does the conduct of the election tell us about the current state of Venezuela's democracy?
- How will the losing side cope with its defeat in the election? How will this affect the country's prospects for long-term political stability?

Women's Congress

In cooperation with Forum 50%

A consortium of organizations and personalities from academia, NGOs and the commercial and artistic spheres gather to discuss the unique challenges faced by women. The main aim is to raise awareness about the persistent inequalities between men and women within Czech society. This open working meeting is a preparatory event aiming to develop a complex strategy for the first Czech Women's Congress, which will include the participation of foreign and Czech experts from business, politics and culture.

Multispeed Europe and the Eurozone: A Central European Perspective

The multispeed integration process is becoming more visible in the European Union and our region has never been more split. The Slovaks, who have already joined the eurozone, act loyally, The Poles still have not joined the eurozone, but call for greater integration in Europe. The Czechs have not joined the eurozone and have no interest even in a fiscal compact.

- Why do Central European countries have such different opinions on European integration?
- We are able to criticize European project, but why do we not feel obligated to come up with constructive solutions?
- Should Poland, Slovakia and the Czech Republic try to find some common interest as far as European integration is concerned?

The Future of Education, A Central European Debate: Corruption

In cooperation with Goethe-Institut

Education and vocational training are undergoing a profound transformation and the societies of Central and Eastern Europe are facing new challenges in relation to these shifts. The integration of minorities, social permeability and accessibility to the education system as well as the transition to new technical and societal demands on graduates are just a few of the numerous issues to address. It is against this background that the "Future of Education" project was initiated by the Goethe-Institut branches in the Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary and Lithuania in order to provide a forum for discussion of possible solutions and exchange of experiences between

the countries. This discussion will take place in two panel sessions.

- What is the relationship between education and corruption?
- What are the roots of corrupt behavior in societies?
- Are there opportunities to address these issues as education undergoes a fundamental shift?

The Changing Role of Intellectuals in Today's World

In memory of Professor Jiří Musil

The interconnection of continents and cultures helps to spread ideas, open new horizons and share opinions. It also helps transmit emotions, making both fear and resilience particularly contagious. In a multimedia age, a flood of words and images often makes it difficult to decide what is and isn't relevant. It would seem there is a role for intellectuals in helping society focus on what really matters, and translate words into political or citizen action. The need to focus on what really matters is more important than ever, and would allow resilience to overcome fear.

- How to face fear and contribute to spreading the culture of resilience and empowerment?
- How do we focus the public sphere on things that really matter?
- Can intellectuals drive dialogue toward a more result-oriented political debate?

Democracy: Challenges From Demagoguery and Extremism

Extremist or populist currents seem to be on the rise in parts of Europe. It can be argued that electoral results of populist extremist parties, such as Jobbik in Hungary, the National Front in France, the Communist Party in the Czech Republic, the Party for Freedom in the Netherlands and so on, present a pressing challenge to European democracies. The current economic slowdown may prove fertile ground for a further increase in support for similar political forces and social movements.

- Is the influence of extremists in Europe really on the rise?
- If it is, are democratic institutions ready to face it?
- What can be done to counter these trends?

Ukraine: Democracy on the Borderline

In cooperation with Heinrich Böll Foundation and Na Východ magazine

President Viktor Yanukovich and his Party of Regions have been accused of constitutional violations, oppressing political opponents, harassing independent media, limiting freedom of expression and undermining democracy. In

recent months prison sentences for former members of the previous government, the death of a notable human rights and environmental activist and continued pressure on independent media raise questions about whether Ukraine is drifting away from democracy and close to authoritarianism.

- To what extent do these labels and accusations reflect reality?
- Is the international community doing enough to push for change?
- How much does the average Ukrainian care about such issues?

The Role of Civil Society in EU External Relations

In cooperation with DEMAS and the European Commission Representation in the Czech Republic

Non-governmental organizations play an important role in shaping the external relations of the European Union, in particular in the fields of human rights and democracy assistance. NGO advocacy practitioners who work on the Brussels level gather with Czech and Slovak NGOs, exchanging experience and expertise. As EU values and practices become increasingly codified internally, they can equally serve as a model for nearby countries.

- What are the main approaches and instruments in influencing the decision making on the EU level?
- What should be the main focus of civil society vis-a-vis the EU external action in the near future?
- How can civil society advocacy be made more relevant?

The Czech Female President Platform

In cooperation with Česká prezidentka (Czech Female President Platform)

Czech society seems to have very limited experience with open-mindedly, publicly and systematically debating alternative visions for its long-term development, let alone for finding generous time to listen to visions outlined by women – whom are underrepresented politically. Neither the media nor political campaigns address this. The symposium gives the floor to selected key public female figures who will speak on their personal thoughts and experiences. All speakers get fifteen minutes to present their personal vision for the future development of the Czech Republic. The long term goal is to support the election of the country's first female president. Personalities from different fields of Czech society are invited to speak.

Exhibitions, Books and Campaigns

3 Minutes to Change Their Lives: Campaign for the Release of 3 Prisoners of Conscience

In cooperation with Amnesty International Czech Republic

Every year, thousands around the world are arrested solely because of their opinions and beliefs. Amnesty International calls them “prisoners of conscience” and has succeeded in saving some 50,000 of them. This year’s “3 Minutes to Change Their Lives” campaign aims to help three unjustly imprisoned people: Behare Hedajat, an Iranian women’s rights activist; Tibetan filmmaker Dhondhup Wangchen; and Cameroonian student Jean-Claude R. Mbede, convicted for alleged homosexuality. The aim is to gather as many signatures as possible to put pressure on governments to release the prisoners. Speakers and visitors are invited to sign letters in their defense. Helping them may be easier than it seems. For more information, visit www.3minutystaci.cz.

Tibetan-Burmese Hopes

In cooperation with M.O.S.T. and People in Need

A camera flash can shed light on overlooked corners of the world. This exhibition seeks to represent Tibet and Burma from various points of view and bring spectators into the life stories of individual Tibetan and Burmese people. While intimate, the scenes reflect global problems as they are experienced on the ground and force the viewer to confront issues that result from human rights violations, armed conflict and migration. Images depict the cultural and political situation in ways that words never could, while the text accompanying the photos provides information on development and aid projects.

Life As I Know It: A Glimpse Into the Roma Community

In cooperation with Talitha Brauer and the St. Martin in the Wall Church

Long a minority group that has faced discrimination and social exclusion, the exhibition documents the daily existence of the Czech Roma community, with a focus on the home environment. Photos are accompanied by interviews, which add additional perspective to the Roma experience. There is beauty and dignity in the lives depicted in this work, but it does not idealize or exaggerate the difficult living conditions many in the Roma community face.

Cartographies of Hope

In cooperation with DOX Centre for Contemporary Art

Some argue that we are living in the era of rising inequality and thinning social cohesion. To simply critique and historicize the system is not enough. We need to connect dispersed narratives into a coherent whole – a metanarrative that would provide us with a sufficient social cohesion on one hand, and openness and hope on the other. The exhibition is organized in several sections and subsections that represent diverse narratives of change, while their sum and sequence indicate a larger picture that may show a direction to a new metanarrative.

National, European and Human Security: From Co-existence to Convergence

In cooperation with the Center for Security Policy, Charles University

This book presentation, and accompanying discussion is focused on the text “National, European and Human Security: From Co-existence to Convergence,” edited by Mary Kaldor, Mary Martin and Narcis Serra and published by Routledge this year. The book analyzes security strategies of several European countries, including their relationship to the development of common European and global visions of security, and question to what extent human security ideas penetrated the respective policies. Miloš Balabán, Libor Stejskal and Antonín Rašek from the Charles University, Center for Security Policy contributed to the book with chapter devoted to “The Hidden Human Security Dimension of the Czech Security Policy”.

From West to East and Back: Are We Far Apart?

In cooperation with Heinrich Böll Foundation and Na Východ magazine

In this author reading, Radka Denemarková will talk about writing, freedom of speech, society, politics, women, men and many other topics with her guests from the east, parts well and lesser known. Ukrainian writer and poet Yuri Andrukhovych and Indonesian poet and journalist Goenawan Mohamad have accepted Ms. Denemarková's invitation for a chat over coffee.

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Madeleine Albright
Former Secretary of State, USA

Former Secretary of State, Professor of International Relations at Georgetown University, Principal of The Albright Group LLC, a global strategy firm, and Chair and Principal of Albright Capital Management LLC, an investment advisory firm focused on emerging markets. In 1997, she was named the first female Secretary of State and became, at that time, the highest ranking woman in the history of the US government. As Secretary of State, she reinforced America's alliances, advocated democracy and human rights, and promoted American trade and business, labor, and environmental standards abroad. From 1993 to 1997, Dr. Albright served as the US Permanent Representative to the United Nations.



Yuri Andrukhovych
Writer, Poet, Ukraine

A writer and poet, Andrukhovych's latest book is "Lexicon of the Intimate Cities" (2011). He was born in 1960 in Ivano-Frankivsk, Ukraine and in 1985 founded the popular literary performance group "Bu-Ba-Bu" (Burlesque-Bluster-Boffoonery). He has published four poetry books – "The Songs for a Dead Rooster" (2004), "Exotic Birds and Plants" (1991, with new editions 1997 and 2002), "Downtown" (1989) and "Sky and Squares" (1985); five novels – "A Mystery" (2007), "12 Rings" (2003), "PerverZion" (1996), "Moscoviada" (1993), and "Recreations" (1992); and two collections of essays – "The Devil is in the Cheese" (2006) and "Disorientation in Locality" (1999).



Michael Anti
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José Maria Argueta
Secretary of Strategic Intelligence, Guatemala

Former and first civilian National Security Adviser of Guatemala as well as former Ambassador to Japan and Peru, he is currently Secretary of Strategic Intelligence Secretariat, in Guatemala. He co-authored and implemented the ESTNA Methodology, a conflict resolution method that facilitated the peace processes of Guatemala and El Salvador. As Ambassador to Peru, he was among the lead negotiators who helped to free hostages captured in the Japanese Embassy (1996). He has served as a consultant to the Inter-American Development Bank, Harvard University's Center for Conflict Resolution, and the National Endowment for Democracy. He is the author of "Enlightened Dissent: A Leadership Methodology for Peace Building" (2008).



Aliaksandr Atroshchankau
Journalist, Former Political Prisoner, Belarus

A journalist for Charter 97 for ten years, he was also a spokesman for the group European Belarus. During the Belarus presidential election campaigns of 2010, Mr. Atroshchankau was a spokesman for Belarusian Presidential Candidate Andrei Sannikau. In December 2010, he was arrested covering the post-election demonstrations and later he was sentenced to four years in prison. In September 2011 he was released along with 10 other political prisoners.



Aung Zaw
Founding Editor and Director, The Irrawaddy, Thailand/Burma

Founding Editor and Director of The Irrawaddy newsmagazine, he also founded the Burma Information Group in Bangkok to shed light on human rights violations in Burma. Aung Zaw previously worked as a correspondent for Radio Free Asia and contributed to The Nation, Bangkok Post and the Asian edition of The Wall Street Journal. As a student he was an activist and organizer of opposition to the Burmese military government.



Shlomo Avineri
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positions at Yale, Oxford, University of California and the Central European University in Budapest, among other places. Mr. Avineri is a recipient of the Israel Prize, the country's highest civilian decoration. His widely translated books include: "The Social and Political Thought of Karl Marx" (1968), "Israel and the Palestinians" (1971), "Hegel's Theory of the Modern State" (1974), "The Making of Modern Zionism" (1981) and "Herzl: An Intellectual Biography" (2007). He is a graduate of the Hebrew University and the London School of Economics.



Ayman Ramadan Mohamed Ayad
Water Engineer, Alexandria Water Company, Egypt

Engineer for the National Water Resources Plan, he is working to prepare water plan for Egypt for 2017. Mr. Ayad is also a senior GIS and Hydraulic Analysis Engineer at the Alexandria Water Company. He teaches part time at the University Alexandria's Faculty of Engineering and is the Egyptian Coordinator for the Network of African Youth for Development. He has a Master's Degree from the University of Alexandria in Irrigational Engineering and Hydraulics.



Sultan Barakat
Director, Post-war Reconstruction and Development Unit, University of York, United Kingdom/Jordan

Founding Director of the Post-war Reconstruction and Development Unit at the University of York, he is currently leading a number of research programs for the UK's Department for International Development, the Economic and Social Research Council and Afghanistan's National Solidarity Program and is the co-moderator for the West Asia North Africa Forum. Mr. Barakat has pioneered practices in the field of conflict studies, post-conflict recovery and peacebuilding. He is a Senior Adviser to the United Nations, the World Bank, the European Union, DFID, the International Labor Organization and the International Federation of the Red Cross. He holds an M.A. and a D.Phil. from the University of York.



Zygmunt Bauman
Sociologist, United Kingdom/Poland

Polish-British sociologist and philosopher. Dr. Bauman is Emeritus Professor of Sociology, having served as Professor of Sociology and, at various times, Head of Department at Leeds University from 1971 until his retirement in 1991. He also has taught at Tel Aviv University and at the University of Warsaw. He gained prominence through his studies on the connection between the culture of modernity and totalitarianism. He became known for works such as "Legislators and Interpreters"

(1987), "Modernity and the Holocaust" (1989), "Modernity and Ambivalence" (1991) and "Postmodern Ethics" (1993). His most recent publications are "Collateral Casualties of Inequality" (2011), "Education" (with Riccardo Mazzeo, 2011), "Culture in Liquid-Modern Times" (2012), and "This is not a Diary" (2012).



Ales Bialiatski
President, Viasna Human Rights Centre, Belarus

Ales Bialiatski was invited to this year's Forum 2000 Conference, but is unable to attend as he remain imprisoned for political reasons.

President of Viasna Human Rights Centre (since 1996) and Vice-Chairman of International Federation for Human Rights (since 2011), he was a nominee for the 2012 Nobel Peace Prize. Mr. Bialiatski was arrested by Belarusian authorities on tax evasion charges in 2011 and sentenced to four-and-a-half years in prison, which has been widely recognized as a political act considering his devotion to human rights in Belarus. Mr. Bialiatski's imprisonment has been followed by numerous appeals from international organizations for his release. He has won multiple awards, including the Homo Homini Award and the Per Anger Prize for his efforts in promoting human rights and democracy. In September 2012, Mr. Bialiatski was announced the winner of the Lech Walesa Award. He holds a Ph.D. from the Belarusian Academy of Sciences.



Igor Blažević
Founder, One World Film Festival, Czech Republic/Bosnia and Herzegovina

Founder of One World Film Festival, the biggest human rights film festival in Europe, he is also a steering committee member of World Movement for Democracy, and was formerly Director of the Human Rights and Democracy Department of People in Need (1994–2010). Mr. Blažević studied Philosophy and Comparative Literature at Zagreb University.



Endre B. Bojtár
Editor-in-Chief and Publisher, Magyar Narancs, Hungary

Editor-in-Chief and Publisher of Magyar Narancs since 1999, as a journalist he has written on Central Europe, the Balkans, Bulgaria, Ukraine, Lithuania and Northern Ireland. He published a book of reportage on Central Europe, "Sins Without a Master" (1999). Mr. Bojtár also has an interest in examining the national myths of Central and Eastern Europe as well as the dynamics of ethnic tensions and conflict.

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David Brauchli
Communications Director, Piano Media, Slovakia/USA

Communications Director at Piano Media, he was a professional news photographer for nearly 20 years and worked for Reuters, Agence France Press, European Pressphoto Agency, the Associated Press, the New York Times, Sygma, Corbis and helped found Newsmakers, the first online photo agency that was the nexus of Getty Images. Mr. Brauchli graduated from Syracuse University's prestigious S.I. Newhouse School of Journalism in 1986 with a degree in Photojournalism and English Literature. Brauchli was three-time Pulitzer Prize Finalist for his work from Sarajevo, South Africa and Grozny



Peter Brod
Journalist, Czech Republic

Journalist, he was Prague bureau chief for the BBC (2000–2006) and Prague correspondent and news sub-editor in Munich for the *Süddeutsche Zeitung* (1993–1996, 1998–2000). Previously, Mr. Brod held several posts at Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty in Munich and Prague (1987–1993). Between 1980 and 1987, he worked at the radio and TV services of the BBC in London. He is the author of a book on Soviet-Israeli relations before 1956. Mr. Brod studied at the Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität in Munich, the London School of Economics and Harvard University.



Martin Bútora
Sociologist, Institute for Public Affairs, Slovakia

Honorary President of the Institute for Public Affairs (IVO), an independent public policy think tank established in 1997 in Bratislava. A sociologist by training, he was one of the founders of the Public Against Violence movement in Slovakia in November 1989 and served as a Human Rights Advisor to Czechoslovak President Václav Havel from 1990 to 1992. He was Slovak Ambassador to the U.S. (1990–1992) and has written and edited a number of books and studies on social transformation, foreign policy, and civil society, including IVO's annual series, *Global Report on the State of Society*.



Nico Carpentier
Board Member, European Communication Research and Education Association, Czech Republic/Belgium

An Associate Professor at the Communication Studies Department of the Free University of

Brussels (VUB) and Lecturer at Charles University in Prague, Carpentier is also vice-president of the European Communication Research and Education Association (ECREA) and an executive board member of the International Association for Media and Communication Research (IAMCR). His theoretical focus is on discourse theory, and research interests are situated in the relationship between media, journalism, politics and culture. Publications include "Media and Participation: A Site of Ideological-Democratic Struggle" (2011), "Communicative Approaches to Politics and Ethics in Europe" (eds.) (2009), "Democracy, Journalism and Technology" (eds.) (2008), "Culture, Trauma & Conflict: Cultural Studies Perspectives on Contemporary War" (ed.) (2007) and "Understanding Alternative Media" (co-authored with Olga Bailey and Bart Cammaerts) (2007).



Kavi Chongkittavorn
Group Editor, Nation Multimedia Group, Thailand

Former Editor-at-Large of The Nation, the Bangkok-based English daily, where he has been a journalist for nearly three decades, covering domestic and international affairs as well as commentaries and editorials. From 1994–1995 he served as a special assistant to Secretary General of ASEAN before returning to The Nation as executive editor. He was a bureau chief in Phnom Penh (1987–1988) and Hanoi (1988–1990). He was a Reuters Fellow at Oxford University in 1993–1994 and a Nieman Fellow at Harvard University in 2000–2001. Currently, he is a columnist at The Nation, the vernacular language *Nation Sudsubda* (Nation Weekender) and *Kom Chat Luek Daily* as well as the host of *Inside Asia*, a current affairs program. He is a Senior Fellow at the Institute of Security and International Studies, Faculty of Political Science, Chulalongkorn University.



Jennifer Chou
Deputy Director of Programming, Radio Free Asia, USA

As Deputy Director of Programming, Ms. Chou plans, directs and supervises the development of program materials for Radio Free Asia's (RFA) Mandarin, Cantonese, Tibetan, Uyghur and Korean services. In her prior position, she led RFA's Mandarin service, establishing it as a leading broadcaster for breaking stories from inside China. In 2007–2008, Ms. Chou wrote a weekly blog about China for *The Weekly Standard* magazine. Born in Taiwan and educated in the United States, Ms. Chou received a Ph.D. in East Asian Studies and an M.A. in Comparative Literature from UCLA. She completed her B.A. in English from Taiwan's National Chengchi University.

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**Václav Cílek**

Geologist and Climatologist, Academy of Sciences, Czech Republic

Geologist, writer, author and moderator of radio and TV shows about science, he is the Former Director of the Geological Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences. Mr. Cílek also worked in the Center for Theoretical Studies (1994–2001) and at the Mining Institute of the Academy of Sciences (1980–1990). Recipient of the Vize 97 Prize and the Tom Stoppard Award for his books “Landscapes of Inner and Outer” and “Makom,” he studied geology at Charles University in Prague.

**Emil Constantinescu**

Former President, Romania

Former President of Romania (1996–2000), he was a founding member and Vice President of the Civic Alliance Foundation, an NGO that was influential in the country’s democratic transition. In 1992, he was elected President of the University of Bucharest, where he had previously graduated with a law degree and then returned to earn a Ph.D. in Geology and teach. He was named European Statesmen of the Year by the Institute for East-West Studies in 1998. Mr. Constantinescu remains highly active in the NGO community and is a member of the Board of Directors for the World Justice Project.

**William Cook**

Professor of History and Religion, State University of New York, USA

Distinguished Teaching Professor in the State University of New York at Geneseo and Visiting Professor of Religion and History at Wabash College. Cook received a Ph.D. in Medieval History from Cornell University. He is the author of six books, mostly about the Franciscan movement, has won numerous awards for teaching excellence, and has lectured throughout the world, including recently in Italy, Slovakia, China, the Philippines, and Kenya. Dr. Cook has been deeply involved with the issue of abandoned and abused children, adopting three teenage boys and being legal guardian for eight others. He has made nine audio/video courses with The Great Courses, primarily on religious topics. Dr. Cook is an avid student of democracy and especially of the works of Alexis de Tocqueville. He was a candidate for US Congress in 1998.

**Ingrid Deltenre**

Director General, European Broadcasting Union, Switzerland/The Netherlands

Director General of the European Broadcasting Union since 2010, she was previously CEO of Schweizer Fernsehen, the leading public TV broadcaster in German-speaking Switzerland. A Dutch national, Ms. Deltenre was also CEO of Publisuisse (1999–2004), the commercial unit of SRG SSR and the leading marketer of television in Switzerland. She has also held the positions of Chief Marketing Officer and Member of the Executive Committee Switzerland at Swisscard AECS (1998–1999) and worked at CASH (1991–1998), a leading business weekly.

**Susi Dennison**

Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations, United Kingdom

Policy Fellow at ECFR since March 2010, she writes and comments on human rights and democracy in the EU’s external policy, the transitions in North Africa and is co-authoring the ECFR Scorecard 2013. Prior to ECFR she worked for Amnesty International, carrying out advocacy on human rights protection and promotion in the EU’s relationship with Africa, Asia and the Americas. She began her career in the UK Treasury where she held a range of positions, and later worked in the Home Office She also worked in the Private Office of the Chief Secretary to Treasury, among other places.

**Doris Donnelly**

Director, The Cardinal Suenens Center, John Carroll University, USA

Professor of Theology at John Carroll University in Cleveland, Ohio, where she directs the Cardinal Suenens Center for Theology and Church Life. The Center was established and funded by Mrs. J. Peter Grace of New York City and it exists to serve the unfinished agenda of the Second Vatican Council (1962–1965). It has sponsored local and international conferences on interreligious dialogue, leadership of the laity, collaborative leadership, and the affective, intellectual, and spiritual formation of clergy. Professor Donnelly has served as President of Pax Christi, the international Catholic peace movement and also as President of the North American Academy of Liturgy, an ecumenical association of liturgical scholars. Ms. Donnelly is the author of several books and many articles.

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**Jeremy Druker**

*Executive Director, Transitions (TOL),
Czech Republic/USA*

Executive Director of Transitions (TOL), a media organization he co-founded in 1999 that publishes a news magazine on Central and Eastern Europe and runs journalism training programs. In addition to being an Ashoka Fellow, he is a member of the board of the Fulbright Commission in the Czech Republic and a member of the board of Novinarska Cena, the Czech journalism prizes. Mr. Druker teaches a course in social media at New York University's branch in Prague. He holds a bachelor's degree from Harvard College and a Master's in International Affairs from Columbia University.

**Yuri Dzhibladze**

*President, Center for the Development
of Democracy and Human Rights,
Russia*

President of the Center for the Development of Democracy and Human Rights, a Moscow-based public policy and advocacy NGO which he founded in 1998, Mr. Dzhibladze has participated in missions to conflict zones in the Caucasus and the Committee for Anti-War Actions during the first war in Chechnya. He is a member of the Council on Civil Society and Human Rights with the President of Russia, a member of the Expert Council of the Ombudsman of Russia, a member of the Steering Committee of the World Movement for Democracy, and a member of the NGO Secretariat of the Community of Democracies.

**Martin Ehl**

*Chief International Editor, Hospodářské
noviny, Czech Republic*

Chief International Editor of the daily Hospodářské noviny, he has worked as a journalist since 1992, as a reporter at the dailies Hospodářské noviny, MF Dnes, Lidové noviny and weekly Týden. In 1999, he was a Research Fellow at the Institute of International Relations, Prague. Mr. Ehl has been an Assistant Professor at West-Bohemian University, Pilsen (2001–2006) and Metropolitan University, Prague (2009–2011). He is the co-author of several textbooks and author of recently published book "The Third Decade: On Life, People and Politics Between Brussels and Gazprom." He holds a Ph.D. in Political Science from Charles University.

**Norman L. Eisen**

Ambassador to the Czech Republic, USA

U.S. Ambassador to the Czech Republic since 2011. Ambassador Eisen previously served as Special Counsel to the President for Ethics and Government Reform in the White House. Prior to that he was the Deputy General Counsel to the Obama-Biden Presidential Transition. Before entering the Administration, Ambassador Eisen was a partner in the Washington D.C. law firm Zuckerman Spaeder. Mr. Eisen is the Co-founder of Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, a government watchdog group. Ambassador Eisen received his J.D. from Harvard Law School and his B.A. from Brown University.

**Jørgen Ejbøl**

*Chairman, JP Politikens Newspapers,
Denmark*

Chairman of JP Politikens Hus A/S Media Group and Vice Chairman of the Jyllands-Posten Foundation, he was previously Editor-in-Chief and Managing Director of Morgenavisen Jyllands-Posten. Mr. Ejbøl has held managerial positions in several media organizations in Denmark and elsewhere, including Serbia and Russia. He was an editor at numerous Danish newspapers including Fyens Amts Avis, Dagbladet, Weekendavisen Berlingske Aften, BT, Billed Bladet, and Berlingske Tidende.

**Tomáš Etzler**

*Journalist, Editor and Producer, China/
Czech Republic*

Journalist, reporter, editor and producer. Since 1999, he has worked for CNN acting, among other duties, as its war correspondent in Haiti, Iraq and Afghanistan. Since 2006, he has been working for Czech television as a reporter in China. He also worked as the external reporter for the Czech weekly Respekt and for the newspaper Lidové noviny.

**Gareth Evans**

*Former Minister of Foreign Affairs,
Chancellor, Australian National
University, Australia*

Currently Chancellor of the Australian National University, he is a former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Australia (1988–1996), Cabinet Minister (1983–1996) and former President of the Brussels-based International Crisis Group (2000–2009). Mr. Evans was Co-chair of the International Commissions on Intervention and State Sovereignty (2000–2001) and Nuclear Non-Proliferation and Disarmament (2008–2010). He is author of "Cooperating for Peace" (1993), "Australia's

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Foreign Relations" (1995) and "The Responsibility to Protect: Ending Mass Atrocity Crimes Once and For All" (2009).



Bay Fang

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Department of State, USA

Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, Bay Fang, has overseen public diplomacy and public affairs since December 2011. Prior to joining the Bureau, Fang was the Diplomatic Correspondent for the Chicago Tribune. She also reported on the wars in Afghanistan (2001–2002) and Iraq (2003–2004) for US News and World Report. Fang was awarded the Robert F. Kennedy Journalism Award for her story "China's Stolen Wives" during her time as Beijing Bureau Chief for US News and World Report (1999). Bay Fang earned her undergraduate degree at Harvard University and was a Fulbright Scholar in Hong Kong.



Jan Fischer

Former Prime Minister, Czech Republic

Former Prime Minister (2009–2010), he is also a candidate for in the 2013 presidential election. Mr. Fischer most recently worked as Vice President of the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development. Prior to entering politics, he was the president of the Czech Statistical Office (2003–2010). He is a member of the Czech Statistical Society, the International Statistics Institute and is on the board of Bruegel, a European economics think tank. Mr. Fischer is a graduate of the University of Economics, Prague.



Pavel Fischer

Political Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic

Political Director at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and formerly Ambassador to France (2003–2010), he worked in the Office of the President as a Press Expert, Vice Spokesman and as Director of Political Department. He served as a Chairman of the Administrative Board of Forum 2000 Foundation (1999–2003) and in 2010 he was awarded the prestigious French Order of the Legion of Honor for his achievements in the field of Czech–French bilateral relations.



Jefim Fištejn

Journalist, Czech Republic

A Journalist, he is an external associate for the public radio stations Čro6 and Čro 2 and a Member of the Collegium

of the General Director for both Czech Television and Czech Radio. Mr. Fištejn formerly served as Editor-in-Chief of the daily Lidové noviny and political commentator for the RFE/RL in Vienna. He is the author of numerous political articles, commentaries and essays published in the Czech, Russian, German and British press, as well as several books and documentary film scripts. He was born in Kiev, completed his journalism studies at the Lomonosov University in Moscow and philology studies in Vienna.



Kiichi Fujiwara

Professor of International Politics, University of Tokyo, Japan

Professor of International Politics at the University of Tokyo, he teaches courses on international relations and international conflict at the Faculty of Law, Graduate Schools of Law and Politics, and the Graduate School of Public Policy. A graduate of the University of Tokyo (B.A. and M.A.), Professor Fujiwara studied as a Fulbright Scholar at Yale University before he returning to Japan at the Institute of Social Science (ISS). He has held positions at Chiba University, the University of the Philippines, Johns Hopkins University, the University of Bristol, and was selected as a Fellow of the Woodrow Wilson International Center at Washington D.C. Prof. Fujiwara is known for his writings on international affairs, including "War Unleashed" (2007), "Peace for Realists" (2004), "Is There Really a Just War?" (2003), "A Democratic Empire" (2002) and "Remembering the War" (2001).



Štefan Füle

European Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy, Belgium/Czech Republic

Commissioner for Enlargement and Neighborhood Policy (since February 2010), former Minister for European Affairs (2009) and former Deputy Defense Minister (2001–2002). Mr. Füle served as Czech Permanent Representative to NATO (2005–2009), Czech Ambassador to the United Kingdom and to Lithuania. He was Director of the Security Policy Department and the United Nations Department at the Czech Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He studied at the Faculty of Philosophy of Charles University and at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations.



Steven Gan

Editor, Malaysiakini, Malaysia

Editor of Malaysiakini.com, he previously worked for The Nation, a newspaper in Bangkok, and as special issues editor and as columnist for The Sun in Malaysia. After reporting on protests during the 1996

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Asia Pacific Conference on East Timor, he was arrested and jailed for five days. Amnesty International named Mr. Gan a prisoner of conscience. Malaysiakini received the Free Media Pioneer Award from the International Press Institute in 2001, and Mr. Gan received the Committee to Protect Journalists' International Press Freedom Award in 2000.



Jeffrey Gedmin

*CEO and President, Legatum Institute,
Former President, RFE/RL, USA*

CEO and President of the Legatum Institute, he was formerly President of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty in Prague. Mr. Gedmin has been the director of the Aspen Institute Berlin (2001–2007) and Executive Director of The New Atlantic Initiative (1996–2001). He is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations has a Ph.D. in German Area Studies and Linguistics from Georgetown University.



Jared Genser

President, Freedom Now, USA

Founder of Freedom Now, an NGO that works to free prisoners of conscience worldwide, and Managing Director of Perseus Strategies, LLC, a law firm that focuses on public international law and human rights projects. Former Visiting Fellow with the National Endowment for Democracy and Adjunct Professor of Law teaching a seminar on the UN Security Council at Georgetown University Law Center as well as the University of Michigan and University of Pennsylvania law schools. He has counseled and represented human rights clients including former President Václav Havel, and Nobel Peace Prize Laureates Aung San Suu Kyi, Liu Xiaobo, Desmond Tutu, and Elie Wiesel. He is co-editor of "The Responsibility to Protect: The Promise of Stopping Mass Atrocities in Our Times" (2011).



Klaas Glenewinkel

*Director, MICT – Media in Cooperation
and Transition, Germany*

Founder and Managing Director of the Media in Cooperation and Transition (MICT) Germany's largest private NGO for Media Development and Plural Mediaservices, a new media planning agency focused on conflict and post conflict countries. Mr. Glenewinkel was the CEO of Streaminister, a start-up for live Internet broadcasting and founded Kulturserver, the biggest German Online Community for Artists. He was head of production at Ponton European Media Art Lab in Hanover and while living in Tokyo the Editor-in-Chief of the culture magazine Superball. He has been an Ashoka Fellow since 2011.



David Grey

*Professor, School of Geography and the
Environment, University of Oxford,
United Kingdom*

Professor in Water Policy, School of Geography and Environment, University of Oxford since 2009, he has been Chair of the World Bank's Water Resources Management Group and Board Member of the World Water Council. Mr. Grey is a founding member of the Water and Sanitation Collaborative Council, member of its Preparatory Committee, and a Founding Partner of the Global Water Partnership. He is a Fellow of the Geological Society and currently on an international panel of experts for the Mekong River Commission and on an advisory panel for the World Bank's Ganges Strategic Assessment, as well as an advisor to the Bank's Nile Team. One of the focuses of his research is the role water insecurity plays in poverty, environmental degradation and economic growth.



Suzana Grubješić

*Deputy Prime Minister for European
Integration, Serbia*

Deputy Prime Minister for European Integration, she also held the position of Deputy Whip for the parliamentary group United Regions of Serbia (URS) in the Serbian parliament. Ms. Grubješić previously served as the Project Manager of the European Movement in Serbia (1996–1997), and at the same position at NGO G17 PLUS (1997–2003). She was also Executive Director of G17 PLUS (2003–2008). Ms. Grubješić was G17 PLUS MP in the Serbian Parliament from 2003, and in 2007 she became G17 PLUS whip. She was also member of the parliament's Administrative Committee for European Integration and Head of the Serbian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the OSCE.



Tomáš Halík

*Sociologist, President, Czech Christian
Academy, Czech Republic*

Professor of Philosophy at Charles University in Prague, Pastor of the Academic Parish in Prague and President of the Czech Christian Academy. He is also a writer and a member of the European Academy of Science and Art. He has lectured at various universities around the world and has been involved in international efforts to promote dialogue and understanding between religions and cultures. In 1992, Pope John Paul II appointed him Advisor to the Pontifical Council for Dialogue with Non-Believers and in 2008, Pope Benedict XVI granted him the title of Monsignor – Honorary Prelate of His Holiness. In 2009 he received the Truth and Justice Prize for his defense of human rights and justice and in 2010, the Romano Guardini Prize.

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Jiro Hanyu
Chairman, The Sasakawa Peace Foundation, Japan

Chairman of the Sasakawa Peace Foundation since 2008, he played a leading role in adopting the International Committee for Establishment of Maritime Safety System in Micronesia. He was a Japanese government official for over 33 years, where he held various positions, including Vice-Minister for Transport and International Affairs. Mr. Hanyu graduated from Tokyo University in 1969 with a Bachelor's Degree in Economics.



Miklós Haraszti
Journalist, Human Rights Advocate, Hungary

A Journalist and Human Rights Advocate, he served the maximum two terms as the OSCE Representative on Freedom of the Media (2004–2010). A former Member of Parliament (1990–1994), Mr. Haraszti has lectured on democratization and media politics at numerous universities. In 1976, he co-founded the Hungarian Democratic Opposition Movement and in 1980 he became editor of the samizdat periodical *Beszélő*. His books include "A Worker in a Worker's State" and "The Velvet Prison." From November 1, he will serve as the United Nation's Rapporteur on Human Rights in Belarus.



Ivan Havel
Scientist, Czech Republic

Scientist and former director of the Center for Theoretical Study, an international cross-disciplinary institution affiliated with Charles University and the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic in Prague. His fields of interest are theoretical computer science, artificial intelligence, cognitive sciences, and related philosophical issues. Mr. Havel graduated from the Czech Technical University in Prague, holds a Ph.D. in Computer Science from the University of California at Berkeley and is a member of the Academy of Europe. He is the brother of the late former Czech President Václav Havel and he was a co-founder of the Civic Forum. Ivan Havel is the author of various books and academic articles, including "Natural and Artificial" (2012) and "Seeing Numbers" (2009).



Hu Yong
Professor, School of Journalism and Communication, Peking University, China

Professor at Peking University's School of Journalism and Communication, he is a noted new media critic and Internet pioneer. Mr. Hu

has worked for the China Daily, Lifeweek, China Internet Weekly and China Central Television and is Co-founder of the Digital Forum of China, a nonprofit organization that promotes public awareness of digitalization and advocates a free and responsible Internet. His publications include "Internet: The King Who Rules," and "The Rising Cacophony: Personal Expression and Public Discussion in the Internet Age."



Ellen Hume
Media Analyst, Journalist, Fellow, Central European University, Hungary/ USA

Annenberg Fellow in Civic Media at Central European University's Center for Media and Communication Studies, she was formerly Research Director at the MIT Media Lab, Executive Director of Harvard University's Shorenstein Center on the Press, Politics and Public Policy, White House correspondent for The Wall Street Journal, and a reporter and television commentator for other US media. She resided in Prague from 1998–2000 and has lived in Budapest since 2009. She is a graduate of Harvard College, with an honorary doctorate from Kenyon College and is originally from Boston



Karel Hviždala
Journalist, Writer, Playwright, Czech Republic

A journalist, writer and playwright, he studied engineering and later political science as well as German and German literature. Now a freelancer, Mr. Hviždala has been a Chief Reporter and the Chairman of the MAFRA company, Publisher of the daily newspaper *MF Dnes*. He also worked as Co-founder and Co-publisher of the newsmagazine *Týden*. He spent 1978–1990 in exile in West Germany, where he cooperated with Radio Free Europe, Deutschlandfunkem and the BBC. He worked at *Mladý svět* in the 1960s and later, after normalization, at Albatros publishing house. Mr. Hviždala has written thirty books of interviews, five books of prose, more than twenty broadcasting plays and five books on media.



Regis Iglesias
Christian Liberation Movement, Spain/ Cuba

A member of the Christian Liberation Movement (MCL) since 1989, he has since 1996 been a spokesman and member of its Coordinating Council. Mr. Iglesias was arrested in March 2003 and sentenced to 18 years in prison with 74 other opposition activists, leading Amnesty International to name him a prisoner of conscience. He was exiled to Spain in August 2010 and lives in Madrid today

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as a political refugee. His writings have been published in Spain and elsewhere. He previously worked as a journalist in Cuba.



Motoshige Itoh
Professor, Graduate School of Economics, The University of Tokyo, Japan

Professor, Graduate School of Economics and the Faculty of Economics at the University of Tokyo, he is also President of the National Institute for Research Advancement, one of the leading think tanks in Japan. Mr. Itoh has been on various committees for the Prime Minister and various ministries in Japan. He has conducted research on international trade, Japanese industrial policies, and industrial organization. Mr. Itoh holds a B.A. in Economics from the University of Tokyo and a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of Rochester.



František Janouch
Chairman, Charter 77 Foundation, Sweden/Czech Republic

Founder and the Chairman of the Charter 77 Foundation, after the Warsaw Pact invasion of Czechoslovakia in 1968 he lost his job and later was driven into exile in Sweden, where he founded the Charter 77 Foundation. The Foundation played a huge role in helping dissidents back home in Czechoslovakia. Mr. Janouch represented the European Union in Kyiv as Deputy Director of the Science and Technology Center in Ukraine (1996–2000). In the 1970s and 1980s, he was a Visiting Professor in Nuclear Physics at the Royal Institute of Technology, Stockholm. He studied at the Faculty of Physics, University of Leningrad and received a graduate degree from Lomonosov University in Moscow.



Josef Jařab
Former Chairman, Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defense and Security, Czech Republic

Former Chairman of the Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defense and Security, he is also a former member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg. Mr. Jařab was Rector and President of the Central European University in Budapest and Warsaw and of Palacký University in Olomouc. In 1990, he was named Professor of English and American Literature. He has represented Czech humanities in the European Science Foundation and is a member of the Observatory of the Bologna Magna Charta Universitatum.



Aleksander Kaczorowski
Journalist, Poland

Editor-in-Chief of Aspen Review Central Europe, a quarterly journal that covers a broad range of topics from the perspective of Central and Eastern Europe, he was previously Deputy Editor-in-Chief of Newsweek Polska, Chief Editor of the Op-ed section of Gazeta Wyborcza and an editor of Central European Journal, a monthly supplement to Gazeta Wyborcza, published in conjunction with daily newspapers from the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary. Kaczorowski is also an author of several books and translations from Czech literature and a regular contributor to Polish and Czech newspapers.



David Keyes
Executive Director, Advancing Human Rights, Co-founder, CyberDissidents.org, USA

Executive Director of Advancing Human Rights and Co-founder of CyberDissidents.org, he served as a coordinator for democracy programs for Soviet dissident Natan Sharansky and assisted a former UN ambassador. Keyes is a contributor to Newsweek/The Daily Beast and created the First Annual Saudi Women's Grand Prix. He graduated with honors from UCLA in Middle Eastern Studies and completed a M.A. in Diplomacy at Tel Aviv University. He speaks fluent Hebrew and Arabic.



Daud Khattak
Journalist, Radio Mashaal, Pakistan Service of the RFE/RL, Czech Republic/Pakistan

Pashtun journalist in Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty's Pakistan Service, Radio Mashaal. Mr. Khattak worked with Pakistan's English dailies The News and Daily Times and Afghanistan's Pajhwok Afghan News. He has also written for the Christian Science Monitor and London's Sunday Times. He is an expert on the Pakistani Taliban and Pakistani politics. Mr. Khattak has published numerous analytical articles on the Pakistani Taliban and terrorism. He holds an M.A. degree in Journalism and Mass Communications from the University of Peshawar.



Tomáš Klvaňa
New York University in Prague, Czech Republic

Executive Director of the Zdeněk Baka-la Non-Profit Programs, he oversaw the development of the Czech branch of the Aspen Institute, where he is also Vice President of the Board of Directors. Mr. Klvaňa also serves on the Board of

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Directors of *Economia* Publishing, and on the Board of the Harvard Club of Prague. He previously worked as a Special Government Communications Envoy for the Missile Defense Program, and Press Secretary and Policy Adviser for the President Václav Klaus. He was a Shorenstein Fellow at Harvard University and has a Ph.D. in Speech Communication from the University of Minnesota.



Gordana Knežević

Director, Balkan Service, RFE/RL, Czech Republic/Bosnia and Herzegovina

Director of RFE/RL's South Slavic and Albanian Languages Service, specializing in the Balkans, she previously worked as an online editor with Reuters in Canada, while regularly contributing to the *Toronto Star* and CBC Radio. Before relocating to Canada, Ms. Knežević lived in Bosnia, where she was the Deputy Editor of *Oslobodjenje*, an internationally recognized Sarajevo-based daily that never stopped publishing during the Bosnian War. For her work there, she received the Courage in Journalism Award from the International Women's Media Foundation.



Ko Ko Gyi

1988 Student Leader, Burma

In 1988 as a final year student at the University of Rangoon's International Relations program, Ko Ko Gyi led peaceful rallies on the university campus. He was actively involved in the 8-8-88 uprising and was appointed the Vice-Chairman of the All Burma Federation of Student Unions (ABFSU). In December 1991, he was arrested for participating in a student gathering at the University of Rangoon to celebrate Aung San Suu Kyi being awarded the Nobel Peace Prize, which resulted in a 20 year sentence of hard labor. He was released in March 2005. His most recent incarceration came in November 2008, when he was sentenced to 65 years in prison. He was released in January 2012 and is again active in politics.

Kyaw Thu

Director of Paung Ku, Burma

Director of Paung Ku, and organization he founded in 2011. The group is a civil society strengthening project that provides funding and capacity building to local civil society organizations. Their work focuses on poor and marginalized communities with an emphasis on improving the delivery of services, strengthening networking and organizing advocacy projects.



Ales Lahviniets

Activist, Movement for Freedom, Belarus

Activist with the Movement for Freedom in Belarus, since 2007 he has worked as an advisor to Dr. Alyaksandar Milinkevich. Mr. Lahviniets has run as a candidate for several recent elections in Minsk. He is also a lecturer, political commentator and the author of a number of articles on the politics foreign policy of Belarus. He has an M.A. in Political Science from Institute for Political Studies in Strasbourg, a Diploma from the Polish Diplomatic Academy and is currently a Visiting Scholar at the Jagiellonian University.



Pierre Lévy

Ambassador to the Czech Republic, France

French Ambassador to the Czech Republic. Served as Director of the Policy Planning Staff of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was Secretary General of the Commission of the White Paper on France's Foreign and European Policy and Head of the Service for Common Foreign and Security Policy (2002–2005). Mr. Lévy was Deputy Director in the cabinet of Pierre Moscovici, Minister for European Affairs (1997–2002). Mr. Lévy taught at the *École Nationale d'Administration* and at the *Institut d'Études Politiques de Paris*. He holds degrees from the European School of Management, the Paris Institute of Political Studies, and a M.A. in Economics from University of Paris-Dauphine.



Yaakov Levy

Ambassador to the Czech Republic, Israel

Ambassador to the Czech Republic, he entered the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1970 and during his career he has worked for the Consulate General of Israel in New York, as a Counselor at the embassy in Rome. He was an ambassador and permanent representative of Israel to the United Nations and other international organizations in Geneva (2000–2004). He has worked in the Public Affairs department, Education and Human Resource department and later as CEO of Press and Public Relations department for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.



Ondřej Liška

Chairman, Green Party, Czech Republic

Chairman of the Green Party since 2009, he previously served as Minister of Education, Youth and Sport (2007–2009) and as Member of the Parliament of the Czech Republic. He previously worked with the Forum 2000 Foundation and also served as Chairman

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of the Czech-Austrian Discussion Forum (2003–2004). Mr. Liška was a member of the local municipal assembly in Brno for the Green Party and worked as an advisor on the Cohesion Policy and Structural Funds to the Green Group in the European Parliament. He studied Religion and Politics at Masaryk University.



Liu Xiaobo

Literary Critic, Writer, Professor, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, China

Liu Xiaobo was invited to this year's Forum 2000 Conference, but is unable to attend as he remains imprisoned for

political reasons.

Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, he was awarded the 2010 Nobel Peace Prize for his struggle for fundamental human rights in China, while serving his fourth prison term. He is the first person since Von Ossietzky to be denied the right to have a representative to collect the Nobel Prize for him. Mr. Xiaobo was detained in December 2008 because of his leading role with the Charter '08 manifesto. Prior to that he was President and Editor-in-Chief of *Minzhu Zhongguo* (Democratic China) Electronic Journal, which promotes liberty, democracy, human rights, rule of law and constitutionalism. He served as President of the Independent Chinese PEN Centre (2003–2007) and has been a visiting scholar at Columbia University, the University of Oslo, and the University of Hawaii.



Jan Macháček

Journalist, Respekt, Czech Republic

Journalist, musician and economic commentator for the daily *Hospodářské noviny* and the weekly *Respekt*. In 2000, he served as Deputy

Editor-in-Chief of *Respekt* and was awarded the Ferdinand Peroutka Award in 2009 for his writing. Mr. Macháček was a Fellow of the National Forum Foundation in Washington and of the William Davidson Institute at the University of Michigan. He lectured on the Politics and Economics of Transformation at the Anglo-American College in Prague and at New York University in Prague. He also serves as a board member of Transparency International, Czech Republic. Mr. Macháček was a member of the underground music band *The Plastic People of the Universe* and is now guitarist in the band *Garage*.



Ahmad Mango

Advisor to Prince El Hassan bin Talal, Jordan

Advisor to His Royal Highness Prince El Hassan bin Talal since 1970, Mr. Mango was a member of the Higher Planning Committee, Ministry of Planning (1975–1995) and a

Member of the Board of Directors of the Central Bank of Jordan (1989–1992), and Member of The Board of Directors of the Amman Stock Exchange (1983–1989). He is currently a Member of the Board of Directors of a number of Jordanian companies, including *Société Générale de Banque Jordanie*. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics from the University of St. Andrews and a B.Sc. from the London School of Economics.



Jürgen Marten

Transparency International Deutschland, Germany

Member of the Transparency International Board of Directors, he was also actively involved in founding the organization. In addition to his role on the Board of Directors, Mr. Marten worked as the Ethics Officer and Counsel for Transparency International Germany. Prior to joining Transparency International, Marten was the Founding Director of the Institute for Cultural Research at the Art College. He also worked as a legal researcher after studying at Humboldt University of Berlin.



Martina Mašková

Journalist, Czech Radio – Rádio Česko, Czech Republic

A Journalist with *Rádio Česko*, she studied journalism in Angers, France and worked for the BBC Czech section in Prague and London. Her work placements include *Radio France La Rochelle* and *Deutsche Welle* in Cologne. As a reporter she travelled with Czech Prime Ministers and President Václav Havel. Ms. Mašková is the author of radio documentaries made in the Czech Republic, Germany, Switzerland, Israel and Namibia. She has an M.A. in Biology and Chemistry from Charles University.



Dan Meredith

Program Director, Internet Freedom Program, Radio Free Asia, USA

Director of Internet Freedom Program at *Radio Free Asia*, he was previously Senior Technology Fellow at the New America Foundation in Washington, D.C. and a Senior Producer and Technologist at *Al Jazeera Network* in Doha, Qatar. He has consulted with US government agencies including the Federal Communications Commission, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the Department of State, and the Department of Defense

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Wolfgang Michalski
*Managing Director, WM International,
Former Chief Advisor to the Secretary
General, OECD, Germany*

Currently Managing Director of WM International, a company providing strategic intelligence and policy advice to business, governments and international organizations. From 1980 until 2001, he served as Chief Advisor to the Secretary-General of the OECD responsible for the analysis and evaluation of emerging economic and social policy issues. Mr. Michalski has published 13 books and more than 150 papers which have been translated into more than ten languages. He became Doctor Honoris Causa at Warsaw School of Economics. He holds a Ph.D. in Economics and has been Professor of Economics at the University of Hamburg since 1972.



Dunja Mijatović
*Representative on Freedom of the
Media, OSCE, Austria/Bosnia and
Herzegovina*

Representative on Freedom of the Media at the OSCE since 2010, she is an expert in media law and regulation. As one of the founders of the Communications Regulatory Agency of Bosnia and Herzegovina, she helped to create a legal, regulatory and policy framework for media. Ms. Mijatović was also involved in creating a self-regulatory Press Council and was elected Chair of the European Platform of Regulatory Agencies in 2007, the first non-EU Member State representative and the first woman to hold this post. As an expert on media and communications legislation, she has worked in Armenia, Austria, Iraq, Jordan, Montenegro, Serbia, Slovenia, Morocco and the United Kingdom. She is a graduate of the University of Sarajevo, the University of Bologna and the London School of Economics.



Alyaksandar Milinkevich
Opposition Leader, Belarus

An Opposition Leader, he was a presidential candidate (2006) and is Chairman of Movement for Freedom. Mr. Milinkevich has authored more than 60 academic works, dealing with laser equipment and technology, the history of culture, and the science and architecture of Belarus. Among a long list of accolades, he received the Sakharov Prize of the European Parliament in 2006. He holds a Ph.D. in Physics and Mathematical Science and regularly attends trainings and discussions in the USA, Germany, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Poland and other countries with a focus on public administration, economic reform and human rights.

Min Yan Naing
Co-founder, Generation Wave, Burma

Co-founder of the pro-democracy youth movement Generation Wave, which was established in October 2007 in reaction to the Saffron Revolution. He and the other three co-founders were all activists involved with student demonstrations in 1996 and 1998. Generation Wave was initially formed by people between 15 and 25 years old, and much of their work involved new ways of spreading a pro-democracy message through hip hop music and the Internet.



Núria Molina-Gallart
*Director of Policy and Research, Save
the Children, United Kingdom*

Director of Policy and Research at Save the Children UK, she has previously served as Director of Eurodad, as Policy and Development Officer at the European Anti-Poverty Network and as an Executive Officer at the Ubuntu Network in Barcelona. Ms. Molina-Gallart was a consultant for the World Federalist Movement and the UN Financing for Development Office in New York. She holds a M.Sc. in Political Theory from the London School of Economics and a DEA in European Politics from the College of Europe in Bruges.



Surendra Munshi
Sociologist, India

Retired Professor of Sociology, Indian Institute of Management, Calcutta, he has published and spoken on various subjects in India and abroad and was the academic leader of an international project on good governance involving European and Indian institutions of higher education and research that was supported by the European Commission. More recently, he delivered a keynote speech on the future of democracy at Karlsruhe Institute of Technology (KIT) in Karlsruhe Dialogues 2012. He earned his doctoral degree in Sociology from Bielefeld University, Germany.



Jolyon Naegele
*Political Director, UNMIK, Former
Correspondent, Voice of America, USA*

Political Director for the United Nations Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK), he previously worked as a staff correspondent covering Eastern and Southeastern Europe for RFE/RL, Voice of America and Business International. Mr. Naegele began reporting regularly from the former Yugoslavia, including Kosovo, from the mid-1980s, eventually covering the country's break-up. He has an M.A. in International Relations Johns Hopkins University and a B.A. in International Relations from City College of New York.

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Boris Nemtsov
Economist, Politician, Russia

Economist and Politician, he is one of the leaders of Solidarity, a new pro-democracy opposition movement and Co-chairman of People's Freedom Party, established in 2010. He is also Co-founder of the Russian political party Union of Right Forces, Former Deputy Prime Minister of Russia (1997–1998), Former Governor of the Nizhny Novgorod region (1995), and member of the Federation Council of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation.



Tarik Nesh Nash
Electronic Activist, Morocco

Electronic activist and the CEO of Software Centre, a software R&D startup, he previously worked as a manager at Microsoft in Seattle and Beijing, and as a delegate in Iraq for the International Committee of the Red Cross. He is on the board of Transparency Maroc, the national chapter of Transparency International, and a member of the Regional Council of Human Rights. Mr. Nesh Nash founded political crowdsourcing initiatives related to constitutional drafting, election monitoring and fighting corruption. He set up the platform Reforme.ma where people could vote on the articles of the draft constitution in Morocco. Mr. Nesh Nash holds a Master's degree in Computer Sciences and a Bachelor's degree in Law.



Olusegun Obasanjo
Former President, Nigeria

Former President of Nigeria (1976–1979 and 1999–2007). Former Chief of Staff of Supreme Headquarters in the Nigerian Army. He became President (1976–1979) after the death of President Murtala Mohammed and was the first military head of state in Nigeria to peacefully transfer power to a democratically elected government. In 1999 he ran as candidate of the People's Democratic Party (PDP) and was reelected in 2003. Later he was Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the PDP. Currently he is a member of the Africa Progress Panel and United Nation's Special Envoy to the Democratic Republic of Congo.



Ruth Oniang'o
Executive Director, Rural Outreach Program, Kenya

Executive Director of the Rural Outreach Program, she was formerly a Member of Parliament (2003–2007), also serving as Shadow Minister of Education. Ms. Oniang'o served on the boards of the Bill & Melinda Gates

Foundation's Agriculture Strategy Advisory Committee, International Fertilizer Development Center, the International Rice Research Institute and the International Food Policy Research Institute. She is the founder of the African Journal of Food, Agriculture, Nutrition and Development, an online peer-reviewed journal and has taught at the University of Nairobi, Kenyatta University and Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology. She is also an Adjunct Professor at Tufts University.



Pavel Pecháček
Journalist, Senior Adviser to the President, RFE/RL, Czech Republic

A Journalist and Senior Advisor to the President at RFE/RL, he worked for the main news section and children's section of Czech Radio until emigrating to Munich in 1968. Mr. Pecháček later moved to the United States and worked for the Czechoslovak broadcast section of Voice of America. In 1989, he returned to Munich as the Director of Czechoslovakian broadcasting and spent November 1989 in Prague reporting on the end of the communist regime. Since 2008, he has been Advisor to the President of RFE/RL.



Petr Pokorný
Theologian, President, The Learned Society, Czech Republic

President of The Learned Society in Czech Republic, he previously served as Minister of Protestant Church in Prague. He was a member of the Council of the Government of Czech Republic for Research and Development. Mr. Pokorný has received numerous awards and honorary degrees from University in Bonn and Gáspár University in Budapest. He was a Senior Research Fellow at the Center of Biblical Studies of the Academy of Sciences and Charles University in Prague, and taught at the University of Greifswald in Germany and Faculty of Protestant Theology in Prague.



Oana Popescu
Political Analyst, Founder, Global Focus Center, Romania

Political Analyst and Founder of Global Focus, a think-tank with a focus on Romania's Euro-Atlantic position, she is Editor-at-Large of the Romanian edition of Foreign Policy magazine. Ms. Popescu is also Director of the Center for Conflict Prevention and Early Warning in Bucharest and Secretary General of Romania Black Sea Gateway, a business association which promotes Romania as a regional hub for EU-Asia trade. She is a writer, researcher and consultant in foreign affairs, political strategy, democratization, transitions and conflict transformation. She was

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a Fulbright Scholar at Yale University and has an M.A. in International Relations from the National School of Political and Administrative Studies, Bucharest.



Aroon Purie

Founder and Editor-in-Chief, India Today, India

Founder and Editor-in-Chief of India Today, he is Chief Executive of India Today Group, Managing Director of Thomson Press (India) Limited, and Chairman and Managing Director of TV Today. Mr. Purie was awarded the Padma Bhushan, one of the highest civilian awards in the Republic of India, in 2001 for his contribution to Indian journalism. He has also received the Hall of Fame Award from the Advertising Club of Kolkata (2002), the G.K. Reddy Memorial Award for Outstanding Contribution to Journalism (1993–1994) and B.D. Goenka Award for Excellence in Journalism (1988). He was Chairman of the International Federation of the Periodical Press from 2009 to 2011 and was the first Asian to hold the post. Mr. Purie attended the London School of Economics.



Vesna Pusić

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Croatia

Minister of Foreign and European Affairs, she is a Vice President of the Croatian People's Party – Liberal Democrats, serving twice as its President, and a Vice President of European Liberal Democrat and Reform Party. Elected to Croatian Parliament in 2000, Ms. Pusić was Deputy Speaker (2003–2007) and Chairwoman of the National Committee for Monitoring EU Accession Negotiations (2008–2011). She graduated from the University of Zagreb, Faculty of Philosophy, where she earned her Ph.D. in Sociology. Since 1978 she has been employed at the Department for Sociology of the Faculty of Philosophy, where she became full professor in 1988.



Iveta Radičová

Sociologist, Former Prime Minister, Slovakia

A Professor of Sociology at Comenius University in Bratislava, she was Slovakia's Prime Minister (2010–2012) and also served as Minister of Defense (2012). Before that, she was a Deputy in the Slovak National Parliament (2006–2009) and served as Minister of Labor, Social Affairs and Family (2005–2006). In 1992, she founded the non-profit Social Policy Analysis Centre, which she headed until being appointed Director of the Slovak Academy of Science's Institute of Sociology in 2005. She received her Master's in Sociology from Comenius University in Bratislava and her Ph.D. from the Slovak Academy of Sciences (1981), where from 1979 to 1989 she coordinated the family policy research team.



Mykola Riabchuk

Political and Cultural Analyst, Ukraine

Senior Research Fellow at the Ukrainian Center for Cultural Studies in Kyiv, and a member of the editorial boards of *Krytyka*, *Nova Europa Wschodnia* and the *Journal of South Eastern Europe*. He graduated from the Lviv Polytechnic Institute and the Gorky Literary Institute in Moscow, and has published a number of books and many articles on civil society, state and nation building, nationalism, national identity, and post-communist transition in the post-Soviet countries, primarily in Ukraine.



Olga Romanova

Journalist and Activist, Russia

A Journalist and Activist, she is Chief Executive Officer of Russia Behind Bars group. Ms. Romanova was previously a Chief Editor of the Russian edition of *Business Week* (2007) and the host of the daily analysis program "24 hours with Olga Romanova" on REN-TV (2002-2005). She was awarded Russia's top television award, a TEFI for best host, with her show also winning for best analysis program.



Jan Ruml

Politician, Human Rights Activist, Czech Republic

A Politician and Human Right Activist, he is a former Senator and the Member of the Green Party. He was among the signatories of Charter 1977 and became the movement's spokesman in 1990. Mr. Ruml co-founded the illegal "samizdat" newspaper *Lidové noviny* and later the journal *Respekt*. He served as the member of Czechoslovakian Parliament after 1992 and was served as Minister of Interior and Vice President of the Senate. For political reasons, he was several times refused the admission for university studies and he earned a law degree at age 51.



Yoani Sánchez

Blogger and Activist, Cuba

Yoani Sánchez has accepted the invitation to the Forum 2000 Conference but has been denied permission to travel by the Cuban government.

A Blogger and Activist, her blog is available worldwide in more than 20 languages. In 2008, *Time* magazine listed her as one of the world's 100 most influential people and she has received much international recognition for her work, including: the Ortega y Gasset Prize, Spain's highest award for digital journalism; the Maria Moors Cabot

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Prize from Columbia University; the World Press Freedom Hero Award from the International Press Institute; and the Prince Claus Award from the Netherlands. Foreign Policy magazine named her one of the 10 Most Influential Latin American Intellectuals (2008), and one of the World's Top Dissidents (2010). She recently published a book in English "Havana Real."



Lobsang Sangay

Kalon Tripa, Central Tibetan Administration, India

Kalon Tripa for the Central Tibetan Administration, he previously worked as a Senior Fellow at Harvard University and organized conferences between the Dalai Lama and Chinese scholars. Mr. Sangay has lectured at various universities and think-tanks throughout Europe, Asia and North America as an expert on Tibet, international human rights law, democratic constitutionalism and conflict resolution. In 2007, he was selected as the one of the 24 Young Leaders of Asia by the Asia Society. He was the first Tibetan to graduate from Harvard Law School in 2004.



Adrian Sarbu

President, Central European Media Enterprises, Romania

President and CEO of the Central European Media Enterprises (since 2009), he is also the Founder of the Media Pro Group. Mr. Sarbu served as General Director and President of the Board of Pro TV in Romania. In 1997, Mr. Sarbu established a charitable foundation named Fundatia Pro that is focused on education. As State Secretary for Mass-Media in the first post-communist government of Romania in 1990, he promoted the first Romanian audiovisual law, which laid the foundation for independent private-owned television. He was a member of the first Council of the National Salvation Front during the Romanian Revolution of 1989. Mr. Sarbu holds a degree from The National University of Theatrical and Cinematography Arts "Ion Luca Caragiale".



Yohei Sasakawa

Chairman, The Nippon Foundation, Japan

Chairman of The Nippon Foundation, one of the largest private foundations in Asia. A renowned Japanese leader in the philanthropic and NGO fields, he has initiated projects and worked on a global scale in such areas as public health, agricultural development, education and social welfare. He serves as the World Health Organization Goodwill Ambassador for Leprosy Elimination, as well as Japan's Goodwill Ambassador for the Human Rights of People Affected by Leprosy. Together with Václav Havel

and Elie Wiesel, Mr. Sasakawa cofounded the Forum 2000 Project.



Naguib Sawiris

Businessman and Politician, Egypt

Egyptian businessman and politician. He is the Chairman and CEO of Orascom Telecom, and Chairman of Board of Wind Telecomunicazioni S.p.A. and Mobinil. Mr. Sawiris is a Board Member of the GSM Association representing Orascom Telecom Holding. He is a member of the newly formed International Advisory Committee to the New York Stock Exchange Board of Directors. Mr. Sawiris holds a diploma in Mechanical Engineering with a Master's in Technical Administration from the Swiss Institute of Technology in Switzerland and a Diploma from the German Evangelical School in Egypt.



Karel Schwarzenberg

Minister of Foreign Affairs, Czech Republic

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Deputy Prime Minister and Chairman of the TOP 09 party. He has already served as Minister of Foreign Affairs (2007–2009) and was a Member of the Senate of the Czech Parliament (2004–2010). During the first half of 2009, he also served as the President of the Council of the European Union. He was President of the International Helsinki Committee for Human Rights (1984–1991) and former Chancellor to President Václav Havel. In 1991, he was awarded, together with Lech Waleśa, the Council of Europe's Human Rights Award.



Roger Scruton

Philosopher and Political Scientist, United Kingdom

A Philosopher and Political Scientist, he is a Fellow of Blackfriars Hall at Oxford University, and Visiting Scholar at the American Enterprise Institute. Mr. Scruton has written more than 40 books including "A Political Philosophy" (2006), "England: an Elegy" (2006) and "Beauty" (2009). He taught at the University of London (1971–1990) and at the University of Boston (1990–1993), before becoming a full-time writer and consultant. During the 1980s he played a part in founding and supporting underground universities in Prague, Brno and Bratislava. He holds a Ph.D. in Philosophy from Cambridge.



Fatmir Sejdiu

Former President, Kosovo

President of Kosovo from 2006 to 2010, he took part in the Vienna negotiations with Serbia on the future

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status of Kosovo and was one of the authors of Kosovo's constitutional framework in 2001. Mr. Sejdiu was elected to Parliament in both the 1992 and 1998 elections. He is a founding member of the Democratic League of Kosovo (LDK) and was later elected as its President. Mr. Sejdiu remained a Professor at the University of Priština, teaching throughout his tenure as an MP. He holds a Ph.D. from the Faculty of Law of the University of Priština and also spent time at both the University of Paris and Arizona State University.



Abu Bakr Shawky

Filmmaker, Activist, USA/Egypt

Filmmaker and Activist, he divides his time between Cairo and New York. His latest documentary "Martyr Friday," followed the events in Tahrir Square during the 2011 Egyptian Revolution. The film has been screened in 250 cities worldwide. It won Best Film Promoting Human Rights at the American International Film Festival, and was an official selection at the Palm Springs, Raindance and Angelus film festivals. Among his other films focused on Egyptian life include "The Colony" and "The Road to Atalia." Mr. Shawky graduated from the American University of Cairo with a B.A. in Political Science. He is currently pursuing a M.F.A. in Filmmaking at New York University's Tisch School of the Arts.



Marta Smolíková

Executive Director, Václav Havel Library, Czech Republic

Executive Director of Václav Havel Library, Ms. Smolíková is an expert within the art, arts management and cultural policy field. She previously held a variety of positions with the Soros Foundation (1993–2003) and founded ProCulture, a research, information and education center for arts and culture within the Open Society organization, which later developed into an independent civil society group. She is a board member of International Theatre Institute and other cultural centers in the Czech Republic and teaches Art Management at the Academy of Art and Design in Prague and Cultural Policy at The Academy of Performing Arts in Prague.



Václav Sochor

Editor-in-Chief, Czech Radio – Rádio Česko, Czech Republic

Editor-in-Chief of Czech Radio – Rádio Česko, he previously headed the foreign news section for the BBC, working both in London and Prague. He has worked at TV Nova and helped launch the television station Z1, where he hosted a weekly program. Mr. Sochor directed the media and communication journal Strategie and moderated the program Media and the World for Czech Television.



Nicéphore Soglo

Mayor of Cotonou, Former President, Benin

Mayor of Cotonou since 2002, he was formerly President of the Republic of Benin (1991–1996). His 1991 election victory over an incumbent president is seen as a major benchmark in the development of African democracy. Mr. Soglo has served as Executive Director of the Central Bank of West African States and as an Executive Director on the board of the World Bank. He used his position to launch the World Bank's efforts to promote economic development in Sub-Saharan Africa. His academic career includes a fellowship at the Center for International Affairs at Harvard University and teaching at the National University of Benin. Mr. Soglo was educated in France, attending the Sorbonne University, the University of Paris, and the University School of Administration there to receive degrees in French literature, as well as in private and public law.



Radek Špicar

Executive Director, Aspen Institute Prague, Czech Republic

Executive Director, Aspen Institute Prague, he also serves as Vice-President of the Confederation of Industry in Czech Republic. He previously served as Director of External Affairs at Škoda Auto, responsible for relations with public institutions at national and European level, structural funds and the Corporate Social Responsibility concept. He was Deputy to the Vice-Prime Minister for Economic Affairs of the Czech Republic. Mr. Špicar lectured at the Institute of Economic Studies at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague and at the Diplomatic Academy Prague. He studied at Charles University and the University of Cambridge.



Jiří Stránský

Author, Czech Republic

An Author, he is also Director Emeritus of the Czech Centre of the International PEN club. A former political prisoner, Mr. Stránský has focused his literature on similar subject matters and his short stories were published under the title "Štěstí" (Happiness). His major works include the novels "Zdivočelá země" (Feral country) and "Auction", for which he subsequently wrote a film script and Czech Television broadcast as a series. Mr. Stránský is a recipient of Egon Hostovský Prize (1992), the French Order for Art and Literature (2002), the Karel Čapek Prize (2006) and in 2011 he was awarded the highest scout honor – the Silver Wolf Award.

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**András Stumpf**

Journalist, Heti Válasz, Hungary

A Journalist, he is responsible for home affairs at the weekly *Heti Válasz* since 2004. His articles – including reports, interviews and opinions are also published every week on the *Heti Válasz* online news portal as well. Besides journalism, he works as a teacher in *Heti Válasz* Workshop and is a frequent analyst of politics on Hungarian television and radio shows. He received his diploma from the Péter Pázmány Catholic University majoring in Communication (Journalism) where he also studied German Language and Literature. In 2009, he received the Junior Prima Prize in the press category.

**SU Chi**

Former Secretary General, National Security Council, Taiwan

Former Secretary General of the National Security Council (2008–2010), he is a Professor at Tamkang University's Institute of China Studies and Chairman of the Taipei Forum. Prior to this Mr. Chi served in numerous government posts including as a Legislator (2005–2008) and National Policy Advisor to the President (1997). He has a Ph.D. from Columbia University and also worked as a Research Fellow at Harvard.

**Tamara Sujú**

Human Rights Lawyer, Venezuela

A Human Rights Lawyer, she is President of New National Awareness Foundation, which promotes human rights, and democratic principles and provides legal support to political prisoners. Ms. Sujú is also founder of Fundapres O.S., a foundation that provides aid to prisons throughout Venezuela, and Director of the Ladies in White – a group of wives, mothers and daughters of political prisoners. She has a Law Degree from Universidad Católica Andres Bello in Caracas.

**Jan Švejnar**

Director, Center on Global Economic Governance, Columbia University, USA/ Czech Republic

Founder and Chairman of the Executive and Supervisory Committee of CERGE-EI –, he was runner-up in the 2008 Czech presidential election. Mr. Švejnar is Director of the Center on Global Economic Governance and Professor of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University. Prior to this he was the Director of the International Policy Center at the University of Michigan, where he was also a Professor of Business, Economics and Public Policy. He served as Economic

Advisor to President Václav Havel as well as the Founding Director of the Economics Institute of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic (1992–1999). He has Ph.D. from Princeton University.

**Bohuslav Svoboda**

Lord Mayor of Prague, Czech Republic

Lord Mayor of Prague since 2010, Mr. Svoboda is a doctor by training and has served in a number of leadership roles in the medical community. He was previously Dean of the Third Faculty of Medicine at Charles University (2003–2010). He was also the first ever President of the Czech Medical Chamber (1992–1998) and was also Deputy Director of the Vinohrady Teaching Hospital. Mr. Svoboda is a graduate of Charles University.

**Erik Tabery**

Editor-in-Chief, Respekt, Czech Republic

Editor-in-Chief of the weekly magazine *Respekt* since 2009. Mr. Tabery has previously served as Deputy Editor-in-Chief of *Respekt*, where he also started his journalistic career (since 1997). He focuses mainly on Czech politics and has authored several books on it, for example “*Opoziční smlouva a její dědictví*” (2006) on the so-called opposition agreement of the Miloš Zeman government and “*Hledá se prezident – Zákulisí voleb hlavy státu*” (2008) on the Czech presidential elections of 2008. He is a recipient of the Ferdinand Peroutka Award. Mr. Tabery studied Journalism and Politics at Charles University.

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Managing Director, Sourcefabric, Czech Republic/Serbia

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A Member of the Central Executive Committee for the National League for Democracy, he studied journalism before working for several newspapers and magazines. As a result of his participation in the People's Democratic Movement in 1988, he was forced to resign his position as editor for the Botathaung newspaper. In 1990, he was elected as Member of Parliament for the NLD, before being imprisoned and sentenced to 17 years for writing and distributing "seditious pamphlets and threatening state security." Since his release in 2005, he has been again active in NLD.



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Journalist, Member, Program Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czech Republic

Journalist and one of the leading dissidents during the communist regime, he is a Professor at New York University in Prague. Mr. Urban was a member of the International Independent Commission on Kosovo and he worked in Iraq training journalists and on heritage preservation projects (2003–2006). He served as a war correspondent in Bosnia and Herzegovina (1993–1996) and was the Publisher of Transitions magazine (1997–1999). Mr. Urban made two documentary films on the Kosovo conflict in November 1989, helped to found the Civic Forum, working as its spokesman. He studied History and Philosophy at Charles University.



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Politician, Businesswoman, Mexico

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Youth Leader, Filmmaker, Belarus

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Czech Ambassador to the United Kingdom, he was previously Member of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic (1997–2003), Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defense and Security and President of the Civic Democratic Alliance. Mr. Žantovský has also served as Czech Ambassador in the USA and in Israel and as Spokesman and Political Director of the President's office for President Václav Havel. He is a founding member of the Civic Forum and of the Czech P.E.N. He has taught American Studies at Charles University and Euro-American Relations at New York University in Prague. Ambassador Žantovský studied Psychology at Charles University in Prague and at McGill University in Montreal, Canada.

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Press Releases highlight the most interesting and most important moments of the individual conference days offering statements, quotations and ideas and summarizing the course of the conference for media.

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The Conference Report comprises transcripts of the main panels, delegate profiles, overview of all events and other information related to the conference and the Forum 2000 Foundation. The Conference Report will be available in early 2013. Previous Forum 2000 Conference Reports may be purchased from the information stand of the foundation located in the Žofín Palace, together with other publications and materials of the Forum 2000 Foundation.

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We offer the use of headsets during the conference so you may hear the interpreted speeches in Czech or English (working languages of the conference). Other languages will be interpreted based on the needs of particular panels.

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Lunch

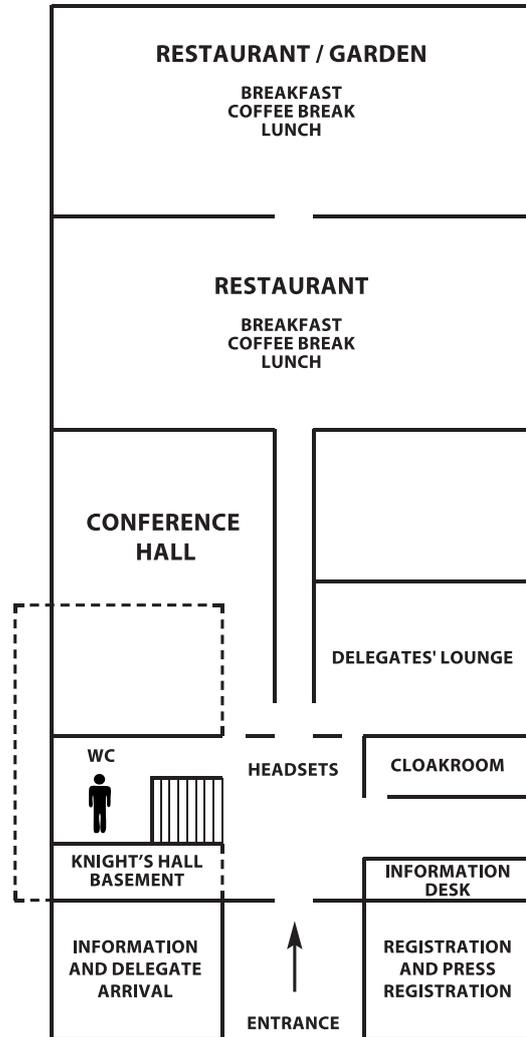
Lunch is served in the Žofín Restaurant and in the pavilion in the garden.

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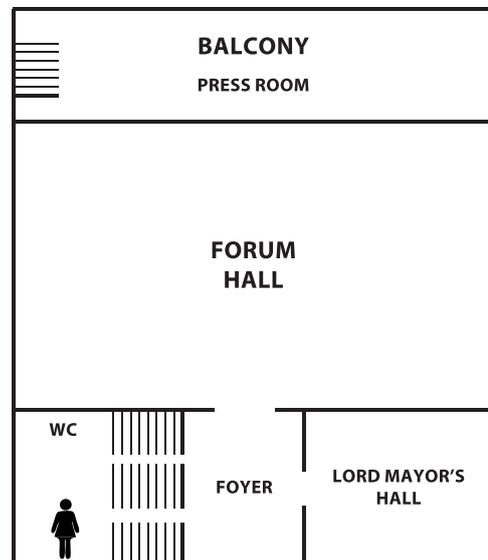
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Žofín Palace

Žofín Palace is situated in the very heart of Prague on Slovanský Island. Constructed in honor of Archduchess Sophie – the Princess of Bavaria and the mother of Emperor Franz Josef I of Austria – the original classical building was redesigned by Jindřich Fialka and rebuilt in the neo-Renaissance style between 1885 and 1887. In the 1930's, a garden, restaurant and a music pavilion were added to the palace. The island's shores offer beautiful views of Prague and Prague Castle.



Prague Crossroads

Located in Prague's Old Town, the former Gothic Church of St. Anne was built as a Dominican Convent between 1319 and 1330 on the site of an old rotunda and a church. Closed during the reign of Joseph II, the church was deconsecrated in 1782, and its complex of buildings was turned into flats and a printing house that were in use until 1795. Established under the initiative of Václav Havel, the church today serves as a unique international spiritual and cultural center, the result of a joint venture of prominent architects and designers Adriena Šimotová, Bořek Šípek, Kurt Gebauer and Eva Jiřičná.



Goethe-Institut

Located in Prague's New Town, the institute is situated in the beautiful Art Nouveau building of the former First Czech General Insurance Bank. Inspired by the architectural design of Jiří Stibral, the building was built in 1905 and decorated with bronze sculptures by Ladislav Šaloun. Used by the Embassy of the German Democratic Republic until 1989, the building today hosts the Czech office of the Goethe-Institut (since 1990).



Academy of Sciences

Located on Národní třída opposite the New Stage and the National Theatre the main building of the Czech Academy of Sciences represents the neo-Renaissance architectonic style of the second half of the 19th century. It was built by Ignác Vojtěch Ullmann between the years 1857 and 1863 as the seat of Spořitelna česká (Czech Savings-Bank). In 1954 the building was transferred to the Czechoslovak Academy of Sciences. In 1992 the Academy was renamed Czech Academy of Sciences and kept the building as its main center of administration for the academy's 54 public research institutions.



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Mission

The Forum 2000 Foundation pursues the legacy of Václav Havel by supporting the values of democracy and respect for human rights, assisting the development of civil society, and encouraging religious, cultural and ethnic tolerance. It provides a platform for global leaders, as well as thinkers and courageous individuals from every field of endeavor, to openly debate and share these critical issues.

Origins

Forum 2000 was founded in 1996 by Czech President Václav Havel together with Japanese philanthropist Yohei Sasakawa and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Elie Wiesel.

Core Activities

Forum 2000 Conference

The Annual Forum 2000 Conference in Prague assembles global thought leaders and offers a voice to dissidents from non-democratic countries, facilitating the development of a worldwide network of those who support the core principles of Havel's legacy. Among the speakers at our annual conference are world-renowned personalities such as His Holiness the Dalai Lama, President Clinton, Madeleine Albright, Prince El Hassan bin Talal and numerous Nobel Laureates including Elie Wiesel, Shirin Ebadi and Joseph Stiglitz.

The conference is unique in being open to the public and attracts over 3,000 attendees and more than 3,000 online followers each year, mostly from the Czech Republic and Central Europe, but with an increasingly international audience. These include representatives from politics, civil society, media, diplomacy, academia and business.

Interfaith Dialogue

The Interfaith Dialogue is an integral element of the annual conference and facilitates a unique dialogue between secular humanism and the world's spiritual traditions. Participants seek better understanding and deepening cooperation between world religions and political, scientific and economic leaders.

Regular Contributors

- **His Holiness the Dalai Lama**, Spiritual Leader and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Tibet
- **Shirin Ebadi**, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Iran
- **Vartan Gregorian**, President, Carnegie Corporation of New York, USA
- **Tomáš Halík**, Sociologist and President, Czech Christian Academy, Czech Republic
- **Gilles Kepel**, Political Scientist, France
- **Ashis Nandy**, Political Psychologist and Sociologist of Science, India
- **Rabbi David Rosen**, International Director of Inter-religious Affairs, American Jewish Committee, Israel

Shared Concern Initiative

The Shared Concern Initiative unites political and spiritual leaders and offers them a common voice in support of political dissidents living in non-democratic regimes and in condemnation of human rights' infringements. It also sponsors research into democratic developments in non-democratic or newly-democratic regimes. The joint statements of the Initiative are regularly published by significant media outlets around the world.

SCI Membership

- **Prince El Hassan bin Talal**, Chairman, West Asia-North Africa Forum, Jordan
- **His Holiness the Dalai Lama**, Spiritual Leader and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Tibet
- **Frederik Willem de Klerk**, Former President and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, South Africa
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- **Archbishop Desmond Tutu**, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, South Africa
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NGO Market

Our annual NGO Market has become the largest exhibition of its kind in Central and Eastern Europe and offers non-profit organizations the opportunity to showcase their

activities to potential corporate partners and the general public. During the event, NGOs share best practices and are able to draw on international experience. Capacity is at present limited to 200 NGOs but we are seeking additional funding for 2013 to meet the increasing demand.

Exploring Water Patterns in the Middle East

This year marks the seventh year that the Forum 2000 Foundation has addressed the issue of water scarcity in the Middle East through its initiative, Exploring Water Patterns in the Middle East (EWaP). The aim of EWaP is to comprehensively address the issue through a series of events, which keep abreast of political, economic, and technological developments. The ultimate goal is to help facilitate a peaceful, equitable, and stable resolution that is shared by all stakeholders.

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Together with our many supporters, we are determined to take forward Václav Havel's legacy and to firmly establish Forum 2000 as the primary global platform for dialogue about democracy, human rights and freedom.

"I would like to thank Forum 2000 for making this issue a really significant one in our century. With your help we shall be able to go forward in our process of democratization, with your help the world will know how important Rule of Law is."

Aung Sang Suu Kyi, Opposition Leader and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Burma

Addressing the Forum 2000 Conference, October 2011

"Havel will continue to inspire all of those who believe in the rights of every citizen to dignity, self-esteem and the fundamental freedoms upon which principled societies and governments are based."

Yang Jianli, Dissident, President and Founder, Initiatives for China, USA/China

"The void left by the death of Václav Havel is enormous, but his legacy lives on, and will continue to inspire us to aim for the high peaks of freedom, equality, justice, human rights and human dignity."

Shimon Peres, President and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Israel

"Václav Havel was the moral voice of his country and his era. His humanity, humility and decency were an example for us all. In the face of the great challenges today that shall test a newer generation, let his profile in courage be our inspiration."

Ban Ki-moon, Secretary-General, United Nations, USA/South Korea

"I know Forum 2000 will keep up the spirit of Havel's tireless

work with renewed vigor and determination. I look forward to working in close cooperation with your foundation towards building a more peaceful, open and just world."

His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Spiritual Leader and Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Tibet

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