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Faculty of Arts, Charles University | nám. Jana Palacha 1/2, Prague 1

Goethe-Institut | Masarykovo nábř. 224/32, Prague 1

Prague Crossroads | Zlatá (entrance from Liliová), Prague 1

Václav Havel Library | Ostrovní 13, Prague 1

Žofín Palace | Slovanský ostrov 226, Prague 1

SUNDAY | OCTOBER 13

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15.00 – 16.15

Panel | Goethe-Institut, Conference Room | EN

ASIAN MIDDLE POWERS AND DEMOCRACY PROMOTION

In cooperation with East Asia Institute and Asia Democracy Research Network.

Speakers

Ketut Putra Erawan, Executive Director, Institute for Peace and Democracy, Indonesia

Maiko Ichihara, Associate Professor, Hitotsubashi University, Japan

Niranjan Sahoo, Senior Fellow, Observer Research Foundation, India

Sook-Jong Lee, Senior Fellow, East Asia Institute, Professor, Sungkyunkwan University, South Korea

Moderator

Ketty W. Chen, Vice President, Taiwan Foundation for Democracy, Taiwan

India, South Korea, and Japan are consolidated democracies in Asia. As the region's middle powers that have resources and influences, they have an important role to play in defending democratic rules and values from growing threats to democracy such as populist nationalism, polarized politics, and authoritarian influence. Presenters will talk about what challenges their government and nongovernmental actors are currently facing, what efforts are being considered to defend democratic values and practices at the national and regional level, and how the Asian middle power countries can collaborate in addressing the threats as well as reinforcing and bolstering shared values.

17.15 – 18.15 **Democracy Dialogues | Václav Havel Library | EN**

HAVEL'S LEGACY: A VIEW FROM AFAR

Speakers

John Keane, Author of *The Life and Death of Democracy*, Australia

Nyaradzo Mashayamombe, Executive Director, Tag A Life International Trust (Ta-LI), Zimbabwe

Tomáš Vrba, Chairman, Board of Directors, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czechia

Moderator

Ramin Jahanbegloo, Political Philosopher, Member, Program Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, Canada/Iran

Václav Havel was a thinker who believed in that truth, and moral conscience must prevail over lies and hatred. Havel's challenge was to become a canny politician while remaining a moral one, but he has always remained a figure of intellectual integrity with an acute sense of responsibility. He was a man of ideas; an accomplished playwright who was pushed into the political sphere by taking his own ideas seriously and attempting to live up to them. This is what Havel termed "living in truth". Havel was convinced that maintaining moral integrity was not a choice but a necessity. What is the philosophical and political legacy of Václav Havel 30 years after 1989? What is his relevance in today's world?

19.00 – 21.00 **Ceremony and Reception | Prague Crossroads | EN**

OPENING CEREMONY

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 14

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09.15 – 09.30 **Special Address** | Žofin Palace, Forum Hall | EN

1989 REMAINS AN INSPIRATION

Keynote speech **Maia Sandu**, Prime Minister, Moldova

Only last year, the Forum 2000 Conference participants issued a petition, concerned about accelerated backsliding of democracy in Moldova. The rule of law was declining, space for free media was narrowing, and pressure on civil society was growing. Moldova was a captured state, suffering endemic corruption and abuse of power. However, Moldova's society and its democratic forces have proven more resilient than was perhaps anticipated. Today, Moldova has a new government and an opportunity for a fresh start in its efforts to join the European family of nations. What are the challenges and lessons in achieving change 30 years after 1989? How can Moldova be an inspiration to others?

09.30 – 10.30 **Opening Panel** | Žofín Palace, Forum Hall | EN

AMBITIONS OF 1989? AMBITIONS OF TODAY?

- Speakers**
- Tawakkol Karman**, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Human Rights Activist, Journalist, Yemen
- Mikuláš Minář**, Chair, Milion Moments for Democracy, Czechia
- Šimon Pánek**, Co-Founder, Director, People in Need, Member, International Advisory Board, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czechia
- Rosa María Payá Acevedo**, President, Latin American Youth Network for Democracy, Coordinator, Cuba Decide Campaign, Cuba
- Maia Sandu**, Prime Minister, Moldova
- Moderator** **Jacques Rupnik**, Political Scientist, Member, Program Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, France

In 1989, people rallied against governments with dismal human rights records and a lack of respect for the rule of law. Protests in Beijing, Berlin, and Prague coincided with ongoing or looming democratic transitions in Chile, Nicaragua, South Africa and elsewhere. Citizens globally asked for more freedom and democracy and hoped for a just society. Since then, the spirit of liberty and civic responsibility in new democracies, as well as in the more established ones, have faced many difficult tests and today we are at perhaps one of liberal democracy's most challenging moments. Inability of political elites to face climate change, a growing gap between winners and losers of globalization, the impact of new technologies, and other major trends drive voters to elect untested or even populist leaders. Instead of following ambitious goals, we seem to struggle to at least keep the status quo. What are our ambitions today? What is our vision for the future of democracy? And what is our vision for the future of the world?

10.45 – 11.45

Anniversary Panel | Žofín Palace, Forum Hall | EN

**30 YEARS OF CZECH HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY ABROAD:
ACHIEVEMENTS AND NEW CHALLENGES**

In cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Speakers

Carl Gershman, President, National Endowment for Democracy, USA

Manuel Cuesta Morúa, Activist, Founder, Progressive Arch, Cuba

Arzu Geybullayeva, Journalist, Azerbaijan

Alexandr Vondra, Member, European Parliament, Member, Board of Directors, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czechia

Moderator

Tomáš Petříček, Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Czechia

Since the 1989 Velvet Revolution, the foreign policy of Czechoslovakia, and later Czechia, has been largely guided by the values of freedom and human rights. For most of the three decades, the direction provided initially by Václav Havel and Jiří Dienstbier has offered support to people living under a dictatorship, to countries in transition, to civil society, independent media, and human rights defenders in Cuba, Ukraine, Belarus, Burma and elsewhere. What is the footprint left by the Czech human rights foreign policy? What should be its priorities in the future?

10.45 – 11.45 Panel | Žofin Palace, Conference Hall | EN

CAN DEMOCRACY DELIVER? HOW TO MAKE LIBERAL DEMOCRACY GREAT AGAIN

In cooperation with the Centre for Liberal Modernity and the IDC Herzliya.

Speakers **Amichai Magen**, Head, Diplomacy & Conflict Studies, The Interdisciplinary Center (IDC), Herzliya, Israel

Richard Youngs, Senior Fellow, Democracy, Conflict, and Governance Program, Carnegie Europe, United Kingdom

Karolina Wigura, Sociologist, Journalist, Member of the Board, Kultura Liberalna Foundation, Poland

Moderator **Ralf Fücks**, President, Centre for Liberal Modernity, Germany

While the crisis of liberal democracy is an international phenomenon, the debate over root causes and policy responses is still taking place mainly in national contexts. The more transnational discussion is needed, fostering the exchange on critical questions. What can be done to rebuild popular support for liberal democracy and to improve its abilities to act in a rapidly changing international, economic, and political environment? How can we reconcile liberal openness towards globalization, immigration, diversity and innovation with conservative demands for security, togetherness and stability – or at least avoid unchecked confrontation along with these conflicting values? To what extent are strong public institutions necessary to guarantee freedom and stability, and how they can do so without restricting the space for civil society and entrepreneurship?

10.45 – 11.45

Coffee Table Conversation | Žofín Palace, River Hall | EN

VIRTUAL INSANITY? HOW TO GUARANTEE TRANSPARENCY IN DIGITAL POLITICAL ADVERTISING

In cooperation with the European Partnership for Democracy.

Speakers

Jan Lipavský, Member, Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of the Czech Republic, Pirate Party, Czechia

Peter Pomerantsev, Visiting Fellow, Institute of Global Affairs, London School of Economics, United Kingdom/Russia

Miroslava Sawiris, Research Fellow, Globsec, Slovakia

Moderator

Pavel Havlíček, Researcher, Association for International Affairs, Czechia

The phenomenon of digital political campaigning has caught global public attention with the twin shocks of Brexit and the 2016 US Presidential election (and the related Facebook-Cambridge Analytica scandal). Since then, the tension between the integrity of electoral systems and a vastly unregulated digital sphere have arguably become an inherent danger to democracies worldwide. Taking the European Parliament elections of May 2019 in the Czech Republic as a case study, what regulatory solutions exist for policy makers at national and at European Union level to guarantee the transparency of political advertising online?

10.45 – 11.45 **Workshop** | Goethe-Institut, Conference Room | EN

SHRINKING SPACE FOR INDEPENDENT JOURNALISTS: HOW TO SURVIVE AND THRIVE

In cooperation with European Endowment for Democracy.

Speakers **Joanna Kurosz**, Russia Coordinator/Programme Specialist, Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency, Sweden

Natalia Morari, TV8, Moldova

Karam Nachar, Executive Director, Al-Jumhuriya Collective, Syria

Moderator **Diana Moukalled**, Co-Founder, Daraj Media, Lebanon

The media landscape today is undergoing unprecedented change. In both authoritarian states and open societies, journalists are fighting to retain, and in extreme cases, forge a space for independent media to survive. Journalists from Syria and Moldova will share their experiences of working in politically charged environments and how they thrive in spite of the shrinking space for independent media. Should journalists assume a more 'political' or activist role? How can independent media thrive in environments where their freedom to report is consistently being challenged? What can governments and civil society do to help independent media and professional journalism survive in restrictive environments?

12.00 – 13.00 Panel | Žofin Palace, Forum Hall | EN

DEMOCRACY IN TIMES OF ZUCKERBERG AND XI

Information Centre for Democracy and Human Rights in China.

Speakers **Benedetta Berti**, Head, Policy Planning Unit, Office of the Secretary General, NATO, Italy

Gerd Leonhard, Futurist, Switzerland

Xiao Qiang, Founder, China Digital Times, Professor, University of California, Berkeley, USA/Chile

Moderator **Peter Pomerantsev**, Visiting Fellow, Institute of Global Affairs, London School of Economics, United Kingdom/Russia

Despite their many positive aspects, information technology and artificial intelligence have recently become widely used tools for distorting the truth, for political manipulation, and the restriction of personal freedoms. Recent events such as the Russian disinformation campaigns, the role of Cambridge Analytica in Brexit, or the creeping digital totalitarianism in China all show how technology can threaten freedom and undermine democratic principles. What are the main threats of current technologies to our freedoms and security? How can democratic societies prevent their misuse? What should be the absolute priority?

12.00 – 13.00 Panel | Žofín Palace, Conference Hall | EN

60 YEARS OF COMMUNISM IN CUBA

Democratic Solidarity.

Speakers

Tania Bruguera, Artist and Activist, Cuba

Dánae Vilchez, Journalist, Nicaragua

Wilhelm Hofmeister, Director, Konrad Adenauer Foundation for Spain and Portugal, Germany

Moderator

Miriam Kornblith, Senior Director for Latin America and the Caribbean, National Endowment for Democracy, Former Vice-President, National Electoral Council, Venezuela/USA

Along with China, Laos, North Korea, and Vietnam, Cuba is one of the five remaining modern-day communist countries in the world. Its communist regime, established in 1959, survived even the collapse of its one-time supporter, the Soviet Union. Despite the new constitution and the so-called 'transition of power' to the new President Miguel Díaz-Canel in 2018, Cuba remains a country ruled by a communist government. What lessons can Cuba learn from the countries that successfully overthrew their communist regimes in 1989? Is there a role for the international community and regional actors in supporting Cuba's eventual transition to democracy?

12.00 – 13.00 **Coffee Table Conversation** | Žofín Palace, River Hall | EN

CATALONIA: WHAT LIES AHEAD?

Speakers **Ignacio Martín Blanco**, Member, Parliament of Catalonia, Spain
Martin Mejstřík, Associate Professor, Institute of International Studies,
Charles University, Czechia

Jordi Solé, Foreign Affairs Secretary, Republican Left of Catalonia, Spain

Moderator **Per Nyholm**, Writer, Commentator, Columnist, Jyllands-Posten, Denmark/
Austria

The status of Catalonia has been a dominant topic in Spanish politics in recent years. It also has a spillover effect in the European Union, posing important questions on how the EU should approach attempts to independence of parts of member states' territories. Even though it has been overshadowed by Brexit, the Catalan question remains unresolved and will remain an important issue to deal with in the future. How has the situation developed since the so-called referendum in 2017? Should the EU change its stance and follow the right to self-determination? What are the wider, European and international, consequences of the Catalan discussion?

12.00 – 13.00

Youth Panel | Goethe-Institut, Conference Room | EN

YOUTH: “HOW WILL WE FORM EUROPE IN THE NEXT 30 YEARS?”

In cooperation with the European Commission Representation.

Speakers

Alina Afleailor, Activist and Human Rights Educator, Romania

Antonio Argenziano, Secretary General, Young European Federalists, Italy

Dejan Kovac, Presidential Candidate, Croatia

Grigor Yeritsyan, President, Armenian Progressive Youth, Armenia

Moderator

Tomáš Sedláček, Chief Macroeconomic Strategist, ČSOB Bank, Lecturer, Charles University in Prague, Member, Corporate Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czechia

Václav Havel often spoke of the need for positive dreams and visions that provide the necessary energy for societal transformation. In many of his speeches and essays, he contemplated the principles governing united Europe, its ethical basis and institutional organization. The goal of this panel discussion is to offer the floor to representatives of the younger generation of Europeans and future leaders. They are invited to dream about the European future and reflect on key questions of the European project. How might Europe look like in the next 30 years? Which common themes should serve as the platform for further European integration? What should be the future role of Europe in the world?

13.00 – 13.15

Award Ceremony | Žofín Palace, Conference Hall | ES

AWARD FOR COMMITTED DIPLOMACY IN CUBA 2016-2018

Democratic Solidarity in cooperation with the Center for the Opening and Development of Latin America (CADAL).

Remarks

Gabriel Salvia, General Director, Center for the Opening and Development of Latin America, Argentina

Manuel Cuesta Morúa, Activist, Founder, Progressive Arch, Cuba

Awardee

Filip Vurm, Deputy Head of Mission, Czech Embassy in Afghanistan, Czechia

Since 2003, the Award for Committed Diplomacy in Cuba has been organized by the Center for the Opening and Development of Latin America (CADAL). It highlights the solidarity work of foreign diplomats who served on the island, providing recognition, support, and protection of those acting peacefully in defense of human rights and the promotion of political pluralism. In its sixth edition, the prize is awarded to Czech diplomat Filip Vurm, nominated by various groups of the Cuban civic movement in different parts of Cuba.

13.00 – 14.15

LUNCH BREAK

14:15 – 14:45

Žofín Conversation | Žofín Palace, Forum Hall | EN

HONG KONG AND ITS FUTURE

Speakers

Cardinal Joseph Zen, SDB, Cardinal, Bishop Emeritus of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Arnold Chung Chin Kiu, Founding Member, Demosisto, Hong Kong

Moderator

Libby Liu, President, Radio Free Asia, USA

Since 1997, Hongkong has been a part of China, living under the promise of “one country, two systems.” However, the city’s open and liberal mindset has been increasingly at odds with Beijing, which seems intent on gradually converting Hongkong to one system – a communist dictatorship. Hongkongers are, perhaps surprisingly to their Beijing rulers, strongly opposed to this.

14:45 – 15.45

Panel | Žofín Palace, Forum Hall | EN

VÁCLAV HAVEL: RESPONSIBILITY AS THE ULTIMATE MEASURE OF HUMAN ACTION

In cooperation with Václav Havel Library.

Speakers

Haykuhi Harutyunyan, President, Protection of Rights Without Borders, Armenia

Adam Michnik, Editor-in-Chief, Gazeta Wyborcza, Poland

Vesna Pusić, Former Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Croatia

Lobsang Sangay, Sikyong, Central Tibetan Administration, Tibet

Moderator

Michael Žantovský, Executive Director, Václav Havel Library, Member, Program Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czechia

If the future of the world appears increasingly uncertain, it is also because so many people, including politicians, refuse to take the responsibility for their own words and actions, for the habitat in which we all live, and for the future consequences of today's decisions. For Václav Havel, responsibility, rooted in the "memory of being" beyond the horizon of everyday life, was the ultimate measure of the meaning of our existence. The imperative of responsibility was his unfailing compass both in his writings and in his political life. What would it take for the politicians, business people, and opinion-makers of today to accept their intrinsic responsibility?

14.45 – 15.45 Panel | Žofin Palace, Conference Hall | EN

AMERICA FIRST! BUT WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF US?

Speakers

Neelam Deo, Director, Gateway House, India

Michael Gonzalez, Senior Fellow, The Heritage Foundation , USA

Yang Jianli, President, Initiatives for China, USA/China

Jerzy Pomianowski, Executive Director, European Endowment for Democracy, Belgium/Poland

Moderator

Jan Šnidauf, Chief Advisor, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Member, Program Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czechia

Putting one's interest first is a natural choice but cannot be the end of the story. America has been a guarantor of global order for much of the 20th century and into the new millennium. This was due to its power, but also its role in the making and upholding of international institutions and agreements. Today, U.S. dominance seems diminished, and its interests appear to be turning inwards. How does current America see its role in the world? Does the Trump administration still believe in multilateralism? How much has the transactional approach penetrated the US foreign policymaking? Will coalitions of the willing eventually undermine long-standing alliances? Are we giving up on global standards and rules and heading towards a 'new cold war'?

14.45 – 15.45

Coffee Table Conversation | Žofín Palace, River Hall | EN

INDIGNADOS, YELLOW VESTS, OR FRIDAYS FOR FUTURE – CAN SOCIAL MOVEMENTS RE-INVENT DEMOCRACY?

Speakers

Giuseppe Mastruzzo, Director, International University College of Turin, Italy

Gadi Taub, Political Commentator, Historian, Senior Lecturer, Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Israel

Nicolas Tenzer, Chairman, Study and Reflection Center for Political Action, France

Moderator

Tereza Stöckelová, Sociologist, Institute of Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Czechia

Social movements can press governments to reorganize their decision-making in ways that allow the direct and indirect participation of more voices in areas such as political development, education and the environment. They can move community institutions and civic associations to engage effectively in traditional political arenas but also to create and take part in a new, more encompassing democratic politics. However, this dynamism can also block, paralyze, and perhaps even threaten the everyday life of a democratic state and its institutions. Is the recent example of the “yellow jackets” in France a symptom of a profound crisis in democracy? Is the current Fridays for Future movement undermining the democratic process with its appeal to Science as an ultimate carrier of truth or is it just articulating a legitimate public interest? Can social movements pave the way for a new form of democratic politics?

14.45 – 15.45 **Panel** | Goethe-Institut, Conference Room | EN
HOW MEDIA CAN HELP RESTORE PUBLIC TRUST IN DEMOCRACY

In cooperation with Project Syndicate.

Speakers **Gayane Abrahamyan**, Member of Parliament, Armenia
Tom Daly, Director, Democratic Decay & Renewal, Australia
Mary Fitzgerald, Editor-in-Chief, openDemocracy, United Kingdom

Moderator **Jonathan Stein**, Managing Editor, Project Syndicate, USA

Around the world, open societies are being tested by a crisis of trust. And while a strong, independent media is the lifeblood of free societies, traditional outlets today are grappling not only with acute threats and intimidation, but, more broadly, with declining readership, influence, and revenue. At the same time, digital media have been ripe for anti-democratic forces' exploitation of growing mistrust of established institutions. As a result, public trust in the media – and liberal democracy – is alarmingly low around the world. What has caused public trust in democratic institutions to deteriorate? How should media organizations – which are both the reporters and subjects of this story – respond?

15.15 – 16.00 **Meeting** | Žofín Palace, Lord Mayor's Hall | CZ

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Introduction **Jakub Klepal**, Executive Director, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czechia
Tomáš Vrba, Chairman, Board of Directors, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czechia

16.00 – 17.00 **Panel** | Žofin Palace, Forum Hall | **EN**

RUNNING A COUNTRY ACCORDING TO

Speakers **Anna Lührmann**, Deputy Director, Varieties of Democracy (V-Dem) Institute, Germany/Sweden

Josiah Ober, Professor, Political Science and Classics, Stanford University, USA

Juraj Šeliga, Student Activist, Co-Founder, Za slušné Slovensko, Slovakia

Jan Zielonka, Professor of European Politics, St Antony's College, University of Oxford, United Kingdom

Moderator **Jamie Fly**, President, CEO, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, USA

What does society expect from its political leadership today? Are short-term politics, based on opinion polls and immediate online feedback, hurting the long-term perspectives of democratic countries? Can coherent strategies still be implemented? How does the political class deal with this challenge? Is there still a place for responsible leadership?

16.00 – 17.00

Panel | Žofín Palace, Conference Hall | EN

CENTRAL EUROPE: THE KEY TO THE EU FUTURE? 

In cooperation with the Polish Institute Prague.

Speakers

Andor F. Dávid, Executive Director, International Visegrad Fund, Hungary/
Slovakia

Sławomir Dębski, Director, The Polish Institute of International Affairs,
Poland

Claus Offe, Political Sociologist, Hertie School of Governance, Germany

Iveta Radičová, Sociologist, Former Prime Minister, Member, Program
Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, Slovakia

Moderator

Oana Popescu-Zamfir, Director, GlobalFocus Center, Romania

Central Europe, in particular the Visegrad Group, has not received the most favorable publicity in recent years, with issues such as the V4 reaction to the immigration crisis or the accusations about the weakening of the rule of law being still hotly debated. On the other hand, the CE has experienced years of steady economic growth, its populations are strongly pro-European, with a vigorous civil society. So, what is the true state of Central Europe? Is there a chance for the region to become a major player in the debate over the future of the EU and its role in the world? Can the CE's shared experience with communism and democratic transition be a valuable asset, while the EU is facing troubled transatlantic relations, aggression from Russia, and the menacing rise of China?

16.00 – 17.00 Panel | Žofín Palace, River Hall | EN

CAN BUSINESS HELP REVERSE DEMOCRATIC DECLINE?

In cooperation with the Center for International Private Enterprise.

Speakers

Péter Árvai, CEO, Prezi, Founder, Bridge Budapest, Hungary

Rumena Filipova, Research Fellow, Center for Study of Democracy, Bulgaria

Martin Hála, Sinologist, Director, Sinopsis, Czechia

Ionut Sibian, Executive Director, Civil Society Development Foundation (FDSC), Romania

Moderator

Abdulwahab Alkebsi, Managing Director, Center for International Private Enterprise, USA

The present era of democratic decline is taking place during a global economic upturn, which offers both opportunities and challenges. The autocrats have preyed on the openness of democratic economies, presenting new challenges to the governance of the countries receiving their capital. This capital not only benefits few with little to no democratic oversight but also exacerbates existing threats from within. In fact, many of the world's democracies have exhibited serious stresses, including backsliding on institutional reforms, highly partisan politics, and the resurgence of corruption. How can civil society and business work together to forge locally driven initiatives to address these challenges?

16.00 – 17.00

Panel | Goethe-Institut, Conference Room | EN

CHALLENGES TO DEMOCRACY IN LATIN AMERICA: CAN THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY HELP?

Democratic Solidarity in cooperation with CASLA Institute.

Speaker

Hasler Iván Iglesias Yañez, Youth Political Leader, Voluntad Popular, Venezuela

Edita Hrdá, Managing Director for the Americas, European External Action Service, Czechia

Michael Gonzalez, Senior Fellow, The Heritage Foundation, USA

Moderator

Cristiana Chamorro, Founder, Director, Violeta Chamorro Foundation, Nicaragua

The success of the 1989 revolutions would not have been possible without the support of international actors and foreign powers. Such an enabling environment is one of the critical factors in the process of transition to democracy. Many Latin American countries are still experiencing a lack of international support and involvement in their democratization processes. What steps should the international community and regional actors take to support democracy in Latin America? What should be the approach of the international community towards the current situation in Venezuela? And what about Bolivia, Nicaragua, and Cuba?

17.05 – 17.35 **Žofín Conversation** | Žofín Palace, Forum Hall | EN

A COLLAPSING GLOBAL ORDER?

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

Speakers **Szu-chien Hsu**, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Taiwan
Jan Švejnar, Director, Center on Global Economic Governance, Columbia University, Member, Program Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, USA/Czechia

Moderator **Sook-Jong Lee**, Senior Fellow, East Asia Institute, Professor, Sungkyunkwan University, South Korea

Tectonic shifts are taking place in the international order; we see hesitant US, rising China, but also India, disruptive Russia, Iran, and others, as well as retrenchment from multilateralism and the rules based system that was shaped after the World War II and solidified in the early 1990s. On the other hand, the increased need for global cooperation caused by environmental challenges and the risks for the global economy is apparent. Is the current rules based international order over? What will replace it? What approaches should we expect from the main global players? What should we brace for?

17.45 – 18.00 **Special Address** | Žofín Palace, Forum Hall | EN

SPECIAL ADDRESS

Introduction **Iveta Radičová**, Sociologist, Former Prime Minister, Member, Program Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, Slovakia

Keynote speech **Zuzana Čaputová**, President, Slovakia

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09.30 – 09.45 **Special Address** | Žofín Palace, Forum Hall | EN

RESPONSIBLE POLITICS FOR A LIVABLE PLANET

Keynote speech **His All-Holiness Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew**, Archbishop of Constantinople-New Rome, Ecumenical Patriarch, Turkey

09.45 – 10.25 **Panel** | Žofín Palace, Forum Hall | EN

RESPONSIBLE POLITICS FOR A LIVABLE PLANET

Speakers **Ralf Fücks**, President, Centre for Liberal Modernity, Germany

Lucie Smolková, Regional Coordinator, Fridays For Future, Czechia

Alexander Vondra, Member, European Parliament, Member, Board of Directors, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czechia

Moderator **Bedřich Moldan**, Director, Environment Center, Charles University, Czechia

With increasing urgency, the societies at large realize that we are living in Anthropocene – an era when humankind has become a significant force in the geological history of the planet. Intended and unintended effects of human activity have manifested in global warming and related climatic processes, loss of biodiversity, radioactive materials scattered across continents, and the pollution of oceans by (nano)plastic and other chemicals. These anthropogenic processes look like a significant global disorder, rather than controlled (re)ordering, and constitute a major challenge for the long-term sustainable survival of human civilization. How can we get these processes, at least partly, under control? What kind of policies do we need to invent and implement? How to make such policies democratic? Are we seeing a beginning of a new global movement and cultural transformations comparable to the societal upheavals of the 1960s?

10.30 – 11.00 **Personal Testimonies** | Žofín Palace, Forum Hall | EN

GALLERY

Speakers **Rushan Abbas**, Executive Director, Campaign for Uyghurs, USA:

[Uyghur Tragedy in the Chinese Xinjiang](#)

Glanis Changachirere, Founder, Director, Institute for Young Women Development, Zimbabwe:

[Zimbabwe After Mugabe](#)

Grigory Yavlinsky, Economist, Politician, Russia:

[Quo Vadis, Russia?](#)

Moderator **Ivana Štefková**, Member, Board of Directors, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czechia

Personal testimonies of courageous democrats and human rights defenders from around the world.

11.15 – 12.45 **Unconference** | Žofín Palace, Forum Hall | EN

LET'S MAKE DEMOCRACY SEXY AGAIN!

Facilitators **Irena Kalhousová**, Head, Herzl Center for Israel Studies, Charles University, Member, Program Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, Czechia

Hrishabh Sandilya, Political Analyst, India

Have your say! Join the debate with activists, scientists, and artists on the following two topics: Can democracy survive without capitalism? Does Great exaggerate? Join us for an unconference, a place where you have the final say.

12.45 – 13.45 **LUNCH BREAK**

13.45 – 14.45 Panel | Žofín Palace, Forum Hall | EN

SAVING DEMOCRACY FROM ECONOMIC POWER?

In cooperation with the Friedrich Naumann Foundation for Freedom.

Speakers **Veronica Anghel**, Associate Fellow, Bologna Institute for Policy Research, Romania

Jana Maláčová, Minister, Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs, Czechia

Saskia Sassen, Professor of Sociology, Member, Committee on Global Thought, Columbia University, USA

Moderator **Jan Komárek**, Professor of Law, University of Copenhagen, Denmark/Czechia
Post-communist transformations were driven by the belief in the causality between the free market and democracy. The experience from the three decades that followed 1989 shows a more complex picture, where economic freedom does not necessarily bring the same benefits to all the people equally. Liberal democracy is based upon the principle of each individual being granted equal opportunities to participate in the political processes and to shape the future of one's country. But is this still so? Democracy does not seem – in the eyes of many – to stand against the power of the most wealthy. What were the original ideas driving the post-communist economic transformation? Have they been forgotten? Has the economic power colonized politics as some might suggest? Are the populists correct, and is it time to do politics differently?

13.45 – 14.45 Panel | Žofín Palace, Conference Hall | EN

1989 SEEN FROM THE MUSLIM WORLD

Speakers **Gilles Kepel**, Director, Middle East and Mediterranean Program, Ecole Normale Supérieure, France

Jacques Rupnik, Political Scientist, Member, Program Council, Forum 2000 Foundation, France

Moderator **Jana Hybášková**, Diplomat, Former EU Ambassador to Namibia and Iraq, Czechia
One of the starting points for the disintegration of the Soviet bloc was the defeat of the Soviet army in Afghanistan. The Soviets left Kabul on February 15, 1989. This moment, and what preceded it, had a strong impact on the subsequent developments in Central Europe and has serious repercussions until today.

13.45 – 14.45

Discussion | Žofín Palace, River Hall | EN

**AUTHORITARIANS IN THE POST-SOVIET SPACE: THE NEED FOR
DEMOCRATIC SOLIDARITY**

Speakers

Alexander Podrabinek, Special Correspondent, ATR Channel, Ukraine
Zamira Sydykova, Former Ambassador to the United States and Canada,
Founder, Editor-in-Chief, Res Publica Newspaper, Kyrgyzstan
Leyla Yunusova, Director, Institute for Peace and Democracy, Belarus
Yevgeniy Zhovtis, Director, Kazakhstan International Bureau for Human
Rights and the Rule of Law, Kazakhstan

Moderator

Irwin Cotler, Founder, Chair, Raoul Wallenberg Centre for Human Rights, Canada

Almost 30 years have passed since the collapse of the USSR. In many post-Soviet countries, however, the authoritarian regimes are still in power. Fighters for human rights and democracy become victims of the political repressions in Azerbaijan, Russia, Turkmenistan, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, and elsewhere. According to critics, the international community does not pay necessary attention to the problem and OSCE, Council of Europe, or the EU do not only ignore mass violations of human rights, but also support the authoritarians. It is necessary to unify the efforts of the activists in post-Soviet countries in their struggle for democracy, and to call on the international community for solidarity.

15.00 – 16.00 **Closing Panel | Žofin Palace, Forum Hall | EN**

FULLFILLING THE PROMISE OF 1989

Speakers **Glanis Changachirere**, Founder, Director, Institute for Young Women Development, Zimbabwe

Natan Sharansky, Politician, Human Rights Activist, Israel/Ukraine

Lech Wałęsa, Former President, Nobel Peace Prize Laureate, Poland

Moderator **Carl Gershman**, President, National Endowment for Democracy, USA

In 1989, people in Beijing, Berlin, or Prague rallied against governments with a dismal human rights record and a lack of respect for the rule of law. Citizens asked for more freedom and democracy and hoped for a just society. Today, three decades later, we are not fully there yet – but we are much closer! Despite a number of challenges that we face, the progress is palpable. We must not lose hope and abandon the effort to eventually fulfill the promise of 1989. How to overcome the challenges to freedom and democracy that we face today? What is the world we aspire to? How do we aim to achieve it?

18.00 – 19.30

Discussion | Faculty of Arts, Charles University | EN

CHINA: HUMAN RIGHTS IN THE 21ST CENTURY DIGITAL SURVEILLANCE STATE

Information Centre for Democracy and Human Rights in China in cooperation with One World, Amnesty International, Synopsis, Association for International Affairs, Lungta, Czechs Support Tibet. Festival of Democracy.

Speakers

Ketty W. Chen, Vice President, Taiwan Foundation for Democracy, Taiwan
Dolkun Isa, Uyghur Politician, Activist, President, The World Uyghur Congress, Germany/China
Lobsang Sangay, Sikyong, Central Tibetan Administration, Tibet
Yang Jianli, President, Initiatives for China, USA/China
Cardinal Joseph Zen, SDB, Cardinal, Bishop Emeritus of Hong Kong, Hong Kong

Thirty years ago, in the spring of 1989, students and hundreds of millions of other Chinese citizens were harboring hopes for a freer, more democratic country. These hopes were crushed on the night of June 3 to 4, at the Tiananmen square. Since then, unlike the communist regimes in Central Europe that collapsed later in the same year, the Chinese communists solidified power and gradually created a modern, technology-based system of total control, that even the brutal totalitarians of the 20th century would have only dreamed of. How does the Chinese system of totalitarian control work? What is the current situation of human rights in the country? How strong is the Chinese communist regime? Is it sustainable in the long term?

18.30 – 19.30 **Film Screening and Discussion** | Langhans, People in Need Center | EN

EXILED

Democratic Solidarity in cooperation with People in Need.

Speakers

Leonor Zúniga, Film Director, Nicaragua

Dánae Vilchez, Journalist, Nicaragua

Cristiana Chamorro, Founder, Director, Violeta Chamorro Foundation,
Nicaragua

Moderator

Clara Gonzalez, Project Manager, People in Need, Czechia

In 1998, Zoilamérica Ortega Murillo publicly accused her adoptive stepfather, Daniel Ortega, of rape. While Ortega, a leader of the Sandinista revolution and President of Nicaragua, remains in power, she lives in exile—isolated from family, estranged from her mother, and considered a traitor by her country. ‘Exiled’ exposes the profound injustice of having a statute of limitations on reporting sexual assault, but none on political power and impunity.

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