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## Proving Democracy's Resolve and Resilience at the 28th Forum 2000 Conference

The 28th Forum 2000 International Conference, titled **Proving Democracy's Resolve and Resilience**, will be held on October 13-15, 2024, at the Prague Congress Center. The conference will be attended by Czech President **Petr Pavel**, Russian opposition leader **Vladimir Kara-Murza**, the speaker of the Czech parliament, **Markéta Pekarová Adamová**, Czech Foreign Minister **Jan Lipavský**, Ukrainian MP **Ivanna Klymush-Tsintsadze**, who chairs her country's parliamentary Committee on Ukraine's Integration into the EU, American historian and columnist **Walter Russell Mead** of The Wall Street Journal, Yale University, and the Hudson Institute, **Lech Walesa**, former Polish President and Solidarity leader, and many more. The conference will also welcome the former Taiwanese president, **Tsai Ing-wen**.

More than 600 participants from dozens of countries will discuss the current shifts in the global order, the resurgence of authoritarianism, and the challenges and opportunities that AI and other technological advances present for democracy. Delegates will also focus on specific regional topics, such as security tensions in the Indo-Pacific, or the perspectives of democratic governance in Africa and Latin America. Iran, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Slovakia, and Venezuela will be on the agenda, as will European perspectives on the Western Balkans region. The topics of the conference will also include disinformation campaigns, populism, radicalization, and the role of independent media in declining democracies. Special emphasis will be placed on the ability of democratic actors to work together to protect their values and legitimate interests.

*"The lack of consequences for Vladimir Putin's invasion of Crimea in 2014 and the appeasement of his dictatorship over the years led to the full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. Similarly, the West's weak and undecisive position toward communist China may eventually lead to a further escalation of global tensions. The conference will therefore emphasize the need for democracies to prove their resolve and determination to defend freedom,"* says Forum 2000 Foundation Director Jakub Klepal.

The "**Democratic Solidarity Africa (DSA)**" project was launched at last year's conference. The DSA will reconvene at this year's event, where the meeting will also serve as an opportunity to introduce new members to the network. The fragile political landscape and the European future of the **Western Balkans region** will again be one of the important topics covered by the conference.

In addition to the guests mentioned above, speakers at this year's conference will also include **Jerzy Pomianowski**, a former Polish diplomat who is executive director of the European Endowment for Democracy, **Hsu Szu-chien**, deputy secretary-general of the Taiwanese National Security Council, **Hisham Kassem**, an Egyptian activist and ex-chairman of the Egyptian Organization for Human Rights, **Ali Ehsassi**, a member of the Canadian parliament and chair of Canada's Foreign Affairs and International Development Committee, Bolivian Senator **Cecilia Requena**, and many more.

For more information, please visit the Forum 2000 Foundation's website, where video recordings of selected sessions will also be made available.



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