

# Policy Development and Confidence Building Workshop for Civil Society Leaders and Policy Makers from the Black Sea Region

6–10 October 2014 | Budapest, Hungary

A satellite map of the Black Sea region, showing the Black Sea in the center, surrounded by landmasses. The sea is a deep blue, and the surrounding land is a mix of green and brown. The map is viewed from a high angle, showing the curvature of the Earth.

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Dear Workshop Participant,

We are very pleased that you will be participating in the **'Policy development and confidence building workshop for civil society leaders and policy makers from the Black Sea region'**.

Designed for about 35 innovative thinkers ranging from people working in civil society organisations, researchers in policy think tanks, and policy makers from the Black Sea region, it will provide a forum to discuss and develop practical, equitable and sustainable solutions to regional policy problems of democratic institution building, human rights and co-operative security policy.

We have prepared a challenging programme in 14 working sessions and encourage you to actively participate.

As you know, the Black Sea region faces a number of turning points in 2014. The conflict between Russia and Ukraine presents a serious challenge to the pan-European security order; the EU is in the process of re-formulating its Eastern Neighbourhood policy as well as its approach to the Black Sea region, which is of vital strategic importance; protracted conflicts, closed borders and strategic rivalries have weakened institutions of governance and allowed democratic rule of law to deteriorate; indeed, in a number of domestic contexts, the discourse on human rights and democracy is under great strain.

This moment deserves reflection. What are the conceptual issues that need to be re-thought in the light of recent developments, and what are the best and worst case scenarios for the region? Do priorities need to be re-ordered in order to achieve long-lasting solutions to cope with the considerable transnational challenges the Black Sea region faces?

This five-day immersion workshop is co-organised by the Council of Europe and the School of Public Policy at Central European University, and it will allow you to share your experiences and concerns and will encourage collaborative discourse, research and action – based on mutual trust – on issues broadly linked to the core Council of Europe mandates.

It aims at focusing conversations and analysis around the far-reaching conceptual issues that will shape the region within the next five years.

We are looking forward to welcoming you to Budapest and wish you an engaging stay!

*Ambassador Piotr Świtalski*  
Director of Policy Planning  
Council of Europe

*Professor Wolfgang Reinicke*  
Dean  
CEU School of Public Policy

The workshop is organised for around 35 participants from seven countries from the geographical region around the Black Sea, i.e. Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, Romania, Bulgaria, Turkey and Georgia. It brings together opinion leaders from different backgrounds, such as scholars associated with innovative policy think tanks, entrepreneurs, journalists, civic activists and human rights defenders with several years of professional experience.

The entire workshop will be held in English. To render it as interactive as possible, a number of selected participants will be invited to make presentations or to act as discussants at different occasions during the workshop.

## MONDAY — 6 October 2014

Participants arrive in Budapest (*morning*)

13.45      **Registration**

14.00      *Catered lunch at Central European University*

15.00      **Workshop Opening and Welcome Remarks**

- Wolfgang H. Reinicke | Dean, School of Public Policy at CEU
- Amb. Piotr Świtalski | Director of Policy Planning, Council of Europe

15.30–17.00      **Opening Debate**

► **The Future of Democracy, Security and Economic Policy in the Region.**

A conversation with Thomas Carothers and Gerald Knaus, moderated by Matteo Fumagalli.

19.30      **Welcome Dinner – Informal Introductions**

## TUESDAY — 7 October 2014

### ► **DEMOCRACY** *(morning)*

**Thomas Carothers**

#### 9.30 **Session I**

- Do democracy indicators matter? Vibrant democracy and its 'hardware'/'software' indicators. Can institutional configurations be verified through check lists? Can a certain 'temperament', a type of public debate, be measured as part of a technocratic assessment?
- Democracy, democratisation and backsliding: the closing space for international democracy and rights support and for civil society.

10.45 Coffee break

#### 11.00 **Session II**

- Pull and push factors: democratisation from within and without.
- The problems of political party development and of international support for party development.
- Civil society development and activism: new tools.

12.45 Lunch break

### ► **VALUE CONFLICTS AND HUMAN RIGHTS** *(afternoon)*

**Gerald Knaus, Ulrich Speck**

#### 14.00 **Session III**

- Human rights in the region in flux.



- The role of the EU and the Council of Europe: instruments, scope of and limits to European soft power in the region.
- The role of international civil society organisations and coalitions working on human rights in the region.

15.30 Coffee break

## 15.45 **Session IV**

Breakout groups:

- Russia and the Council of Europe.
- Turkey and basic rights (fair trial, freedom of information, non-discrimination).
- Ukraine, Moldova and Georgia and the future of human rights.

## WEDNESDAY — 8 October 2014

### ► **HUMAN RIGHTS – continued** *(morning)*

**Gerald Knaus, Ulrich Speck**

## 9.00 **Session V**

- Presentations of findings by participants.
- What is truly new in the challenges to human values in the region in light of recent broader developments?
- Assessing the instruments available under the current conditions.

12.15 Lunch break

## ► POLITICAL ECONOMY *(afternoon)*

### 13.30 Session VI

**Béla Greskovits**

- Varieties of capitalism in East-Central Europe.
- The rise of state capitalism in Asia and Eastern Europe.

### 15.15 Session VII

**Ágnes Bátory**

- Corruption: causes and consequences.
- Can corruption be controlled? Bottom-up vs top-down approaches.

16.30 Coffee break

### 16.45 Session VIII

**Béla Greskovits**

- The role of economic ties in shaping responses to the current crisis.
- Foreign trade, economic sanctions, and political coalitions in hard times.

## THURSDAY — 9 October 2014

## ► ENERGY DIPLOMACY

### 9.00 Session IX

**Wolfgang Sporrer**

- Examining energy markets: the Third Energy Package, the crisis of the European gas market and the end of long-term contracts, as well as the impact of the ‘*Energiewende*’.

- The quest for diversification of gas flows, by suppliers as well as by consumers, of both routes and sources: the planning of mega projects (TANAP, Nabucco, TAP, South Stream).
- Russian gas flows through Ukraine to Europe – are they in danger? Are there short-term alternatives?
- How can the interests of the various stakeholders be brought together to advance security of supply for Europe as well as security of demand for suppliers?

10.45 Coffee break

## ► SECURITY CHALLENGES IN EURASIA

**Matteo Fumagalli, Xymena Kurowska,  
Tetyana Malyarenko, Nina Y. Belyaeva**

### 11.00 Session X

**Matteo Fumagalli, Nina Y. Belyaeva**

- Global Order in a G-Zero world.
- Emerging security challenges in the Eurasian space.
- Russia and the world.

12.45 Lunch break

### 13.45 Session XI

**Tetyana Malyarenko, Matteo Fumagalli**

- Tools to manage seemingly intractable conflicts.
- De-escalating gestures and peace-building measures.

15.30 Coffee break

## 15.45 **Session XII**

**Xymena Kurowska, Matteo Fumagalli**

- European security regime(s).
- The crisis of the European order.
- Finding solutions that last: the role of regional organisations in confidence building, mediation and conflict resolution.

## 18.30 **Closing Dinner (boat)**

# FRIDAY — 10 October 2014

## ► **COLLABORATIVE THINKING, COLLECTIVE ACTION** (*morning*)

## 9.30 **Session XIII**

**Do evidence and analysis still matter in policy debates?**

**MODERATOR:** Goran Buldioski

**PANELISTS:** Giorgi Gogia | Nicholas Whyte | Péter Krekó

This interactive session will challenge participants to reflect on why and how data and analysis still matter. The ongoing conflict in Ukraine serves as a prime example of how rational discourse and evidence-based analysis is displaced in an environment where emotion and symbolism are prevalent. What approaches should policy researchers use to counter propaganda? Will the old methods give the same validity and reliability of findings? How should policy analysts try to reach out to broader segments of the public in times of crisis? The attention is more on formats and means of delivering analysis. To be heard, do we have to shout louder and more often or speak differently and to different groups? In sum, how can policy think tanks resist omnipresent propaganda and sophisticated ways of manipulation?

11.00 Coffee break

## 11.15 **Session XIV**

### **The role of think tanks in second-track diplomacy**

**MODERATOR:** Vladyslav Galushko

**PANELISTS:** Sergi Kapanadze | Nigar Göksel | Sabine Freizer

The second panel will discuss how policy researchers cope with protracted policy uncertainty and the policy vacuum that has emerged during the crisis. Some crises do not have one good solution. Because the annexation of Crimea put the whole European security system into question, many national governments are operating in an unknown terrain and are likely to pursue piecemeal approaches. How do policy analysts adjust to this? How do policy innovators in the region perceive the conflict, and what can be done to foster collaborative research to build confidence? What themes/topics are likely to generate co-operation among researchers in the region, and why? What would be the goals and intellectual framework of that co-operation?

## 12.30 **Reflection and Workshop Closing**

**Matteo Fumagalli**

## 13.15 **Workshop Evaluation**

**Pusa Nastase**

## 13:50 **Family Foto**

## 14.00 **Farewell Luncheon**

**Participants' departure** (*afternoon*)

## Tuesday, 7 October

### ► **Democracy** (*morning*)

- T. Carothers and S. Brechenmacher, Closing Space: International Democracy and Human Rights Support Under Fire (Carnegie Report, February 2014)
- R. Youngs, 'Misunderstanding the Maladies of Liberal Democracy Promotion', in C. Hobson and M. Kurki, eds., The Conceptual Politics of Democracy Promotion (Routledge, 2011), pp. 100–16

### ► **Human Rights** (*afternoon*)

- European Convention on Human Rights (Preamble and Articles 1–11)
- CSCE Charter of Paris for a New Europe, pp. 1–12
- I. Burgess, 'Evaluating the Evaluators: Media Freedom Indexes and What They Measure' (National Endowment for Democracy, 2010)
- V. Havel, Europe as Task (Address in Aachen, 15 May 1996)
- V. Havel, The Power of the Powerless (1978)
- P. Benenson, 'The Forgotten Prisoners' (Amnesty International, 1961)
- S. Moyn, 'Human Rights in History' (The Nation, 10 August 2010)
- S. Moyn, Keynote address to 'The New History of International Law' lecture series, Duke University (2009)
- B. Cooper, 'New Birth of Freedom' (review of Moyn's book), NYT Sunday Book Review (24 September 2010)

## Wednesday, 8 October

### ► **Political Economy** (*afternoon*)

- D. Bohle and B. Greskovits, 'Neoliberalism, embedded neoliberalism and neocorporatism: Towards transnational capitalism in Central-Eastern Europe', West European Politics (2007, Vol. 30:3) 443–466
- A. Kohli, 'Nationalist Versus Dependent Capitalist Development: Alternate Pathways of Asia and Latin America in a Globalized World', Studies in Comparative International Development (2009, Vol. 44:4) 386–410

- M. Myant and J. Drahokoupil, 'International Integration, Varieties of Capitalism and Resilience to Crisis in Transition Economies', *Europe-Asia Studies* (2012, Vol. 64:1) 1–33
- R. Karklins, *The System Made Me Do It – Corruption in Post-Communist Societies* (M.E. Sharpe, 2005), Chapter 5: Political Legacies: Old Habits Die Hard, pp. 74–89
- B. Rothstein, 'Anti-corruption: the indirect 'big bang' approach', *Review of International Political Economy* (2011, 18:2), 228–250

## Thursday, 9 October

### ► Energy Diplomacy (*morning*)

- D. Yergin, *The Quest: Energy, Security and the Remaking of the Modern World* (Penguin 2011) Chapter 2: The Caspian Derby.
- S. Pirani, J. Stern, and K. Yafimava, *The Russo-Ukrainian gas dispute of January 2009: a comprehensive assessment* (Oxford Institute for Energy Studies, February 2009)
- J. Stern and H. Rogers, *The Transition to Hub-Based Gas Pricing in Continental Europe* (Oxford Institute for Energy Studies, March 2011)
- C.E. Ziegler, 'Energy Pipeline Networks and Trust: The European Union and Russia in Comparative Perspective', *International Relations* (2013, Vol. 27: 3) 3–29

### ► Security

- Z. Brzezinski, 'Putin's three choices on Ukraine', *The Washington Post* (8 July 2014)
- F. Zakaria and Z. Brzezinski, *CNN GPS*, 20 July 2014 (Transcript)
- H. Kissinger, 'To settle the Ukraine crisis, start at the end', *The Washington Post* (5 March 2014)
- Z. Brzezinski, 'Russia needs to be offered a 'Finland option' for Ukraine', *Financial Times* (22 February 2014)
- H. Kissinger, 'Essay on the Assembly of a New World Order', *Wall Street Journal* (29 August 2014)
- I. Bremmer, N. Roubini, 'A G-Zero' World, *Foreign Affairs* (Mar/Apr 2011, Vol. 90:2), 2–7

- OECD, Preventing Violence, War and State Collapse: The Future of Conflict Early Warning and Response (2009)
- H. Hansen and S. Nemeth, 'IO Mediation of Interstate Conflicts: Moving beyond the Global versus Regional Dichotomy', *Journal of Conflict Resolution* (2008, Vol. 52:2), 295–325
- H. Wulf (ed.), *Still Under Construction: Regional Organisations' Capacities for Conflict Prevention*, Institute for Development and Peace, University of Duisburg/Essen (INEF-Report 97), 2009
- J. Galtung, *Transcend and Transform. An Introduction to Conflict Work* (Pluto Press, 2004), introduction
- C. Webel and J. Galtung, *Handbook of Peace and Conflict Studies* (Routledge, 2007), pp. 14–35
- J. Galtung and C. Jacobsen, *Searching for Peace: The Road to Transcend* (Pluto Press, 2000), introduction

## Friday, 10 October

### ► Collective Action

- N. Göksel, 'Turkey's Russia conundrum: To court or to curb?', FRIDE Policy Brief (#185), September 2014



## AIRPORT TRANSFER

Your airport transfer is arranged by the Central European University. When you exit Budapest Airport's terminal, please look for the Airport shuttle desk. The reservation is made under each participant's name. You will be directed to the minibus.

Telephone (24 hours a day): +36 1 296 8555



## ACCOMMODATION

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<http://www.ibis.com/gb/hotel-1681-ibis-budapest-city/index.shtml>

When you check in at the hotel, you will be given a welcome bag containing this booklet and a public transportation pass valid for the week.

## COURSE LOCATION

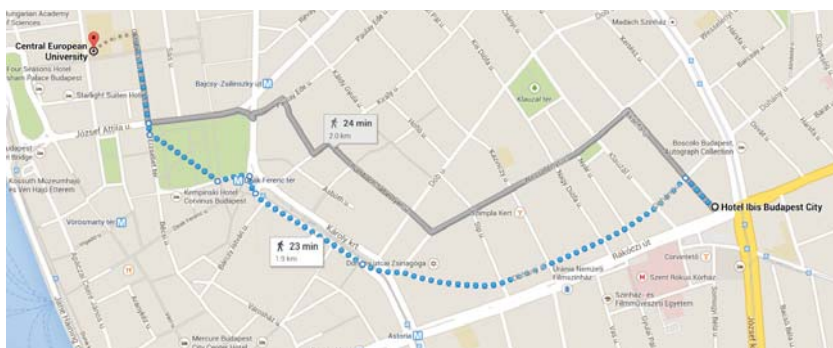
The course will take place at the Central European University (CEU).

### Central European University

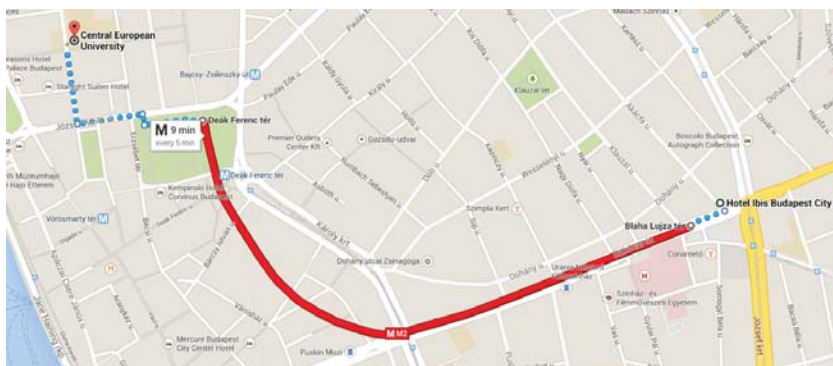
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1051 Budapest, Hungary



The walk from the hotel to the university takes approximately 25 minutes. Please see the map below for directions.



You can also take public transportation. Walk to *Blaha Lujza* metro station (2 minutes) and take the red metro line in the direction of *Déli Pályaudvar*. Get off after 2 stops at *Deák Ferenc* metro station. Walk to the university (5 minutes). Please see the map below for directions.



Coffee breaks and buffet lunches will be served in front of the Auditorium, the main conference room. All university buildings are equipped with restrooms. Vending machines with drinks and snacks are located in the main lobbies of the CEU buildings, and there are two cafeterias on campus. Smoking is strictly prohibited within five meters of all building entrances; CEU has designated smoking areas at the campus. A cash machine is available in the main CEU building.



A multi-faith quiet lounge and prayer room can be accessed on campus for participants to have an opportunity to unwind and meditate. There is a designated room for participants with young children for quiet time or nursing. The CEU Medical Center is open to participants with a valid medical insurance card. There are two qualified English-speaking doctors (male and female) who hold regular consultation hours.

Should you bring your laptop, European plugs (220V) will be available. Wifi is available on campus.

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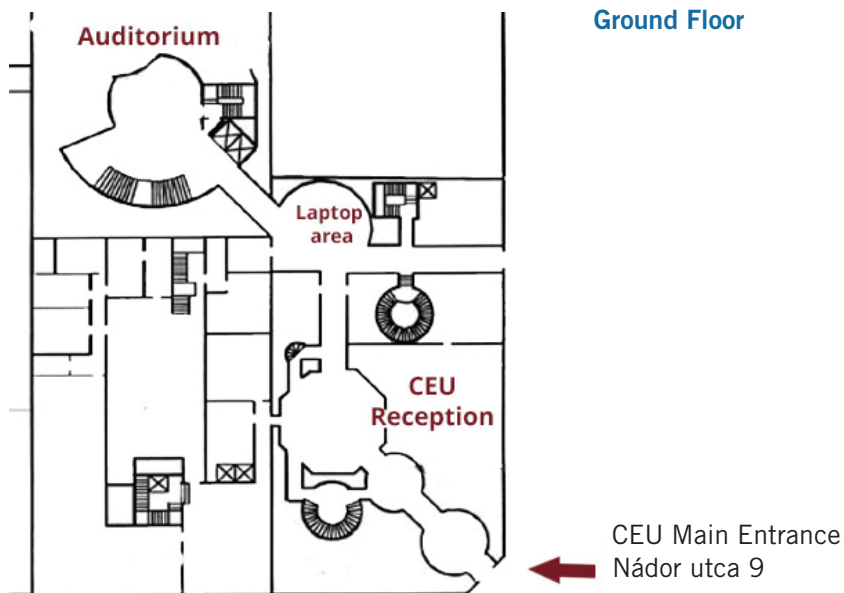
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## MONDAY — 6 October

The course will begin with registration at 1:45 pm at CEU. Please arrive at 9 Nádor Street by 1:40 pm. Registration will be in front of the CEU Auditorium. A catered welcome lunch will be served starting at 2:00 pm at the same location.





Welcome dinner, 7:30 pm

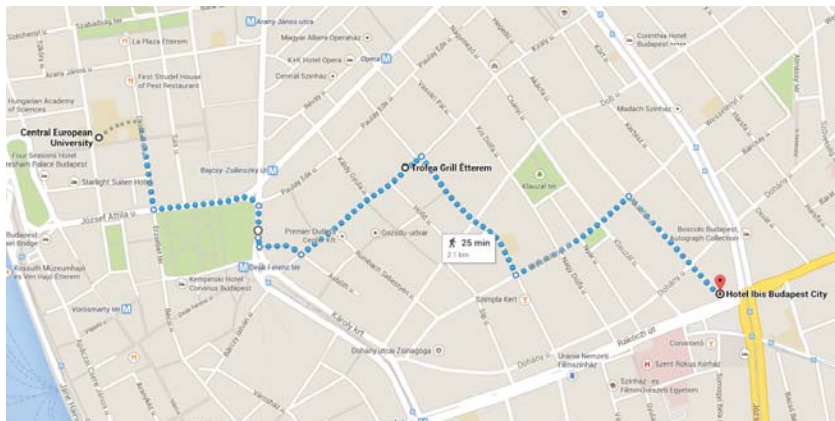
## VENUE:

### Trófea Restaurant

1061 Budapest  
Király Street 30–32



## Central European University to Trófea Restaurant



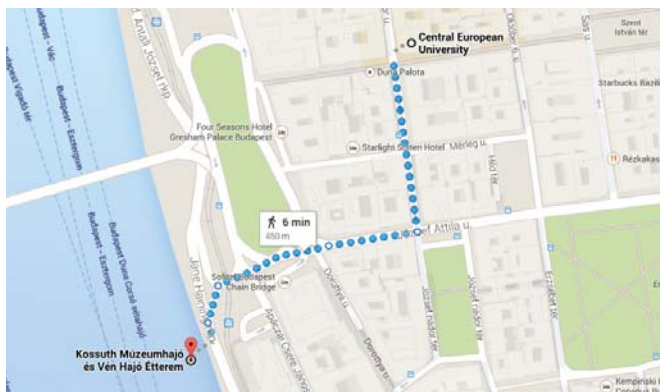
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The closing dinner and Danube cruise will take place starting from 6:30 pm on Attila Boat.



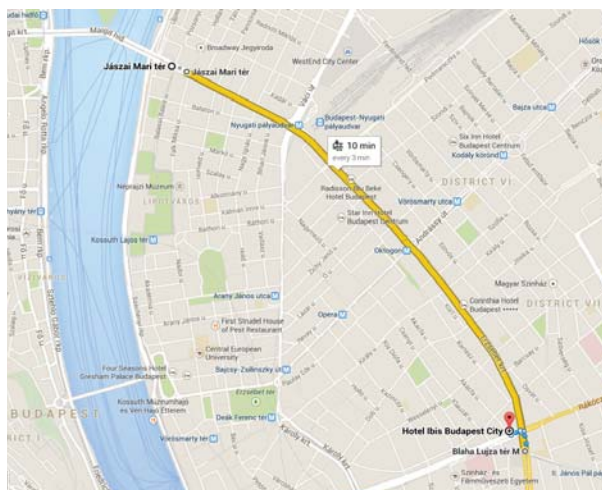
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Vigadó Square, Dock 2



### ARRIVAL

Jászai Mari Square



## A NOTE ON HUNGARY

► **Capital city:** Budapest

► **Population:** ~ 9,979,000

► **Population of Budapest**

~ 1,733,685 (only the city)

3,284,110 (metropolitan area)

► **Language:** Hungarian

► **Religion**

54.5% Catholic, 19.5% Protestant, 0.2% other Christians,  
0.1% orthodox Christian, 0.1% Jewish, 0.1% other.

► **Electric plug details:** European plug (220V) with two circular metal pins

► **Country Dialing Code**

Hungary: 0036 or +36 (00361 or +361 – for Budapest)

To dial Hungarian numbers from Hungary you can dial:

06 + 1 xxx xxxx (Budapest), or

for cellular phone: 06 + 2/3/7 + 0 + xxx xxxx.

► **Weather Overview**

October has pleasant sunny days with some rain in Budapest. Nights get colder and frost prevails more often than not as the month continues. We recommend that you pack sweaters and jackets because temperatures drop in the evenings. The weather can change quickly. It can be sunny with temperatures as high as 16°C/60°F, or as low as 7°C/44°F with thunderstorms and rain.

► **Money**

The Hungarian currency is the Hungarian Forint (HUF).

1 EUR = 316 HUF, 1 USD = 245 HUF

You usually CANNOT pay in Euros or US dollars. You can change money at the airport or train stations, but change as little as possible there since exchange rates at this point are bad. It is recommended to use one of the many ATMs or cash points across the city.



### ► **Public transport**

Budapest has an excellent public transport system consisting of subways, buses, trolleys, trams and electric commuter trains called HEV. Public transportation runs from 4:30 am until 11 pm and is both regular and frequent. Night trams and buses run on an abbreviated schedule. Schedules are displayed at all stops and detailed system maps are available in all metro stations.

### ► **Emergency Numbers**

All emergencies: 112

Police: 107

Ambulance: 104

Fire-fighters: 105

## KEYNOTES

**Piotr ŚWITALSKI****Director of Policy Planning, Council of Europe**

Piotr Świtalski is a career diplomat holding the rank of Titular Ambassador. He is currently Director of Policy Planning at the Council of Europe. Born in 1957 in Kutno, Poland, he studied at Warsaw University and Moscow State Institute of International Relations gaining a PhD in International Relations. In his diplomatic career, Piotr Świtalski served as Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Poland to the Council of Europe (2005–2010), Deputy Foreign Minister of Poland (2005), and Director of the Department of Strategy and Foreign Policy Planning of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland (2002–2005). He was Senior Diplomatic Adviser to the OSCE Secretary General (1993–1996) and posted as Deputy Chief of Mission to the OSCE in Vienna (1990–1993) and the UN Office in Nairobi (1999–2002).

**Wolfgang H. REINICKE****Founding Dean of School of Public Policy at CEU**

Wolfgang H. Reinicke is the founding Dean of CEU's School of Public Policy. He is also president of the Global Public Policy Institute (GPPi) and a non-resident senior fellow in the Foreign Policy Studies Program at the Brookings Institution in Washington, DC. His areas of expertise include global governance, global finance, international economic institutions, public-private partnerships and global public policy networks as well as EU–US relations. Reinicke was a senior scholar with the Brookings Institution from 1991 to 1998 and a senior partner and senior economist in the Corporate Strategy Group of the World Bank in Washington, DC, from 1998 to 2000. From 1999 to 2000, while in Washington, Reinicke directed the Global Public Policy Project, which provided strategic guidance on global governance for the UN Secretary General's Millennium Report. From 2000 to 2011, he worked in the private sector as managing director of Galaxar SA in Geneva. He holds degrees from Queen Mary College of London University (BSc in Economics) and Johns Hopkins University (MA in International Relations and Economics). He received his MPhil and PhD in Political Science from Yale University.



**Ágnes BÁTORY**  
**Central European University**

Ágnes Bátory is a Professor at CEU's Department of Public Policy and a Research Fellow of the Center for Policy Studies. She holds a PhD from Cambridge University. Her research interests include corruption and corruption control, regulation and regulatory agencies, party politics and European integration, regional and education policy in the EU, and new modes of governance. She is author of *The Politics of EU Accession* (Manchester University Press) and co-editor, with Gábor Toka, of a book on voting behaviour in European elections. Her articles appeared, among others, in *Governance*, the *Journal of Common Market Studies*, the *Journal of European Public Policy*, *Public Administration* and the *European Journal of Political Research*.



**Nina Y. BELYAEVA**  
**Moscow Higher School of Economics**

Nina Y. Belyaeva is a Professor at and the head of the Public Policy Department at the Moscow Higher School of Economics at the Russian National Research University and a member of its academic council. Since 2006, she has been involved in the work of OSCE/ODIHR and with its expert panel on the freedom of peaceful assembly. She co-authored the ODIHR Guidelines on Freedom of Assembly endorsed by the Venice Commission. Belyaeva was Visiting Professor at Colorado College, Moscow State University Law School, Georgetown University, Salzburg University Law School, Johns Hopkins University, Cape Town University, UNIBO and the University of Sarajevo (ERMA). She earned a doctoral degree at the Institute of State and Law under the Academy of Sciences of the USSR on the subject of political activity of voluntary organizations in the USSR and its enabling legal regime.



## **Goran BULDIOSKI** **Open Society Think Tank Fund**

Goran Buldioski is the Director of the Open Society Think Tank Fund. His expertise encompasses strategic planning and capacity building for NGOs and policy research centres, organisation and project management in the non-profit sector and development of democratic and participatory policy change in Central and Eastern Europe. Buldioski holds graduate degrees in public policy from CEU and in organisational behaviour from George Washington University. Before joining the Open Society Foundations, he worked for the Council of Europe, the Macedonian Center for International Cooperation and the National Youth Council of Macedonia. His articles and research papers addressing think tanks, policy-relevant research and democratic transition in Central and Eastern Europe have appeared in the *European Voice*, *Sharp! Magazine*, *Turkish Policy Quarterly*, *LSE UNDP Development and Transition Newsletter*, the *International Journal for Not-for-Profit Law*, and the *Western Balkans Security Observer*.



## **Thomas CAROTHERS** **Carnegie Endowment for International Peace**

Thomas Carothers, Distinguished Visiting Professor at SPP, is the Vice President for Studies at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. He is the founder and Director of the Democracy and Rule of Law Program, which analyses the state of democracy in the world and efforts by the United States and other countries to promote democracy. Carothers is a leading authority on democracy promotion and democratisation worldwide as well as an expert on US foreign policy. He has worked on democracy assistance projects for many public and private organisations and carried out extensive field research on democracy-building efforts around the world. In addition, he has broad experience in matters dealing with development, human rights, rule of law and civil society development. Carothers is the author or editor of eight critically acclaimed books on democracy promotion and has published many articles in prominent journals and newspapers. He is a Senior Research Fellow at Nuffield College, Oxford University and has also taught at Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS).



**Matteo FUMAGALLI**  
**Central European University**

Matteo Fumagalli is Associate Professor at CEU, teaching courses on transnational environmental politics and on post-Soviet politics. His interests include Central Asian, Caucasian and post-Soviet politics more broadly; the comparative study of authoritarianism; international security; the politics of development; ethno-nationalism, migration and diasporas; state failure and collapse; and the 'water-energy-food security nexus'. His recent and forthcoming publications include articles in the *International Political Science Review*, *Europe-Asia Studies*, *Ethnopolitics*, *Central Asian Survey*, *Osteuropa*, and *Electoral Studies*. Fumagalli serves on the advisory board of the OSF's Central Asia Research and Training Initiative (CARTI), and leads the 'Tajikistan and Afghanistan Access Program' (OSF/HESP). He has consulted with the UK Ministry of Defence, the Italian Foreign Ministry, the High Commissioner on Ethnic Minorities (HCNM/OSCE), and the UK Ethnic Minority Law Centre. He regularly contributes to Oxford Analytica and Johns Hopkins University's Central Asia and the Caucasus Analyst.



**Sabine FREIZER**  
**Atlantic Council**

Sabine Freizer is a nonresident senior fellow with the Dinu Patriciu Eurasia Center and the Atlantic Council's Program on Transatlantic Relations. She has twenty years of experience working on southeastern Europe and Eurasia. She served as the Europe programme director for the International Crisis Group (ICG) between 2009 and May 2013, supervising offices in Sarajevo, Pristina, Istanbul, Tbilisi, and Moscow. Previously she was the ICG South Caucasus director, and before that, she worked with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in Georgia, Azerbaijan, Uzbekistan, and Bosnia. During the 1992 to 1995 war in Bosnia-Herzegovina, she volunteered with several humanitarian organizations. Dr. Freizer has written extensively on governance and rule of law issues, civil society development, and conflict prevention and resolution, and she has regularly conducted high level advocacy on policy questions in Brussels, European capitals, and the United States. A graduate of Dartmouth College, Dr. Freizer has a PhD from the London School of Economics and a Master's degree from the College of Europe (Bruges), which she gained as a Fulbright scholar. She has been a board member the Eurasia Partnership Foundation since 2009 and is based in Istanbul.



## **Vlad GALUSHKO** **Open Society Think Tank Fund**

Vlad Galushko is a Program Manager at the Open Society Think Tank Fund overseeing the portfolio of organisational development grants. Galushko started with the Think Tank Fund in 2011, working on institutional and core support for think tanks in Moldova, Ukraine and the South Caucasus. Prior to joining the Think Tank Fund, he was an analyst with the International Crisis Group, where he conducted policy research on Islamic radicalism, labour migration, ethnic strife and socioeconomic issues in Central Asia. Galushko has worked with a number of international organisations in Ukraine on election monitoring, education reform and scholarships. His areas of interest include civil society development, state and institution building processes and security challenges in transitioning democracies. He received a PhD in International Studies from Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Virginia.



## **Nigar GÖKSEL** **Turkish Policy Quarterly**

Nigar Göksel has been Editor-in-Chief of the Istanbul-based Turkish Policy Quarterly (TPQ) since 2002. She was simultaneously Senior Analyst at the European Stability Initiative (ESI) between 2004–2011, where she covered Turkey and the Caucasus. She now works part-time for ESI, particularly on gender rights in Turkey. In 2014, she joined FRIDE as associate fellow focusing on the Black Sea region. She is also a regular contributor to the German Marshall Fund's 'On Turkey' series and Al Jazeera International. Earlier in her career Göksel acted as Country Director for IREX, Project Manager at TESEV (Turkish Economic and Social Studies Foundation) and International Relations Coordinator at the ARI Movement. In the late 1990s, she also worked at the Azerbaijan Embassy in Washington, DC and the Washington office of the Turkish Industry and Business Association (TÜSIAD-US).



**Béla GRESKOVITS**  
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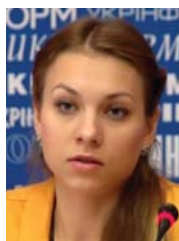
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