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24 August 2020, Monday

8:30 REGISTRATION & WELCOME COFFEE

9:00 OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE (Venue: Vilnius University, Mažoji Aula, Universiteto g. 3)

WELCOME

H. E. Mr Linas Linkevičius

Foreign Affairs Minister of Lithuania

Mr Marco Rubio

U.S. Senator, Chairperson of the Senate Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship (video address)

Prof. Rimvydas Petrauskas

Rector of Vilnius University

Mr Derek Mitchell

President of National Democratic Institute (NDI) (video address)

Ms Margarita Šešelgytė

Director of Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University

9:30 SITUATION IN BELARUS: ITS IDENTITY AND STRATEGIC GOALS OF THE NATION

SPEAKERS:

Mr Anatol Liabedzka

Head of of the European Dialogue Center (in-person)

Mr Uladzimir Niakliaeu

Coordinator of the Belarusian National Congress (in-person)

Mr Yury Khashchavatski

Belarusian Film Director and Scriptwriter (in-person)

Mr Andrei Kazakevich

Chief Organiser of International Congress of Belarusian Studies (in-person)

Mr Andrei Yahorau

Director of the Centre for European Transformation (online)

Ms Olga Shparaga

Lecturer at European College of Liberal Arts in Belarus (online)

Mr Andrei Yeliseyeu

Research Director of EAST Center (online)

Ms Anaïs Marin

UN Special Rapporteur on the Situation of Human Rights in Belarus (in-person)

Moderator Mr Petras Auštrevičius

Rapporteur on Belarus of the European Parliament

10:30 COMMENTS:

Mr Vytis Jurkonis

Chief of Freedom House in Lithuania, Co-Founder of Eastern Europe Studies Centre

Mr Stephen Nix

Euroasia Director, IRI (online)

Mr Arkady Moshes

EU's Eastern Neighbourhood and Russia Research Programme Director, Finnish Institute of International Affairs (in-person)

Dr Joerg Forbrig

Director for Central and Eastern Europe German Marshall Fund of the United States (<u>online</u>)

Mr Tomas Tomilinas

Member of the Lithuanian Parliament, Deputy Chairman of the Lithuanian Farmers and Greens Union

11:15 DISCUSSION

12:00 LUNCH

13:00 CREDIBLE WESTERN POLICY TOWARDS BELARUS

SPEAKERS:

Mr Dirk Schuebel

Ambassador of the European Union to Belarus (online)

Ms Ingrida Šimonytė

Former Candidate in 2019 Lithuanian Presidential Elections

Mr lean Bizet

French Senator, Chairperson of European Affairs Committee (online)

Mr Michał Tomasz Kamiński

Deputy Chairperson of the Senate of the Republic of Poland (in-person)

Ms Gabriela Morawska-Stanecka

Deputy Speaker of the Senate of the Republic of Poland (in-person)

Mr Petras Auštrevičius

Raporteur on Belarus of the European Parliament

Mr Manuel Sarrazin

Member of the German Bundestag, the Alliance 90/The Greens (online)

Mr Bernard-Henri Lévy

Leading Philosopher of Modern France (in-person)

Ms Maria Nilsson

Member of the Swedish Parliament (online)

Moderator

Amb. Jovita Neliupšienė

Permanent Representative of Lithuania to the European Union

14:00 COMMENTS:

Mr David Kramer

Senior Fellow, Florida International University, Former US Assistant Secretary of State for Democracy, Human rights and Labour (online)

Mr James Sherr OBE

Senior Fellow, Estonian Foreign Policy Institute/International Centre for Defence and Security, Tallinn Associate Fellow, Russia & Eurasia Programme, Chatham House, London (in-person)

Mr Marcus Kolga

Senior Fellow, Macdonald-Laurier Institute (online)

14:30 DISCUSSION

15:00 COFFEE BREAK & PRESS CONFERENCE: CHAIR CONCLUSIONS ON THE PRINCIPLES TOWARDS CREDIBLE POLICIES ON BELARUS

15:30 A CALL TO DEFEND DEMOCRACY

KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

Mr Carl Gershman

President of National Endowment for Democracy (online)

SPEAKERS

H. E. Stephen E. Biegun

U. S. Deputy Secretary of State (in-person)

Ms Anna Fotyga

Member of the European Parliament, ECR Group; Member of NATO Reflection Group; Former Foreign Minister of Poland (<u>in-person</u>)

H. E. Stephen E. Biegun

U. S. Deputy Secretary of State

H. E. Ms Maia Sandu

Presidential Candidate, Former Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova (online)

Mr Michael Abramowitz

President of Freedom House (online)

Dr. Michael Carpenter

Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council (online)

Mr Christian Holm Barenfeld

Board Member of JHS Foundation, Former Member of Swedish Parliament and Member of the OSCE Delegation (online)

Mr Vladimir Kara-Murza

Member of the Russian Opposition, Vice-Chairman of Free Russia Foundation (in-person)

Moderator

Amb. Žygimantas Pavilionis

Deputy Chairman of the European Affairs Committee of the Lithuanian Parliament

<u>16:30 COMMENTS:</u>

Mr Oleksii Goncharenko

Member of the Ukrainian Parliament, Head of All-Parties Parliamentary Group "For Democratic Belarus" (in-person)

Mr Andrius Kubilius

Member of the European Parliament, Former Prime Minister of Lithuania

Mr Gediminas Kirkilas

Chairman of the European Affairs Committee of the Lithuanian Parliament

Mr Emanuelis Zingeris

Chairman of Subcommittee on Transatlantic Relations and Democratic Development

17:00 DISCUSSION

17:30 CONCLUDING REMARKS

Mr Vytis Jurkonis

Chief of Freedom House in Lithuania, Co-Founder of Eastern Europe Studies Centre

Amb. Žygimantas Pavilionis

Deputy Chairman of the European Affairs Committee of the Lithuanian Parliament

18:00 FINAL RECEPTION

Hosted by European Humanities University (Savičiaus g. 17)

KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

Prof. dr. Anatoli Mikhailov

President of European Humanities University (in-person)

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