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# WARSAW EAST EUROPEAN CONFERENCE

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From  
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University of Warsaw*

Fifteen years ago, the first Warsaw East European Conference was organized in cooperation with the Association for the Study of Nationalities. Since then, the Conference has brought together many scholars from around the world to present their ideas and discuss the history, politics, cultural affairs and economies of what is now called Eurasia.

This year's theme is Independence, and the meeting brings together some eighty experts from sixteen countries focusing on East Central Europe, the Balkans, Ukraine, the Caucasus, and the Baltic States.

Our meeting will begin and end with remarks by diplomats. Three

Round Tables, three special lectures and twelve panels will also take place during the conference. We are pleased to acknowledge the intellectual – and financial – role of our partners in our undertaking, the George C. Marshall Center in Germisch-Partenkirchen and Columbia University's Harriman Institute.

We also gratefully recognize the financial and administrative assistance of Warsaw University and the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The WEEC organizing team wishes all of our guests a most pleasant and productive stay in Warsaw.

# WARSAW EAST EUROPEAN CONFERENCE

University of Warsaw June 28-30, 2018 GENERAL PROGRAMME

THURSDAY, JUNE 28 - DAY 1			
Registration: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM The Hall of the Old Library			
11:00 AM – 12:30 PM		12:30 PM – 2:30 PM	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM Old Library, Main Auditorium
<b>OPENING CEREMONY</b>	Room 111	1. Transformation in Central Eastern Europe	<b>ROUND TABLE I</b> Building a modern and robust banking system: Poland's experience after 1989
<b>OPENING SPEECH</b> <b>MIN. JACEK CZAPUTOWICZ</b> (Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland)	Room 116	2. Transforming Infrastructure and Society (a)	
<b>KEYNOTE SPEECH</b> <b>AMB. BOGUSŁAW WINID</b> (advisor to the President of the Republic of Poland)	Room 211	3. Questions of Regional Security and the Role of the U.S.	
	Room 216	<b>Special lecture by:</b> <b>GORDON N. BARDOS</b> (Southeast European Research & Consulting) <i>Militant Islamism in Southeastern Europe: Infrastructure, Actions, and the Potential Threat Horizon</i>	
6:00 The Giedroyc Hall, 1st floor, Old Library		2:30 PM – 4:00 PM LUNCH BREAK	
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		<b>EXHIBITION</b> 100 Years of Georgia's First Democratic Republic	
		<b>GEORGIAN RECEPTION</b>	

FRIDAY, JUNE 29 - DAY 2

Registration: 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM  
The Hall of the Old Library

	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	12:30 PM – 2:30 PM	4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
Room 111	4. Elites	7. Democracy and Independence: post soviet countries	<b>ROUND TABLE II</b> NATO's Brussels Summit: U.S., German, and Russian Perspectives
Room 116	5. The Caucasus, Then and Now	8. Transforming Infrastructure and Society (b)	
Room 211	6. Poland and its East	9. The Roots of Civil Society in Belarus	
Room 216	<b>Special lecture by:</b> <b>ZBIGNIEW KRUSZEWSKI</b> (University of Texas, El Paso) <i>Open borders, closed borders</i>		
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM			
<b>WEEC SPECIAL MEETING</b> and Marshall Center Poland Alumni Outreach Networking Event			
		2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	LUNCH BREAK

SATURDAY, JUNE 30 - DAY 3

Registration: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM  
The Hall of the Old Library

	10:00 AM – 12:00 PM	12:30 PM – 2:30 PM	4:00 PM – 5:00 PM
Room 111	10. Transformation of Political Systems and Historical Memory	<b>ROUND TABLE III</b> What's Going on in Central Asia, Ukraine and the Caucasus?	CLOSING CEREMONY <b>CLOSING LECTURE –</b> <b>PROF. DR HAB.</b> <b>ALFONSAS EIDINTAS</b> <i>From Common to a National State(s) and Lithuanian-Polish dispute</i>
Room 116	11. Belarus Today		
Room 211	12. Ukraine/Poland and Western Balkans		
Room 216	<b>Special lecture by:</b> <b>ANDRIUS KUBILIUS</b> (f. Prime Minister of Lithuania) <i>Challenges Facing Lithuania Today</i>		
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM			
Ceremony of Presenting the “Przełajd Wschodni” Awards			
		2:30 PM - 4:00 PM	LUNCH BREAK

## OPENING CEREMONY

DAY 1 – Thursday – June 28  
11:00 AM, Main Auditorium

Welcome by:

**John S. Micgiel** – Conference Director (Centre for East European Studies, University of Warsaw)

**Jan Malicki** (director, Centre for East European Studies, University of Warsaw)

**Maciej Duszczyk** (Vice-Rector for Research and International Relations, University of Warsaw)

Opening Speech

**Min. Jacek Czaputowicz**  
(Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland)

Keynote Speech

**Amb. Bogusław Winid**  
(advisor to the President of the Republic of Poland, f. Permanent Representative of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations in New York)

*The role and activities of the Eastern European Group within the United Nations system*



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DAY 1 – Thursday – June 28

11:00 AM, Main Auditorium

## Opening Speech Jacek Czaputowicz

*(Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland)*



**Jacek Krzysztof Czaputowicz** – Polish politician and university teacher. Czaputowicz was the deputy chairman of the Public Service Council (2007–2009), the Administrative Board of the European Institute of Public Administration in Maastricht (2006–2010) and the Public Service Council of the Prime Minister (2007–2009). In years 2008–2012 he was the director of the National School of Public Administration. From January 2017, he was the director of the Diplomatic Academy of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. On 9 January 2018, he was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs.

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11:00 AM, Main Auditorium

## Keynote Speech

### Amb. Bogusław Winid

*(advisor to the President of the Republic of Poland,  
f. Permanent Representative of the Republic of Poland  
to the United Nations in New York)*

### ***The role and activities of the Eastern European Group within the United Nations system***



**Bogusław Winid** - Polish diplomat, doctor of humanities, from 2006 to 2007 undersecretary of state in the Ministry of National Defense, from 2007 to 2011 ambassador of the Republic of Poland to NATO and WEU, from 2011 to 2014 undersecretary of state in the Ministry Foreign Affairs, from 2014 to 2017, the ambassador of the Republic of Poland to the United Nations. Appointed as Advisor to the President of the Republic of Poland as of April 16, 2018.



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12:30 PM – 2:30 PM	Session I Special lecture by: <b>GORDON N. BARDOS</b> , (Southeast European Research & Consulting, New York) <b><i>Militant Islamism in Southeastern Europe: Infrastructure, Actions, and the Potential Threat Horizon</i></b>
2:30 PM – 4:00 PM	Lunch Break
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM	<b>Round Table I</b> <b>BUILDING A MODERN AND ROBUST BANKING SYSTEM: POLAND'S EXPERIENCE AFTER 1989</b>
6:00 PM	Exhibition <b>"100 Years of Georgia's First Democratic Republic"</b>
6:30 PM	Georgian Reception

DAY 1 – Thursday – June 28

12:30 PM, Room 216

**Special lecture by:  
GORDON N. BARDOS**

*(Southeast European Research & Consulting, New York)*

***Militant Islamism in Southeastern  
Europe: Infrastructure, Actions,  
and the Potential Threat Horizon***



**Gordon N. Bardos** - Balkan politics and security specialist based in New York. He earned his Ph.D at Columbia University, where for many years he coordinated programming at the Harriman Institute and served as liaison to the Association for the Study of Nationalities. He also was the resident Balkan specialist at Freedom House.

SESSION I 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

DAY 1

**PANEL SESSION I – 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM**

**1. TRANSFORMATION IN EAST CENTRAL EUROPE**

**Chair:** **WITOLD RODKIEWICZ (Poland)**  
*The Centre for Eastern Studies, Warsaw*

**Participants:** **RICHARD HUNTER  
(United States of America)**  
*Seton Hall University, South Orange*  
**Poland’s Sustained “March to a Market  
Economy”: the Choice between Competing  
Visions and Plans**

**TATSIANA MARMYSH (Belarus)**  
*University of Warsaw*  
**The Safeguarding of Intangible Heritage  
as a Communicative Platform for East  
European Countries**

**ARINA ZADOROZHNA (Ukraine)**  
*University of Warsaw*  
**OSCE Activity in Ukraine: a Challenge for  
the European Community**

**2. TRANSFORMING INFRASTRUCTURE AND SOCIETY (a)**

**Chair:** **TOMASZ KNOTHE (Poland)**  
*University of Warsaw*



**Participants: ANTONIO NEVESCANIN (Poland)***Łódź University of Technology***Creating a Modern City: Gentrification  
or Revitalization in the City of Łódź****DZMITRY PAPKO (Belarus)***Univeristy of Warsaw***The Impact of Musical Activities on Social  
Transformation: the Examples of Poland  
and Belarus****JULIA REKA VALLASEK (Romania)***Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca***The Independence of Cultural  
Representation: a Case Study on the Use of  
Space in a Cultural Festival****3. QUESTIONS OF REGIONAL SECURITY AND THE ROLE  
OF THE U.S.****Chair: AGNIESZKA LEGUCKA (Poland)***Polish Institute of International Affairs / Vistula  
University, Warsaw***Participants: ZBIGNIEW KRUSZEWSKI (United States of  
America)***University of Texas, El Paso***The 100th Anniversary of the US  
Diplomatic, Military and Humanitarian  
Support of 1918 Reemerging Poland****NATALIIA KRYVORUCHKO (Ukraine)***Charles University, Prague***Czech Perceptions of Security as a Case of  
Vulnerability of Central European States****KRASIMIRA MARHOLEVA (Czechia)***Charles University, Prague***Independence or Autonomy: The US  
Peace Initiatives and the Allied Stance on  
the Czech and Slovak National Problem  
(December 1916 – March 1917). Reflections  
and Interpretations****KRZYSZTOF NIECZYPOR (Poland)***The Centre for Eastern Studies, Warsaw***Energy Prometheism: a Key for Eastern  
European Independence**

## ROUND TABLE I

**DAY 1 – Thursday – June 28  
4:00 PM, Main Auditorium**

# BUILDING A MODERN AND ROBUST BANKING SYSTEM: POLAND'S EXPERIENCE AFTER 1989

**Moderator:** Piotr Świąćicki



**Piotr Świąćicki** - Partner at the global law firm Squire Patton Boggs where he heads the financial services practice in Warsaw and the project finance and infrastructure practice in CEE.

In 1990-1991 he served as an advisor to the Minister of Foreign Economic Relations, working on a new foreign investment law, and then as an advisor to the Minister of Finance in the Banking and Financial Institutions Department working on the commercialization of the state banks, negotiations with the World Bank and issues relating to the restructuring of the financial system.

From 1992 he built one of the first foreign law firms in Poland, and then for many years was a Partner at Baker & McKenzie. He worked on many of the major privatizations in Poland as well as the financing of numerous transactions. He advised on the largest public-private partnership in CEE. Two of the matters he worked on are the subject of Harvard Business School case studies. He is a graduate of The University of Michigan Law School, Columbia University and Georgetown University School of Foreign Service. The President of Poland awarded him the Knight's Cross of the Order of the Rebirth of Poland.



**Dr. hab. Krzysztof Kalicki** – President of Deutsche Bank Polska and Country Manager of the Deutsche Bank Group in Poland, having been appointed in 2003.

A graduate of what is now the Warsaw School of Economics (Szkoła Główna Handlowa, SGH), he was an academic in the International Finance Department of SGH before starting work at the National Bank of Poland, from where he quickly moved to become an advisor to the Minister of Finance in 1990. In 1993 he was appointed Director of the Foreign Department at the Ministry, and then from 1994 until 1996 he served as the Secretary of State in the Ministry. Among his responsibilities at the Ministry were the privatization of commercial banks, restructuring negotiations on foreign debt with the London Club, debt management and conversions, sovereign debt issuances, and negotiation of Poland's admittance to the OECD.

In 1996 he became the First Vice President of Bank Pekao, and in 1998 a member of the management board of Deutsche Bank Polska. He continues his academic work, is a Professor at the Leon Koźmiński Academy, is the author of nearly a hundred publications in the field of finance and banking. He has served on numerous supervisory boards and is the Honorary President of the Polish-German Chamber of Commerce.



**Stefan Kawalec** – President of Capital Strategy, an independent advisory firm in Warsaw that focuses on raising capital and provides strategy and financial consulting for companies and public sector units.

Mr. Kawalec, a graduate of the University of Warsaw in mathematics, was interned during martial law. From 1983 to 1989 he worked at what is now the Warsaw School of Economics and participated in the seminars organized during that period by Leszek Balcerowicz on how to reform the economy. When Balcerowicz became Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance in 1989, Kawalec became the Director General of the Ministry and chief adviser to the Deputy Prime Minister. From 1991-1994 he was Deputy Minister of Finance. During this period, Kawalec played a significant role in the preparation and implementation of the economic stabilization and transformation program of the Polish economy (the so-called "Balcerowicz Plan", 1989 – 1990); led negotiations with the International Monetary Fund; led the restructuring and privatization of state-owned commercial banks, including the preparation and implementation of an innovative program for dealing with bad debts based on a special law on the financial restructuring of enterprises and banks; was responsible for the new legislation which liberalized the insurance market; acted as the chief insurance supervisor on behalf of the Minister of Finance led the work on the establishment of a separate State Insurance Supervisory Authority; and as Chairman of the Inter-ministerial Task Force on Debt for Environment worked on conversion of Polish external debt and led the preparation of the conceptual and organizational framework for the eco-conversion and establishment of the EcoFund Foundation.

From 1994 to 2002 Kawalec was Chief Advisor to the Board and Head of Strategy at Bank Handlowy w Warszawie S.A. (a member of Citigroup since 2001), then he moved to the management of Aviva Plc group in Poland (part of Commercial Union), and from there became Managing Director responsible for strategy at PZU (the

leading Central and East European insurance and asset management group). He has served as an advisor to international institutions such as the World Bank and International Monetary Fund, as well as governmental and commercial institutions not just in Poland but throughout CEE, relating to economic and financial system transformations. He is also a co-initiator and signatory of the European Solidarity Manifesto, a document advocating for the controlled dismantlement of the Eurozone via the exit of the most competitive countries and an agreement on a new currency coordination system in Europe signed by economists from throughout the European Union. The detailed argument supporting the Manifesto was presented in his paper co-authored with Ernest Pytlarczyk, Controlled Dismantlement of the Eurozone: A Strategy to Save the European Union and the Single European Market (German Economic Review, Volume 14, Issue 1, February 2013) and further developed in the book Paradox Euro (The Paradox of the Euro) by the same authors, which was awarded the Economicus Prize as the best Polish economics book published in 2016.





**Sławomir S. Sikora** – CEO of Bank Handlowy in Warsaw and Citi Country Officer for Poland, having been appointed in 2003.

In 2005-2008 he was a Member of the Citigroup Management Committee in New York.

In 1989-1994 he fulfilled various functions in the Ministry of Finance, including as Director of the Banking and Financial Institutions Department, where he was responsible first for the commercialization of the state banks and then for the restructuring and recapitalization of the banks. He is a graduate of the Warsaw School of Economics and was studying as a Konrad Adenauer scholar at the University of Cologne when he was asked to return to Warsaw to join the Ministry of Finance.

From 1994 to 2001 he was Corporate and Investment Banking Head at PBK Bank in Warsaw, and from 2001-2003 he was President of the American Bank in Poland (Amerbank). He is Vice President of the Board of the Polish Confederation of Private Employers Lewiatan and

a Member of the Emerging Markets Advisory Council at the Institute of International Finance (Washington). The President of Poland awarded him the Knight's Cross of the Order of the Rebirth of Poland.



**Hubert A. Janiszewski** – member and Deputy President of the Supervisory Board of Deutsche Bank Polska SA since 2003. Previously, from 2000 to 2003 he served as Managing Director and member of the Management Board of Deutsche Bank Polska SA. Currently, he is President of the Supervisory Boards of DB Securities SA, Mediacap SA and Cognor SA, and serves as Deputy President of the Supervisory Board of Pelion SA. Previously, he served as President of the Supervisory Boards of Netia SA, MCI Capital SA, Unimil SA and other companies.

Prior to working for Deutsche Bank, Dr. Janiszewski was Managing Director at Bankers Trust and from 1991 to 1998 the Head of HSBC Investment Banking in Warsaw, where he was responsible for successful privatizations in the banking sector (i.e., Bank Gdański, Bank Przemysłowo-Handlowy, Polski Bank Rozwoju and Polski Bank Kredytowy), as well as in different manufacturing sectors. He served as Managing Director of the Polish Investment Company in London and as Deputy President of the Foreign Investment Agency of the Polish government; before that he served 10 years with the UN secretariat at UNIDO in Vienna working as advisor to a number of countries on direct foreign investments.

Dr. Janiszewski graduated from VSE (the High School of Economy) in Prague, Czech Republic; he also holds a Master's degree from the Warsaw School of Economics (now SGH) and a PhD in Economics from the Warsaw Polytechnic (1982). He is a Member of the Polish Business Roundtable (PRB), and he was a member of the Economic Council to the President of Poland Mr. Lech Walesa.

Dr. Janiszewski graduated from VSE (the High School of Economy) in Prague, Czech Republic; he also holds a Master's degree from the Warsaw School of Economics (now SGH) and a PhD in Economics from the Warsaw Polytechnic (1982). He is a Member of the Polish Business Roundtable (PRB), and he was a member of the Economic Council to the President of Poland Mr. Lech Walesa.



## Selected Chronology of Events

### Significant to the Restructuring of Poland's Banking System

1982		Banking law passed which permitted the creation of banks. The banking system was a state monobanking system consisting of the National Bank of Poland (Narodowy Bank Polski, NBP), the central bank, along with Bank Gospodarki Żywnościowej, the coordinator of cooperative banks; Bank Handlowy w Warszawie S.A., responsible for foreign trade transactions; and Bank Polska Kasa Opieki S.A., responsible for foreign currency transactions by individuals. The law also contemplated the spinning off from NBP of Powszechna Kasa Oszczędności, the state savings institution (the spin off occurred in 1987).
1986		The first new bank (Bank Rozwoju Eksportu S.A.) was established in accordance with the banking law
1988		The first private bank was established
1989	January	New banking law and new law on NBP is enacted
	February	9 commercial banks spun off from NBP begin operations
	February-April	Round Table discussions
	June	Parliamentary elections
	September	Tadeusz Mazowiecki forms a government with Leszek Balcerowicz as Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance
	December	Parliament adopts legislative packet to implement Balcerowicz's plan of economic reform
1990		Single fixed exchange rate implemented, changed to crawling peg in 1991
		Licenses issued for 45 private banks, 3 with foreign capital
1991		Licenses issued for 17 private banks, 6 with foreign capital
		End of COMECON and effect of German reunification exacerbates economic crisis
	April	Poland reaches agreement with the Paris Club of sovereign debtors on restructuring of \$29.87 billion in foreign debt
	October	9 commercial banks are converted to joint stock companies
1992	February	Banking law is amended to increase capital requirements for banks

1993	February	Law on financial restructuring of state enterprises and banks
	April	National Clearing House (Krajowa Izba Rozliczenowa) commences operations
		Privatization of the 9 commercial banks commences
1994	September	Poland reaches agreement with the London Club of commercial banks on restructuring of \$14 billion in foreign debt
1995	January	Redenomination of the zloty: 10,000 PLZ = 1 PLN
		Bank Guarantee Fund established
1997		New Constitution gives NBP a strong position among public institutions and made monetary policy the responsibility of a new NBP body - the Monetary Policy Council
		New banking law creates Banking Supervision Commission (Komisja Nadzoru Bankowego)
2000		Polish zloty is free to float
		Accession negotiations with the EUR are concluded
2001		Banking law is amended to conform to EU law
2004	May	Poland accedes to the European Union
2008		Financial Supervision Authority (Komisja Nadzoru Finansowego) takes over the functions of the Banking Supervision Commission

**DAY 1 – Thursday – June 28**

**6:00 PM, The Giedroyc Hall, First Floor**

**EXHIBITION:**  
**Opening Speech by**  
**ILIA DARCHIASHVILI**  
*(Ambassador of Georgia to Poland)*



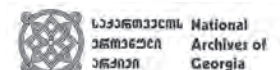
**Ilia Darchiashvili** - First Deputy Minister of Georgia's Ministry of Regional Development and Infrastructure in 2015-2016. From 2016, Ambassador at Large at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Since June 2017 he is the Ambassador of Georgia to the Republic of Poland.

**100 YEARS OF GEORGIA'S FIRST DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC**

The exhibition puts on display the main events and developments of the First Democratic Republic of Georgia (1918-1921). It encompasses the important aspects of the democratic development of Georgia highlighting the achievements in the areas of human rights, electoral system, education, etc.

The exhibition offers a revealing insight of the steps taken by the Georgian State in the early 20th century towards the democratic values.

Materials currently on view are preserved at the National Archives of the Ministry of Justice of Georgia.



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Room 216	<b>WEEC SPECIAL MEETING</b> and Marshall Center Poland Alumni Outreach Networking Event		2:30 PM – 4:00 PM LUNCH BREAK

DAY 2 – Friday – June 29

Schedule

- 9:00 AM – 2:30 PM Registration  
Location:  
The Hall of the Old Library
- 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Session I  
Special lecture by: **ZBIGNIEW KRUSZEWSKI**  
(University of Texas, El Paso)  
**Open borders, closed borders**
- 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM Session II
- 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM Lunch Break
- 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM **Round Table II**  
**NATO'S BRUSSELS SUMMIT: U.S., GERMAN, AND RUSSIAN PERSPECTIVES**
- 6:00 PM Coffee break
- 6:30 PM **WEEC SPECIAL MEETING** and Marshall Center Poland Alumni Outreach Networking Event
- 8:00 PM Reception



DAY 2 – Friday – June 29

10:00 AM, Room 216

**Special lecture by:  
Zbigniew Kruszewski**

*(University of Texas, El Paso)*

***Open borders, closed borders***



**Zbigniew Antoni Kruszewski** – Polish political scientist. Professor emeritus of the University of Texas, El Paso. Professor Kruszewski is an active member of the Polish American Congress. He was the president of the All-American Union of Polish Students in the United States and the secretary of the Political Committee of the Polish Diaspora Congress in Illinois. Soldier of the Polish “Home Army” and participant of the Warsaw Uprising during the World War II.

SESSION I 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM

DAY 2

**PANEL SESSION I - 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**

**4. ELITES**

**Chair:** **JANE L. CURRY (United States of America)**  
*Santa Clara University*

**Participants:** **AGNIESZKA LEGUCKA (Poland)**  
*Polish Institute of International Affairs / Vistula University, Warsaw*  
**Kremlin’s Kids. Internal and International Importance of Russia’s Second-generation Elite**

**MAXIM RUST (Belarus)**  
*University of Warsaw*  
**Sources of Belarusian Statehood and Independence in the Narrative of Political Elites after 2014**

**ILYA SADOUNICHY (Belarus)**  
*University of Warsaw*  
**The Modern Situation in Applying Economic Sanctions the US and the EU against Russia and Belarus**

**FRANCISAK VIACORKA (Belarus)**  
*American University, Washington*  
**The Structure of Government Elites within the Regime of Alaksandr Lukashenka**

## 5. THE CAUCASUS, THEN AND NOW

**Chair:** **TOMASZ KNOTHE (Poland)**  
*University of Warsaw*

**Participants:** **GIVI GIGITASHVILI (Georgia)**

*Ecorys Polska, Warsaw*

**ROBERT STEENLAND (Poland)**

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*Center for Strategic Studies under the President of Azerbaijan, Baku*

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*University of Warsaw, Centre for East European Studies*

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*University of Warsaw*

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**MARCIN WAKAR (Poland)**

*University of Warsaw, Centre for East European Studies*

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*Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw*

**Participants:** **LAURA VALERIA GHEORGHIU (Romania)**  
*University of Graz*  
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*Pultusk Academy of Humanities*  
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*National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kyiv*

**Participants:** **PETRIT DOLLANI (Albania)**  
*University of Tirana*  
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**MAŁGORZATA ZAWADZKA (Poland)**  
*War Studies University, Warsaw*  
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*University of Warsaw, Centre for Belarusian Studies*



**Participants: ALIAKSANDR KRAUTSEVICH (Belarus)**  
*University of Warsaw, Centre for Belarusian Studies*  
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**INA SORKINA (Belarus)**  
*University of Warsaw, Centre for Belarusian Studies*  
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**SIARHEI TOKTS (Belarus)**  
*University of Warsaw, Centre for Belarusian Studies*  
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### NATO'S BRUSSELS SUMMIT: U.S., GERMAN, AND RUSSIAN PERSPECTIVES



(co-organized with George C. Marshall  
Center for Security Studies)

**Moderator:** Ray Wojcik



**Colonel (Retired) Ray Wojcik** - served in numerous Command, Staff, Army, Joint and Foreign Area Officer

assignments in Europe and the United States culminating in his final tour as Army Attaché, American Embassy, Warsaw. His significant strategic contributions center on enhancing U.S. and regional security through assisting allies and partners to increase their defense capacities, capabilities and interoperability. Since 2017 he is the director of Center for European Policy Analysis, Warsaw.



**Matthew Rhodes** (US), PhD, professor of National Security Studies at the George C. Marshall Center,

former assistant professor of strategy and international security at the U.S. Air War College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama and assistant professor in the department of political science at Central College, Pella, Iowa. He was an Academic Mentor in Jan Hus Foundation at Palacky University, Olomouc, Czech Republic. His interests have focused on U.S. foreign and security policy, transatlantic relations, and Central and Southeast European security issues.



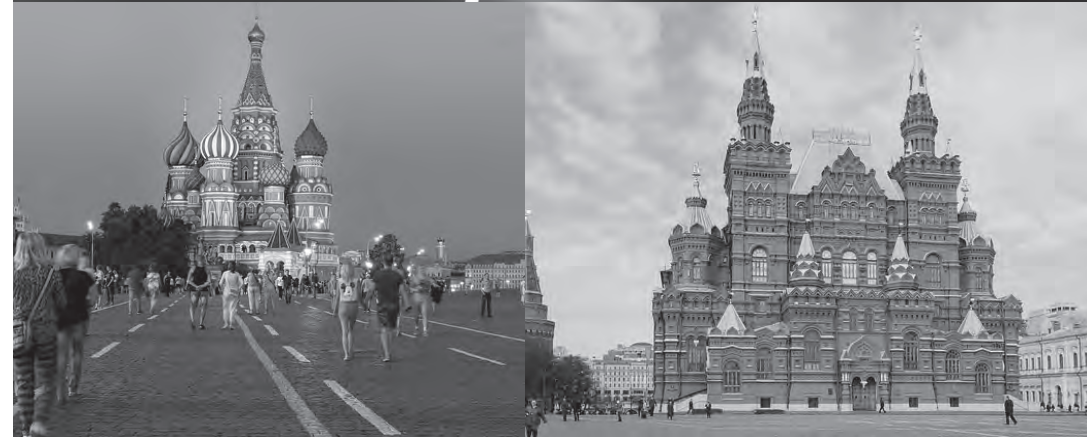
**Ralf Roloff** - Deputy Dean for Resident Programs at the College of International and Security Security

Studies in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany since 2018 and Professor (apl), Universität der Bundeswehr München (since 2015). Prof. Dr. Ralf Roloff was the Senior German Professor (2003-2018) at the College of International Security Studies at the Marshall Center in Garmisch-Partenkirchen, Germany. He is the Director of Master in International Security Studies Program (since 2010). He was Director of the European Security Seminar (2015-2018).



**Igor Zevelev** - Russian political scientist who has worked as Professor of National Security Studies at

the George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies since 2017. Most of Igor Zevelev's current work focuses on Russian-American and Russian-Chinese relations, as well as Russian national identity and foreign policy.



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10:00 AM, Room 216

**Special lecture by:**  
**Andrius Kubilius**

(f. Prime Minister of Lithuania)

***Challenges Facing Lithuania Today***



**Andrius Kubilius** – Lithuanian politician, Prime Minister of Lithuania from 1999 to 2000 and again from 2008 to 2012. He was leader of the conservative political party Homeland Union – Lithuanian Christian Democrats. Author of: *Why Basketball Appeals More Than Politics in Lithuania*, 2004; *The Conservative Community*, 2006 and *Our Geopolitics: Lithuanian Success Story*, 2014

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**10. TRANSFORMATION OF POLITICAL SYSTEMS AND HISTORICAL MEMORY**

**Chair:** **JANE L. CURRY (United States of America)**  
*Santa Clara University*

**Participants:** **ZVIAD ABASHIDZE (Georgia)**  
*Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University*  
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*McMaster University, Hamilton*  
**National Independence versus Societal  
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**PIOTR WIENCH (Poland)**  
*Warsaw University of Life Sciences*  
**Collective Trauma and Historical Policy**

**11. BELARUS TODAY**

**Chair:** **ALIAKSANDR KRAUTSEVICH (Belarus)**  
*University of Warsaw, Centre for Belarusian Studies*

**Participants:** **ANDREI CHARNIAKEVICH (Belarus)**  
*University of Warsaw, Centre for Belarusian Studies*  
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**IHAR KUZMINICH (Belarus)**  
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*University of Warsaw, Centre for Belarusian Studies*  
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*National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kyiv*

**Participants:** **GORDON N. BARDOS (United States of America)**  
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*Jesuit University Ignatianum, Kraków*  
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*University of Warsaw, Centre for East European Studies*



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### WHAT'S GOING ON IN CENTRAL ASIA, UKRAINE AND THE CAUCASUS?

 (co-organized with the Harriman Institute, Columbia University)  
Russian, Eurasian, and East European Studies

**Moderator:** John S. Micgiel



**John S. Micgiel** – Former lecturer on international relations at Columbia University, former director of the Institute on East Central Europe and deputy director of the Harriman Institute. Former president and executive director of the Kościuszko Foundation in New York. Recurring visiting professor of the University of Warsaw's Centre for East European Studies and the Estonian Diplomatic School. His area of academic interest encompasses contemporary history and current policy of the countries of East Central Europe.



**Alexander John Motyl** – American historian, political scientist, poet, writer, translator and artist-painter. He is a resident of New York City, professor of political science at Rutgers University in Newark, New Jersey. Harriman Institute Adjunct Professor and specialist on Ukraine, Russia, and the Soviet Union.



**Julie A. George** – Associate professor of political science at Queens College, the City University of New York. Adjunct Professor of Harriman Institute and ASN Convention (Association for the Study of Nationalities) Steering Committee member. Her work focuses on ethnicity, conflict, and state-building in post-Communist Space, particularly in Georgia and the Russian Federation.



**Yana Gorokhovskaia** – Received her PhD in political science from the University of British Columbia, Vancouver in November 2016. Her research examines elections and patterns of protest in Russia and contributes to scholarship on authoritarian endurance and democratic backsliding. Postdoctoral Research Scholar in Russian Politics at the Harriman Institute.



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## CLOSING CEREMONY

### prof. dr hab. Alfonsas Eidintas

(Ambassador at Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania)

### *From Common to a National State(s) and Lithuanian-Polish dispute*



**Alfonsas Eidintas** – Lithuanian historian, diplomat and novelist. Lithuania's former Ambassador to Greece. Eidintas entered the diplomatic service in 1993, serving as Lithuania's Ambassador to the United States. He also served as Lithuania's Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Canada, Mexico, Norway, Israel, Cyprus, Ethiopia, South Africa and Nigeria. He also worked in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, most recently as ambassador-at-large at the Foreign Ministry's Information and Public Relations Department. He was a lecturer at the Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University.

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## CEREMONY OF PRESENTING THE "PRZEGLĄD WSCHODNI" AWARDS

### LAUREATES:



**Vasyl Stefanyk Lviv National Scientific Library of Ukraine** - library affiliated with the National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine. Established in 1940 with collection mainly based on that of the prewar "Ossolineum" and in smaller part, as a result of combining several dozen public collections, urban and private libraries of Lviv and Western Ukraine. Vasyl Fershtei is currently the director of the Library.



**The National Ossoliński Institute in Wrocław** – an institution founded by Józef Maksymilian Ossoliński in 1817 in Lviv. Its objective was to save the cultural heritage of the nation devoid of its statehood by protecting the resources of Polish literature and museum collections. One of only a few institutions in Poland that has maintained continuous existence for more than 200 years. The outbreak of World War II on September 1, 1939 changed the fate of the Ossolineum, which since 1947 operates in Wrocław. Since the 1990s it acts as a national foundation. Main areas of operation are: library and archive collections, publishing house, Museum of Pan Tadeusz and restored Museum of the Lubomirski Princes. The director of Ossolineum is Adolf Juzwenko.



**Laudation:** dr h.c. Jan Malicki

**Grzegorz Rąkowski** – Polish traveler and researcher at the Institute of Environmental Protection in Warsaw. Author of travel books and numerous tourist, sight-seeing and historical guides on areas of present-day Lithuania, Belarus and Ukraine.

**Laudation:** prof. Maria Kałamajska-Saeed

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June 30, 5:00 PM, Ceremony of Presenting the  
"Przegląd Wschodni" Award
- Reeves**, Christopher (*Jesuit University Ignatianum, Kraków*)  
June 30, 10:00 AM, Panel No. 12.
- Rhodes**, Matthew (*George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, Garmisch-Partenkirchen*)  
June 29, 4:00 PM, Round Table II
- Riabchuk**, Mykola (*National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine, Kyiv*)  
June 29, 12:30 PM, Panel No. 8.  
June 30, 10:00 AM, Panel No. 12.
- Rodkiewicz**, Witold (*The Centre for Eastern Studies, Warsaw*)  
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- Roloff**, Ralf (*George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, Garmisch-Partenkirchen*)  
June 29, 4:00 PM, Round Table II
- Rust**, Maxim (*University of Warsaw*)  
June 29, 10:00 AM, Panel No. 4.

## S

- Sadounichy**, Ilya (*University of Warsaw*)  
June 29, 10:00 AM, Panel No. 4.
- Sahanovich**, Henadz (*University of Warsaw, Centre for Belarusian Studies*)  
June 30, 10:00 AM, Panel No. 11.
- Sialverstava**, Sviatlana (*University of Warsaw, Centre for Belarusian Studies*)  
June 30, 10:00 AM, Panel No. 11.
- Sikora**, Sławomir S. (*Citibank Poland, Warsaw*)  
June 28, 4:00 PM, Round Table I

- Skiert-Andrzejuk**, Katarzyna (*University of Warsaw*)  
June 29, 12:30 PM, Panel No. 7.
- Sorkina**, Ina (*University of Warsaw, Centre for Belarusian Studies*)  
June 29, 12:30 PM, Panel No. 9.
- Steenland**, Robert (*Centre for International Relations, Warsaw*)  
June 29, 10:00 AM, Panel No. 5.
- Stroińska**, Magda (*McMaster University, Hamilton*)  
June 30, 10:00 AM, Panel No. 10.

**Ś**

- Święcicki**, Piotr (*Squire Patton Boggs Świącicki Krześniak sp.k., Michigan*)  
June 28, 4:00 PM, Round Table I

**T**

- Tokts**, Siarhei (*University of Warsaw, Centre for Belarusian Studies*)  
June 29, 12:30 PM, Panel No. 9.

**V**

- Vallasek**, Julia Reka (*Babes-Bolyai University, Cluj Napoca*)  
June 28, 12:30 PM, Panel No. 2.
- Vallasek**, Magdolna (*Sapientia Hungarian University of Transylvania, Cluj-Napoca*)  
June 29, 12:30 PM, Panel No. 8.
- Veliyev**, Cavid (*Center for Strategic Studies under the President of Azerbaijan, Baku*)  
June 29, 10:00 AM, Panel No. 5.
- Viacorka**, Francisak (*American University, Washington*)  
June 29, 10:00 AM, Panel No. 4.

**W**

- Wakar**, Marcin (*University of Warsaw, Centre for East European Studies*)  
June 29, 10:00 AM, Panel No. 6.
- Wiensch**, Piotr (*Warsaw University of Life Sciences*)  
June 30, 10:00 AM, Panel No. 10.

- Winid**, Boguslaw (*advisor to the President of the Republic of Poland*)  
June 28, 11:00 AM, Opening Ceremony
- Wojcik**, Ray (*CEPA-Warsaw*)  
June 29, 4:00 PM, Round Table II
- Wóycicki**, Kazimierz (*University of Warsaw, Centre for East European Studies*)  
June 29, 10:00 AM, Panel No. 6.

**Z**

- Zadorozhna**, Arina (*University of Warsaw*)  
June 28, 12:30 PM, Panel No. 1.
- Zasztowt**, Leszek (*Polish Academy of Sciences, Warsaw*)  
June 29, 12:30 PM, Panel No. 7.
- Zawadzka**, Małgorzata (*War Studies University, Warsaw*)  
June 29, 12:30 PM, Panel No. 8.
- Zevelev**, Igor (*George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies, Garmisch-Partenkirchen*)  
June 29, 4:00 PM, Round Table II
- Zheltovsyy**, Vadym (*Pultusk Academy of Humanities*)  
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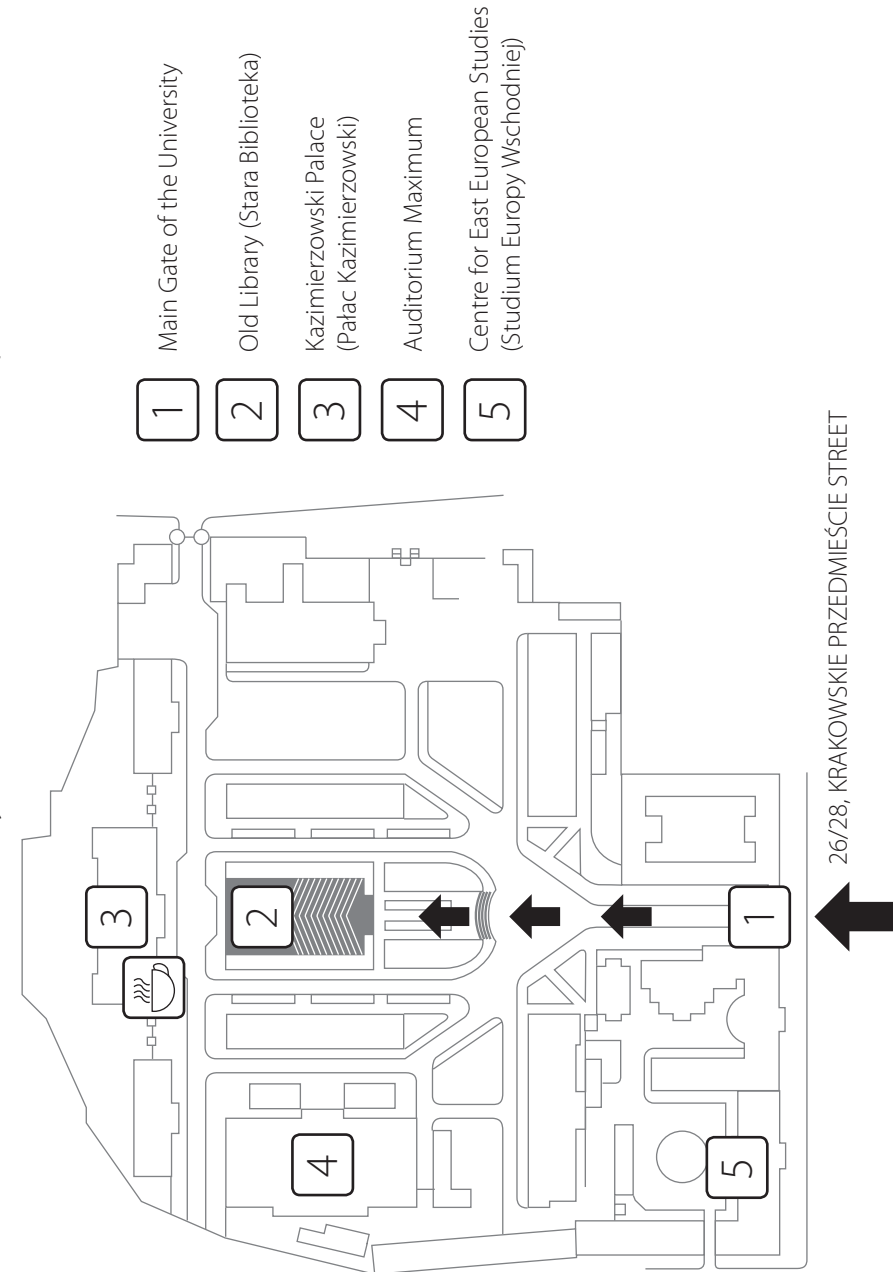
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