



## *Central and Eastern Europe on the Frontlines: Forging Collaborative Solutions to Foreign Authoritarian-State Influence*

*International Conference*

*Sofia Hotel Balkan Palace, Serdica Grand Hall*

*9 am – 5 pm, 19 May 2023*



**9:00-9:30** Registration

**9:30-10:00** Opening keynote addresses – US representative

**10:00-11:15** A Story of Resilience: The Baltic States against Russia and China

- **Dmitri Teperik**, Senior Expert on Societal Resilience, Estonia
- **Dalia Bankauskaite**, Associate Professor, Vilnius University/Expert, Swedish Defence University/Non-resident Senior Fellow, CEPA
- **Aleksandra Palkova**, Researcher, Latvian Institute of International Affairs/Senior Researcher at Riga Stradins University
- Moderator: **Dr. Rumena Filipova**, Institute for Global Analytics

**11:15-11:45** Coffee break

**11:45-13:00** Highlight session: The Weaponization of History and Social Media

- **Jason Steinhauer**, bestselling author, public historian, founder of the History Communication Institute, Global Fellow at The Wilson Center in Washington, D.C.
- Discussant: **Nikolai Klimeniouk**, Freelance Journalist (Frankfurter Allgemeine, Neue Zürcher Zeitung)

**13:00-14:00** Lunch break at the hotel



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**14:00-15:15** Diverse Perspectives? Central Europe Responds to the Authoritarian Challenge

- **Liliana Śmiech**, Vice President, Warsaw Institute
- **Pavel Havlíček**, Central European Policy Fellow for Security Policy, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung/Research Fellow, Association for International Affairs, Prague
- **Rudolf Berkes**, Policy Analyst, Political Capital, Hungary
- **Barbara Bačová**, Analyst, Institute for Global Analytics
- Moderator: **Dr. Rumena Filipova**, Institute for Global Analytics



**15:15-16:45** Roundtable Discussion: Networked Collaboration, the Three Seas and the Way Forward for Central and Eastern Europe in the Struggle between Democracy and Autocracy

- **Edward P. Joseph**, Lecturer and Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy Institute, Johns Hopkins SAIS
- **Matej Šimalčík**, Executive Director, Central European Institute of Asian Studies
- **Nathalie Vogel**, Senior Fellow, Kremlin Watch Program, European Values Center for Security Policy, Prague
- **Dr. Alicja Bachulska**, Policy Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations/Research Fellow, CHOICE
- **Katarína Klingová**, Senior Research Fellow, Centre for Democracy & Resilience, GLOBSEC
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**16:45-17:00** Closing

