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LIST OF SPEAKERS

Official Opening



Rastislav Káčer
President of the Slovak Atlantic Commission

Amb. Kacer was elected the President of the Slovak Atlantic Commission (member of the Atlantic Treaty Association), in July 2008 after completion of his five year term in Washington DC as the Ambassador of Slovakia to the United States. Prior to this Rastislav served at different levels of government for 16 years. Rastislav began his career as policy analyst at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs rising to Head of the Analytical Unit. Between 1994 and 1998 he served at NATO Headquarters in Brussels and on this return from Brussels became head of Policy Planning Unit and the Director General for Security Policy and Multilateral Affairs in the Ministry. In 2001 he became the Secretary of State at the Ministry of Defense responsible for the negotiations and accession process of Slovakia to NATO. Rastislav is widely recognized as expert on U.S. Domestic and Foreign Policy, Transatlantic Relations, Defense and Security Issues. In September 2008 he joined the consulting company FIPRA Slovakia – Public Policy & Regulatory Advisers, where he is serving as the Chairman of FIPRA Slovakia. Currently Rastislav oversees FIPRA assignments in Strategic Government Relations for Foreign Investors, Governments and International Institutions. Rastislav also serves as a Special Adviser to the FIPRA Group in Defense Policy and Procurement Team. Rastislav speaks fluent Slovak, English, French and Russian.



Diana Štrofová
Secretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic

Diana Štrofová graduated at the University of Economics in Bratislava. She started to work as a stewardess, and later started a business. In 2002, she was elected Member of Parliament for HZDS. During 2002 – 2006 she served on the post of Head of the Permanent Delegation of Slovak Republic to the Assembly of Western European Union and was Member of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Slovak Republic to the NATO Parliamentary Assembly. Since July 19, 2006, she has been holding the post of State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic.



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1st Panel: NATO at 60: Towards a New Strategy?



Tomáš Valášek
Director of foreign policy & defence at the Centre for European Reform
Member of the Board, Slovak Atlantic Commission

Tomas Valasek is director of foreign policy & defence at the Centre of European Reform. He has written extensively on transatlantic relations, common European foreign and security policy and on defence industrial issues. He is also a senior advisor to the Brussels office of the World Security Institute. Previously, he served as Policy Director and head of the Security and Defence Policy Division at the Slovak Ministry of Defence. He oversaw the ministry's defence analysis, planning & evaluation activities as well as its legislative efforts, military missions and international security initiatives. He was responsible for relations with NATO and the EU and advised Ukraine and Bosnia, among others, on NATO and EU integration. Before joining the ministry of defence Tomas Valasek founded and directed the Brussels office of the World Security Institute (formerly the Center for Defence Information, CDI), a Washington, DC-based independent defence and security think-tank (2002-2006). From 1996 to 2002 he worked as Senior European Analyst in CDI's Washington, DC office. Mr. Valasek is the editor and co-author of "The 'Easternization' of Europe's Security Policy" (IVO-CDI, October 2004), and numerous articles appearing in newspapers and journals including Wall Street Journal, Jane's Defence Weekly, and the Cambridge Review of International Affairs. He is a holder of an M.A. in International Affairs from the George Washington University in Washington, DC, and a B.A. in journalism from the University of Georgia in Athens, Georgia. In 2008 he was elected as a member of the Board of the Slovak Atlantic Commission. He speaks Slovak, Czech and French.



Jean-François Bureau
NATO Assistant Secretary General for Public Diplomacy

Jean-Francois Bureau is NATO Assistant Secretary General for Public Diplomacy. He previously worked as a Director for Information and Communication at the French Ministry of Defence. From 1994 until 1998 he was in charge of defence affairs and head of communication unit at the „Cour de comptes“. He served in several other positions in his career. He was a head of the press office of the Presidency of the Republic (1991-1994), Counsellor of the Minister of Defence for Information and Communication (1991), Head of the Information and Public Relations Office (SIRP) of the Ministry of the Interior (1990-1991), Secretary of the Institute for Home Security Studies (1989-1990), Counsellor of the Minister of Defence for Parliamentary, Information and Public Relations Affairs (1983-1985), Parliamentary Adviser for defence affairs (1981-1983). He graduated at „Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris" in 1974 and at Paris I Pantheon-Sorbonne University in Political Science department in 1977. Jean-Francois Bureau also worked in several academic institutions being in charge of international relations and defence courses.



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Adam Daniel Roffeld

Co-Chairman of the Polish-Russian Working Group for Difficult Matters, Warsaw

Prof. Dr. Adam Daniel Roffeld is the Co-Chairman of the Polish-Russian Working Group for Difficult Matters, Warsaw since December 2007). He is also the Chairman of the UN Secretary General's Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters, New York. He previously served as the Polish Minister of Foreign Affairs, Warsaw (2005) and Director of Stockholm International Peace Research Institute - SIPRI (1990-2002). His last writings include "Where is the World Headed?" (Warsaw 2008, Polish), "Poland in Uncertain World" (2006, Polish) and "Towards the UN Reform: New Threats, New Responses. The Report of the Warsaw Conference (2004)".



Rob de Wijk

Director of The Hague Center for Strategic Studies

In 2007 Dr. Rob de Wijk assumed the position of Director of the The Hague Centre for Strategic Studies. He is also Professor in the field of International Relations at the Royal Netherlands Military Academy (RNMA), Breda (1999) and Professor of Strategic Studies at the University of Leiden (2000). From 2000 to 2003 he was Director of the Research Centre of the RNMA. He is also Chairman of the National Security Think Tank, advising the Government on defence and national security issues, including contingency plans for crisis management. Rob de Wijk started his career in 1977 as a freelance journalist. In 1980 he became editor-in-chief of a publishing company specialising in journals and scientific publications. From 1985 to 1989 he worked at the University of Leiden's Political Science Department. He was a lecturer in international relations, focusing particularly on international security. At the same time he worked as a journalist. In October 1989 Rob de Wijk was appointed Head of the Defence Concepts Division of the Defence Staff at the Netherlands Ministry of Defence. He advised the Chief of the Defence Staff and the minister of defence in matters relating to strategic plans and policy. At the national level he laid the foundation of the Defence White Paper 1991 and the Defence Priorities Review, published in 1993, as well as other policy guidelines. These white papers contain the plans for the reorganisation and the reduction of the Netherlands armed forces and for restructuring them from regular and conscript forces into all-volunteer forces. He was also responsible for the development of strategic management methods at the Ministry of Defence. In September 1997 he acquired a secondment with the Clingendael Institute for International Relations in The Hague to study security and defence. In 2003 he established the Clingendael Centre for Strategic Studies. Additionally, in 2005 he became the director of the Clingendael Security and Conflict Program. His main fields of expertise are (national and international) security, defence, and terrorism.



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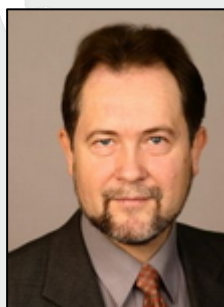




Robin Shepherd
Senior fellow for Europe at Chatham House

Robin Shepherd is a senior fellow for Europe at Chatham House. Prior to coming to Chatham House he was a senior transatlantic fellow with the German Marshall Fund of the United States based in Bratislava, where he focused on global integration issues in central and eastern Europe as well as the relationship between economic development and democratization. Previously he was a public policy scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars and the Moscow Bureau Chief for the The Times (London). Mr Shepherd has extensive experience working and living in central and eastern Europe during the 1990s and post -2000. He is the author of *Czechoslovakia, the Velvet Revolution and Beyond* (Macmillan/St. Martin's Press 2000), a book which looked at the first decade of economic and political transition in the former Czechoslovakia. He speaks Slovak, Czech, Russian and French and has published widely on the region in major international and regional newspapers and journals.

2nd Panel: Transatlantic Relations After Changing Political Elites



Pavol Demeš
Director of the German Marshall Fund's Bratislava Office

Dr. Pavol Demeš has been the Director for Central and Eastern Europe of the German Marshall Fund of the United States since January 2000, and is based in Bratislava, Slovakia. Previously he served as the Executive Director of the Slovak Academic Information Agency-Service Center for the Third Sector, a leading NGO in the country. He also served as Foreign Policy Advisor to the President of the Slovak Republic (1993-97), and from 1991-92 he was the Slovak Minister of International Relations. An internationally recognized NGO leader, Demeš served as the elected spokesperson of the Gremium of the Third Sector, a volunteer advocacy coalition, and has served on the boards of national and international associations and foundations. In 1999 he was awarded a six-month public policy research fellowship at the Woodrow Wilson Center in Washington D.C. Prior to the "Velvet Revolution" in November 1989, Demeš was a bio-medical researcher at Comenius University in Bratislava. He is a graduate of Charles University in Prague (1980). He received the EU-US Democracy and Civil Society Award (in 1998), the USAID Democracy and Governance Award (1999), Royal Dutch decoration Knight of the Order of Orange Nassau (2005), Yugoslav Star of First Class (2005).



Marcin Zaborowski
European Union Institute for Security Studies, Paris

Has a doctorate in European Politics and MA in International Studies from the University of Birmingham. From 2001 to 2005 he served as a lecturer in International Relations and European Politics at Aston University. In the next years, from 2002 to 2004, he worked as coordinator and director of the Transatlantic Programme at the Centre for International Relations in Warsaw, Poland. He previously worked as a NATO Research Fellow (1999-



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2000) and EUISS Visiting Fellow (2004). Currently, he deals with transatlantic relations, US foreign policy, EU enlargement and East Asia at the European Union Institute for Security Studies.



John C. Hulsman
President and Co-Founder of John C. Hulsman Enterprises

Dr. John C. Hulsman is the President and Co-Founder of John C. Hulsman Enterprises (www.john-hulsman.com), a successful international relations consulting firm. With clients in both the public and the private sector, the firm offers world-class expertise, explaining American politics and policy to the wider world, while also assessing the broad contours of the new multipolar era we find ourselves in, helping both businesses and governments to more skillfully adapt and prosper through its cutting-edge analysis. Prior to this, Hulsman was the Alfred von Oppenheim Scholar in Residence at the German Council on Foreign Relations in Berlin, where he handled the transatlantic and Middle East portfolio. Hulsman was the face of the Council on all aspects of transatlantic relations. His expertise was particularly centered on forging common transatlantic policies regarding Iran, Iraq, the War on Terror, and the Middle East Peace Process. Prior to his tenure at the National Interest, Hulsman was a Senior Research Fellow in International Relations at the Heritage Foundation. Earlier, he was a fellow in European studies at the Center for Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) in Washington. He has taught European Security Studies at the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS), and world politics and U.S. foreign policy at the University of St. Andrews, Scotland. He has delivered more than 260 speeches and papers at conferences sponsored by Harvard, Yale, Stanford, the Chicago Council on Foreign Relations, the German Council on Foreign Relations, the French Army War College, the Aspen Institute, the German Marshall Fund, the European Parliament, NATO, and the Department of State.



Martin Bútor
Honorary President of the Institute for Public Affairs

Amb. Bútor is currently the Honorary President and Program Director of 'European Integration and Transatlantic Relations' Program at the Institute for Public Affairs. In the past he has worked as a university teacher, diplomat, Ambassador of the Slovak Republic to the United States (1999-2003). Amb. Bútor is a graduate of the Faculty of Arts of the Comenius University, Bratislava, Slovakia, holding a degree in sociology. In the late sixties, he was active as an editor-in-chief of student newspapers "Echo bratislavských vysokoškolákov" [Echo of Bratislava's University Students] and later as a deputy-chief editor of Reflex magazine and the weekly publication "Kultúrny život" [Cultural Life]. In November 1989, Mr. Bútor was one of the founders of the political movement Public Against Violence. In the spring of 1990, as a member of its Coordinating Committee (KC VPN) he took part in crafting Movement's election program - Chance for Slovakia. In the period of 1990-1992 he held a position of a Human Rights Advisor to the President of Czech and Slovak Federal Republic Václav Havel, and the post of Director of the Human Rights Section in the Office of the President. In the beginning of the nineties, he taught at Charles University in



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Prague (where he holds a position of Professor Habilis since 1992); later he taught at the Department of Political Science, Trnava University (1993 - 1998). In 1997 he co-founded the Institute for Public Affairs and served as its first president. Mr. Bútorá is an author of three prosaic works, several TV programs and film scripts, and translations of theatrical plays. In 1999 National Endowment for Democracy based in Washington D.C. has awarded him Democracy Service Medal; in 2000 he received Ján Papánek medal; and in 2002 a Celebration of Freedom Award by the American Jewish Committee. In the same year, he received the Order of Ľudovít Štúr for his contribution to defense of human rights and development of civil society from the hands of the President of the Slovak Republic.



Lt. Col. Scott Rutter (Retd)

Director, Business Development, Communications and Tactical Networks, BAE Systems and National Spokesman and Board Member Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS)

Scott E. Rutter is a graduate of the U.S. Army's Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. He has a Master of Science Degree in Management from the University of Saint Mary. Commissioned in the Infantry, Scott served honorably for twenty years beginning as a Rifle Platoon Leader with the 101st Airborne Division and culminating as the Battalion Commander of 2nd Bn 7th Infantry, 3rd Infantry Division during combat in Operation Iraqi Freedom. His military decorations include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star Medal with Valor Devise (With One Oak Leaf Cluster) and the Joint Meritorious Service Medal. He has been awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge (2d Award) for his participation in combat operations in Desert Storm/Desert Shield and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Scott earlier served in combat as a Rifle Company Commander in the 1st Infantry Division in Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. Scott also served as a Senior Intelligence Officer with the Defense Intelligence Agency. Currently, he is the Director of Business Development for BAE Systems-Communications and Tactical Networks in Wayne, NJ. In addition to his full time position, he serves as the National Spokesman and Board Member for the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS) and as a professional speaker for the Young America Foundation and the Leadership Institute.

3rd Panel: Europe Divided? Dealing With a Resurgent Russia



Ortwin Hennig

Vice President & Head of Conflict Prevention Program, EastWest Institute

Ambassador Ortwin Hennig is a Vice President of the EastWest Institute and Head of its Conflict Prevention Program. He is a distinguished alumnus of the Otto-Suhr-Institut of the Free University of Berlin and the London School of Economics where he concentrated on History and Political Science. Prior to joining the EastWest Institute, he held diplomatic posts in Afghanistan, the Soviet Union, with the German Representation to the European Commission in Brussels, the OSCE in Vienna, and in the Russian Federation. He has also served in the Office of the German Federal President as a foreign



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policy advisor. As an alumnus of the NATO Defense College in Rome, he specialized in arms control and security policy. Ambassador Hennig's last assignment before joining the EastWest Institute was as "Commissioner for Civilian Crisis Prevention, Conflict Resolution and Post Conflict Peace Building" for the German Federal Foreign Office in Berlin. He has published on subjects such as arms control, the OSCE and conflict prevention.



James Sherr
Head of the Russia and Eurasia Programme at the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House) in London

James Sherr is Head of the Russia and Eurasia Programme at the Royal Institute of International Affairs (Chatham House) in London. Between 1995 and May 2008, he was a Fellow of the Advanced Research and Assessment Group (formerly Conflict Studies Research Centre) of the Defence Academy and is now Senior Visiting Fellow of that institution. (His last monograph for the Defence Academy, *Russia and the West: A Reassessment*, was published as a Shrivenham Paper in January 2008). Since 1993, Mr Sherr has also been a member of the Faculty of Social Studies of Oxford University. Over the past ten years, he has been a consultant to NATO on Ukraine and regularly advises the British government and parliament as well as others inside NATO about Russia as well as security problems in the Black Sea region. In Ukraine, he collaborates closely with official bodies and NGOs and is a regular contributor to *Zerkalo Nedeli* and *Den'*. He has spoken at the NATO-Russia Council and delivered papers at the first and second official NATO-Russia workshops in Moscow. He is a frequent contributor to *Nezavisimaya Gazeta*, and has published in the journal, *Russia in Global Affairs*, most recently in April 2008. In addition, he is a regular participant in Wilton Park conferences on Russia, Ukraine and NATO, the Harvard Russia Security Programme, the Harvard Black Sea Security Programme and the workshops and seminars of the German Marshall Fund of the United States. James Sherr was born in New York City and holds British and US citizenship.



Oksana Antonenko
Senior Fellow at the International Institute for Strategic Studies, London

Ms Antonenko is a graduate of Moscow State University and JF Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. From 1990-1993, Ms Antonenko worked at the Moscow office of Harvard Strengthening Democratic Institutions Project, which promoted Russian-US dialogue and provided assistance to Russian domestic reforms. From 1998-2000, Ms Antonenko was the Director of the IISS research and seminar programme on military reform in Russia and the CIS, focusing among other issues on the foreign assistance to Russia for re-training and resettlement of redundant officers. In 1999-2003 Ms. Antonenko headed a research and seminar programme on Russia's regional perspective on foreign and security policy focusing on Russia's relations with Europe, South Caucasus and Central Asia. In 2004-2005 Ms. Antonenko worked on a research project on Russian-EU relations and co-edited the book *Russia and the European Union: Prospects for a New Relationship*. In 2005 Ms. Antonenko facilitated track two meetings between Georgian



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and South Ossetian senior officials and experts with the aim of promoting conflict resolution in the Georgian-South Ossetian conflict. Currently, she works as a senior researcher of the Russia and Eurasia program in the International Institute for Strategic Studies on the following projects: Security and counter-terrorist policies in Russia and Eurasia, frozen conflicts in the South Caucasus (Georgian-South Ossetian Dialogue on conflict resolution), the Shanghai Co-operation Organisation, and security in Central Asia.



Borys Tarasyuk
Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada (Ukrainian Parliament) Committee on European Integration, Ukraine

Borys Tarasyuk is MP (2002-2005, 2006, 2007-till now), Chairman of the Verkhovna Rada (Parliament) Committee on European Integration. As a career diplomat since 1975 he served in Ukrainian mission to the UN (1981-1986) and Ambassador in Brussels (1995-1998, BENELUX, NATO, WEU), Deputy FM (1992-1994), First Deputy (1994-1995) and two terms as a Foreign Minister (1998-2000 and 2005-2007). He is Chairman of the party "People's movement of Ukraine" (Rukh) since May, 2003, member of political leadership of Our Ukraine Block. Borys Tarasyuk is the Founder and Director of the Institute of Euro-Atlantic cooperation, which is an independent analytical center (think-tank). Has the rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary (since 1992). He contributed to the development of relations of Ukraine with Russia and the United States, Hungary and Poland, Romania and Moldova, Baltic and Nordic States, Latin America and the Black Sea region, the European Union and NATO, CIS and GUAM. In 1993 Ambassador Tarasyuk managed to forge the unanimous support of the UN Security Council for Ukraine in the dispute with Russia over the Ukrainian port city of Sevastopol. He was one of the key figures in the negotiations of unprecedented complexity over the fate of Ukraine's nuclear arsenal (world's third largest), the Black Sea Fleet and conventional armaments. His efforts to activate the significant peacekeeping potential of Ukraine in combination with active diplomacy transformed Ukraine into a recognized contributor of European security and stability. In 1997 he was a winner of the national nomination "Diplomat of the Year".



Dmitriy N. Talanov
Head of NATO Unit of the All-European Cooperation Department
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation

Mr. Talanov was born 1957 in Zakarpatskaya oblast, USSR and graduated at the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (1975-1980). He previously served as attaché of the USSR Embassy in Burkina Faso (1981-1984). In 1984-1988 he worked as attaché and Third Secretary – First at the Second African Department of the MFA. Since 1988 until 1994 he was the Second Secretary of the USSR Embassy in Zaire. Afterwards, he was First Secretary at the Department of All European Cooperation, MFA (1995-1997) and First Secretary of the Russian Mission to NATO (1997-2002). Since 2003 he serves as the Counsellor, Senior Counsellor at the Head of NATO Section, Department of All European Cooperation, MFA. Dmitriy Talanov speaks English and French fluently.



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Closing remarks and Summary



Róbert Vass
Secretary General of the Slovak Atlantic Commission

Róbert Vass is a graduate of the Faculty of Political Science and International Relations at University of Matej Bel in Banská Bystrica. He started his professional career as a president of non-governmental organisation Euro-Atlantic Center in 2002. He had remained in this position for the next four years. As the president of EAC he was in the lead of an executive team consisting of ten members and fifty other in the broader membership. During his presidency many projects aimed at foreign policy, Euro-Atlantic integration and international security were organised (Slovakia for Europe – Europe for Slovakia; The New Security Environment – Facing New Security Challenges). EAC achieved a significant development and became an important part of international and Slovak non-governmental community under his leadership. In 2004, he was chosen by the UN Information Service in Vienna to become a temporary representative of Slovakia. In 2005, Róbert Vass was charged with administering Slovak Atlantic Commission (SAC) with the aim to revitalize its activities. In 2006, he was elected its Chairman and in 2008 its Secretary General. With Róbert Vass being in the lead of SAC, it has achieved substantial development, opened two offices in Banská Bystrica and Bratislava, become an exclusive member of Atlantic Treaty Association. During his professional career he aimed to raising support for transatlantic integration and forming transatlantic pillar of Slovak foreign and security policy. He started a tradition of prestigious international security conferences GLOBSEC and established successful magazine Euro-Atlantic Quarterly.

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Jaroslav Baška
Minister of Defence of the Slovak Republic

Jaroslav Baška was born in April 5, 1975. He graduated at the Žilina University, Electro-Technical Faculty with Honours. From 2001 to 2002 he was a Project Manager of Information Systems. Later on, 2002 – 2006, he was a Member of Parliament (Smer-Social Democracy) and Member of the Parliament Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (2003 – 2006). During 2006 – 2008, Jaroslav Baška was a Mayor of Dohňany. In 2006, was re-elected as a Member of Parliament. In the same year he became Secretary of State of the Ministry of Defence and since January 30, 2008, has been serving as the Defence Minister of the Slovak Republic.



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