

PROGRAMME

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June 16–17, 2025, Warsaw**

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Warsaw 2025

16 JUNE
13:00 - 13:30

OPENING CEREMONY

OPENING CEREMONY OF THE CEE SECURITY FORUM

**Keynote Speech: Deputy Prime Minister,
Minister of National Defence Władysław
Kosiniak-Kamysz**

HOST:

Zygmunt Berdychowski

Chairman of the Economic Forum Programme Council, Institute for Eastern Studies, Poland

SPECIAL GUEST:

Władysław Kosiniak-Kamysz

Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of National Defence, Ministry of National Defence, Poland

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14:10 - 15:10

DISCUSSION PANEL

INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SECURITY PART I

Secure and resilient infrastructure is the foundation of a modern state's functioning – in both peacetime and crisis. Energy, transport, telecommunications, and digital networks are now not only potential targets for attack but also key assets in responding to military, climate, and technological threats. Armed conflicts and natural disasters demonstrate how easily a country can be paralyzed by striking at its infrastructure. The challenges of designing, protecting, and modernizing these systems require strategic thinking and public-private cooperation. How can infrastructure resilience be increased against hybrid, cyber, and physical attacks?

MODERATOR:

Aleksander Olech

Head of International Cooperation, Defence24, Poland

SPEAKERS:

Konstanty Szuldrzynski

Deputy Director of Medical Affairs, National Medical Institute of the Ministry of the Interior and Administration, Poland

Jerzy Wcisła

Senator, Senate of the Republic of Poland, Poland

Tiberiu Andrioaiei

Secretary General, PSC - Romanian Federation of Employers in Construction Sector, Romania

Beata Cieszyńska

Partner, Domański Zakrzewski Palinka, Poland

Benjamin L. Schmitt

Senior Fellow, University of Pennsylvania, USA

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15:20 - 16:20

DISCUSSION PANEL

EUROPE ON A PATH TOWARDS WAR ECONOMY? SHOULD NATIONAL BUDGETS BE RESHAPED?

The dynamics of Russia's warfare towards Ukraine and the possible escalation of the Kremlin's aggressive actions causes an increase in the threat to the security of other European countries. Has the time come to return to cold-war standards, affecting the increase in military expenditure in national budgets, inevitably at the expense of other expenses, including education, public goods, etc.? Are there perhaps thoughtful recipes, how to reconcile pro-social development strategies with increased needs in the sphere of security?

MODERATOR:

Mirosław Suchoń
Deputy, Sejm, Poland

SPECIAL GUEST:

Jerzy Buzek
Former Primer Minister (1997-2001), Poland

SPEAKERS:

Torbjorn Becker
Director, Stockholm Institute of Transition
Economics, Sweden

Bartosz Kublik
President of the Board, Bank Ochrony
Środowiska S.A., Poland

Janusz Lewandowski
MEP, European Parliament, Poland

Artur Plokšto
Advisor to the Defence Minister, Ministry of
National Defence, Lithuania

Wolfgang Münchau
business journalist, Germany

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DISCUSSION PANEL

NATO, USA, EU - WHO BEARS THE BURDEN OF DEFENDING THE DEMOCRATIC WORLD TODAY?

The Russian aggression has demonstrated the crucial importance of international security cooperation. Today, it seems that the defence of the democratic world rests primarily on the shoulders of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization. However, the question arises: in the face of threat, is one military alliance sufficient to ensure complete security? How is this affected by the alleged weakness of NATO, as reported by global media? Is it time to consider new alliances? And if so, who will be playing the key roles in them – the USA, the United Kingdom, or perhaps the European Union?

MODERATOR:

Beata Piskorska

Prof. KUL, Vice-Rector, The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland

SPEAKERS:

Michał Baranowski

Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Economic Development and Technology, Poland

Iulian Chifu

President, Conflict Prevention and Early Warning Center, Romania

Michał Kaminski

Deputy Speaker, Senate of the Republic of Poland, Poland

Andrew Michta

Senior Fellow, GeoStrategy Initiative, Atlantic Council, USA

Viktoriia Voronina

Executive Director, Center for Security Studies (CENSS), Ukraine

Mark Voyger

Program Director, American University Kyiv, USA

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DISCUSSION PANEL

HOW TO STRENGTHEN NATO'S FRONTLINE STATES?

Increasingly complex security threats have emerged in recent years, highlighting the need for stronger and closer cooperation in this area at all levels. With the war in Ukraine, the Russian military has certainly suffered significant losses, but Moscow continues to pose a serious threat to NATO, especially to countries on the Alliance's flanks. What measures should be taken to strengthen the defence capabilities of countries on NATO's periphery?

MODERATOR:

Bogusław Chrabota

Editor-in-Chief of the Gremi Media Group, Poland

PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION

Andrzej Misiuk

Professor, Head of Department of Internal Security, University of Warsaw, Poland

SPEAKERS:

Matthew Boyse

Senior Fellow, Hudson Institute in Washington DC, USA

Vincenzo Camporini

Advisor, former Chief of the Italian Defence General Staff (2008-2011), International Affairs Institute, Italy

Giorgio Cella

Foreign Policy Analyst, Med-Or Leonardo Foundation, Italy

Deividas Matulionis

Chief National Security Adviser to the President of the Republic of Lithuania, Lithuania

Janusz Misiak

Colonel, General Staff of the Polish Armed Forces, Poland

Raymond Wojcik

Kosciuszko Chain, USA

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DISCUSSION PANEL

TRANSATLANTIC RELATIONS AND THE NEW US ADMINISTRATION

A change in the White House often means a redefinition of US foreign policy priorities, which has direct implications for cooperation with Europe in key areas, particularly security. The consequences for global trade, including issues of tariffs and market access, should also not be overlooked. Of particular relevance to international relations, however, will be the approach to the war in Ukraine, or the strategic rivalry with China. What will the US' further engagement with NATO look like and will Europe really be left alone?

MODERATOR:

Wojciech Gizicki

Professor, Vice-Dean, The John Paul II
Catholic University of Lublin, Poland

PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION::

Tomasz Wróblewski

President of the Board, Warsaw Enterprise
Institute, Poland

SPEAKERS:

Cristian Diaconescu

Presidential Advisor, Head of the Chancellery of The President of Romania and Head of the National Security Department, Presidential Administration, Romania

Douglas Heye

Founder, Douglas Media, USA

Aaron Korewa

Director, Warsaw Office, Atlantic Council,
USA

Patrick Mendis

Distinguished Visiting Professor of Transatlantic Relations, University of Warsaw, USA

Leszek Miller

Prime Minister (2001-2004), Poland

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DISCUSSION PANEL

STRATEGIC EXPERIENCE OF WAR IN UKRAINE AND ITS IMPLICATIONS

The war in Ukraine is not only a brutal military confrontation but also a dynamic laboratory of modern strategy, technology, and state resilience. The conflict reveals a new face of warfare – from the role of artificial intelligence and drones to the importance of information, societal morale, and international mobilization. The strategic consequences of this war extend far beyond Eastern Europe, redefining approaches to security, deterrence, and alliances in the 21st century. It is also a test of the durability of the international order and the boundaries of Western solidarity. What strategic lessons does the war offer for NATO member states and neighboring countries?

MODERATOR:

Jacek Raubo

Military and Security Expert, Defence24, Poland

PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION:

Myroslawa Keryk

CEO, Ukrainian House Foundation, Ukraine

SPEAKERS:

Ivanna Kuz

Policy Officer, Comprehensive Assistance Package (CAP) for Ukraine, Operations Division, NATO, USA

Bogusław Pacek

Director, Muzeum Wojska Polskiego, Poland

Ioan Mircea Pascu

Director of the Center for Strategic Studies, National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, Romania

Jan Wojno

General, Wojsko Polskie, Poland

Robert Kosowski

Chief of Staff, General Command Of The Polish Armed Forces

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DISCUSSION PANEL

NEW SECURITY CHALLENGES: HYBRID THREATS AND CYBERSPACE

The modern security environment is becoming increasingly complex. Traditional conflicts are giving way to hybrid operations that blend information warfare, economic pressure, sabotage, and cyberattacks. Identifying the source of threats and responding effectively is more challenging than ever. This panel will explore how state and non-state actors are reshaping the landscape of aggression, how cyberspace is becoming an integral part of the battlefield, and what it takes to build societal, institutional, and technological resilience to hybrid threats. The discussion will also address the importance of international co-operation in countering such attacks, as well as the role of education and public awareness in preventing escalation..

MODERATOR:

Gertruda Uścińska

Rector, Nicolaus Copernicus Superior School, Poland

SPEAKERS:

Mieczysław Gocuł

Rector, War Studies University, Poland

Andrzej Zybortowicz

Advisor to the President of the Republic of Poland, National Security Bureau, Poland

Bartłomiej Pejo

Deputy, Sejm, Poland

Paweł Doniec

CSIRT Division Chief, Polish Cyber Command, Poland

Peter Sund

CEO, Finnish Information Security Cluster, Finland

Liliana Grosaru-Filip

President, Political Research Group, Romania

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DISCUSSION PANEL

SECURITY OF SUPPLY CHAINS AS A PRIORITY CHALLENGE FOR A MODERN ECONOMY AND ARMY

Supply chain security has become a key element of both economic stability and national defense capabilities. Global crises, wars, pandemics, and rising geopolitical competition have revealed how vulnerable the links between suppliers, producers, and consumers are. Disruptions in the availability of components, energy, or raw materials can paralyze entire sectors – from the defense industry to civilian technologies. Building resilient, diversified, and controlled supply chains has become not only a logistical challenge but a strategic imperative. What are the biggest threats to the continuity of supply in key sectors?

MODERATOR:

Marek Kozień

Dean of the Mechanical Engineering Faculty, Cracow University of Technology, Poland

SPEAKERS:

Ole Gunnar Austvik

Professor, Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences, Norway

Elina Egle

Co-Founder and Chairwoman, Federation of Security and Defence Industries of Latvia, Latvia

Leon Komornicki

Chairman of the Industrial Committee, Euro-Atlantic Association, Poland

Sławomir Walenczykowski

Chief of Logistic Directorate, General Staff of the Polish Armed Forces, Poland

Tomasz Zakrzewski

Head of the Security and Defense Platform, Employers of Poland, Poland

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DISCUSSION PANEL

HOW TO ENSURE THE ENERGY SECURITY IN EUROPE?

Access to affordable and reliable energy forms the foundation of Europe's development and security. However, it involves numerous challenges, including technological advancement, the protection of energy infrastructure against direct and cyber threats and ensuring stable supplies of natural resources. What are the most significant threats facing European nations on this path? What steps can be taken to effectively ensure Europe's energy security?

MODERATOR:

Jakub Wiech

Editor-in-Chief, Energetyka24.com, Poland

SPEAKERS:

Isabelle Dupraz

Deputy Director & Director External Affairs,
European Initiative for Energy Security
(EIES), United Kingdom

Sławomir Hinc

President of the Management Board Gas
Transmission Operator, GAZ-SYSTEM S.A.,
Poland

Caspar Hobhouse

Research Analyst, European Union Insti-
tute for Security Studies (EUISS), United
Kingdom

Jan Szyszko

Secretary of State, Ministry of Development
Funds and Regional Policy, Poland

Monika Zsigri

Head of Unit, DG Energy European Com-
mission, Belgium

Jerzy Małachowski

Director, National Center for Research and
Development, Poland

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DISCUSSION PANEL

CYBER THREATS - THE FUTURE THAT HAS ARRIVED.

How to Ensure Peace in Cyber Space?

For a long time, threats in cyberspace have been described as forthcoming and as turning existing security systems upside down. Before we all realised it, we have already found ourselves confronted with cyber threats awaiting us everywhere. Are national security systems ready to deal with this type of threat? What integrated actions should be taken to 'ensure peace' in cyberspace? How is NATO performing in this area?

MODERATOR:

August Żywczyk

Vice-President, Defence24, Poland

SPEAKERS:

Alexandru Georgescu

Senior Researcher (R3), National Institute
for Research and Development of Informa-
tion Technologies, Romania

Serhii Khariuk

Founder, AmonSul, Ukraine

Valentino Megale

Professor, Rome Business School, Italy

Małgorzata Zakrzewska

Chief Corporate Affairs Officer, Member of
the Executive Committee, Play, Poland

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DISCUSSION PANEL

HYBRID THREATS TO NATO FRONTIER STATES

- How to Counter Them?

Hybrid actions of the Russian Federation and Belarus have been a reality for many years. They take different forms, such as promoting disinformation on social networks, sowing fear and creating social conflicts. However, they can take an even more dangerous form such as creating a migration crisis, sabotaging critical infrastructure or so-called cyber attacks. How can the countries on NATO's eastern flank that are most exposed to such threats counter them? Can we defend ourselves effectively against them?

MODERATOR:

Urszula Soler

Professor, The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland

PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION:

Norbert Loba

President of the Board, Frontline Foundation, Poland

SPEAKERS:

Dumitru Tudor Jijie

Director of the Center of Balcanic Studies, University "Alexandru Ioan Cuza" Iasi, Romania

Martin Sklenár

Senior Advisor, DGA Albright Stonebridge Group, Bratislava, Slovakia

Yevhen Mahda

Executive Director, Institute of World Policy, Ukraine

Przemysław Zurawski vel

Grajewski

Professor, University of Lodz, Poland

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DISCUSSION PANEL

EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN THE DEFENCE INDUSTRY

- Potential and Challenges - part I

The integration of Europe's defence industry offers a significant opportunity to enhance military capabilities, innovation, and global competitiveness. However, key challenges include balancing national sovereignty with collective security, standardizing technologies and procedures, and securing stable funding for joint projects. The war in Ukraine has accelerated the debate on deeper cooperation, but can Europe overcome fragmentation and competition to achieve truly effective defence collaboration?

MODERATOR:

Artur Osiecki

Journalist, Editor, Gremi Media S.A., Poland

SPEAKERS:

Roberto Castaldi

Director Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence fEUture, eCampus University, Director, EurActiv, Italy

Stuart Dee

Defence Economics & Acquisition, RAND Europe Research Leade, RAND Corporation, United Kingdom

Mykola Siruk

First Deputy Chairman, Center For Army, Conversion And Disarmament Studies, Ukraine

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DISCUSSION PANEL

ROOM 107
WAR AND SOCIETY

CAN THE EUROPEAN UNION BE A NEW SECURITY ENHANCER?

In the face of a dynamically changing geopolitical landscape, the war in Ukraine and growing global challenges, the question of the role of the European Union as a guarantor of security becomes crucial. Is the Union, traditionally seen primarily as an economic and political project, ready and able to shoulder the burden of ensuring stability and defending democratic values in Europe and beyond? Does the EU have the potential to become not only an important economic actor, but also a real guarantor of security for its member states and partners in the world?

SPEAKERS:

Emanuele Errichiello

Head of the EU Programme, Centro Studi Internazionali, Italy

Radosław Fiedler

Professor, Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan, Poland

Yulia Kazdobina

Director, Ukrainian Foundation for Security Studies, Ukraine

Michał Moskal

Deputy, Sejm, Poland

Sergiy Shevchuk

Chairman, NGO Legislation Initiative „Ukraine-EU”, Ukraine

Eusebiu Slavitescu

Associated Expert, Global Focus Center, Romania

Jarosław Gromadziński

President, Academy Defence24, Poland

Eusebiu Slavitescu

Expert, Global Focus Center, Romania

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DISCUSSION PANEL

HEALTHCARE SECURITY

– Who Will Ensure Our Access to Medicines and Medical Devices?

The healthcare security of a region relies on stable and resilient supply chains for medicines and medical devices. In the face of pandemics, wars, and disruptions in global markets, building local and regional self-sufficiency becomes essential. The state should actively support the development of domestic production and the creation of strategic reserves in key product categories.

MODERATOR:

Maciej Banach

Vice-Rector for Collegium Medicum, The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland

SPEAKERS:

Krzysztof Kopec

President, Polish Association of Pharmaceutical Industry Employers - Medicines for Poland

Arkadiusz Gradkowski

President of the Chamber, The Polish Chamber of Commerce of Medical Devices POLMED, Poland

Maciej Milkowski

Financial Analytics Coordinator, Military Institute of Medicine - National Research Institute, Poland

Marek Tomkow

President of the Polish Pharmaceutical Chamber, Supreme Pharmaceutical Chamber, Poland

Marek Kos

Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Health, Poland

Krzysztof Kepinski

External Affairs Director, Member of the Board, GSK, Poland

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DISCUSSION PANEL

COMPREHENSIVE DEFENSE SYSTEM: WHAT DOES IT REALLY MEAN?

Within the broadly defined concept of national defense, not only are armed forces created and the security of institutions ensured, but ordinary citizens are also involved in these efforts. An effective, comprehensive system of total defense encompasses the cooperation of various entities, not just state institutions. How can such a system be implemented in practice, and what exactly constitutes a system of total defense?

MODERATOR:

Piotr Małecki

President of the Management Board, Defence24, Poland

SPEAKERS:

Anna-Maria Axelsson

Director, Swedish Civil Defense Association, Sweden

Eugeniusz Grzeszczak

Chief of Polish Hunting Association, Polish Hunting Association, Poland

Ryszard Jakubczak

Ryszard Jakubczak - Professor, Police Academy in Szczytno, Poland

Agnieszka Kordalewska

President of the Board, Gotowi.org Foundation, Poland

Krzysztof Stanczyk

Commander, Territorial Defence Forces Command, Poland

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DISCUSSION PANEL

HOW TO INVOLVE SCIENCE CENTERS IN BUILDING SOCIAL RESILIENCE? - PART I

In a world increasingly affected by global crises - whether environmental, social or technological - the ability of communities to adapt, respond and recover is more important than ever. Community resilience is not only about surviving in the face of disruption, but also about maintaining cohesion, trust and wellbeing in difficult times. Learning centres, as trusted local learning institutions, venues for community dialogue and innovation, have the unique potential to support individuals and whole communities to develop the capacity to adapt and thrive. This panel discussion will explore how science centres can become key actors in building social resilience and why this role is more relevant today than ever before.

MODERATOR:

Dariusz Wieczorek
Deputy, Sejm, Poland

SPEAKERS:

Kjell Inge Bjerga
Director, The Norwegian Institute For Defence Studies (IFS), Norway

Ihor Cependa
Rector, Vasyl Stefanyk Carpathian National University, Ukraine

Piotr Jedynak
Rector, Jagiellonian University, Poland

Valerio Mancini
Director of Research Center, Rome Business School, Italy

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DISCUSSION PANEL

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WAR AND SOCIETY

WILL SOMEONE BEAR RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE WAR IN UKRAINE?

The war in Ukraine is more than a contest between military powers. It is also a struggle for the rule of law around the world. The international community must try those responsible for the crimes. Holding Russia accountable is an important part of laying the foundations for future peace. How to hold Russia accountable for its crimes? How do we make sure that all those responsible for these tragic crimes are brought to justice?

MODERATOR:

Flemming Splidsboel Hansen

Senior Researcher, Research Coordinator, Danish Institute for International Studies (DIIS), Denmark

SPEAKERS:

Federigo Argentieri

Professor and Director of Guarini Institute for Public Affairs, John Cabot University, Italy

Jānis Bordāns

Chairman of the Board, Iustitia et Securitas, Latvia

Sera Koulabdar

CEO, Legacies of War, USA

Maksimas Milta

Country Director, The Reckoning Project: Ukraine Testifies, Lithuania

Ida Sawyer

Crisis, Conflict and Arms Division Director, Human Rights Watch, USA

Onysiia Syniuk

Analyst, Human Rights Center ZMINA, Ukraine

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DISCUSSION PANEL

EUROPEAN AID TO UKRAINE - WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

In the face of ongoing aggression and the enormous challenges facing Ukraine, Europe is confronting the question of the most effective and long-term forms of support, especially with a reduced commitment of US aid. We are talking about both military, humanitarian and financial support, as well as the need to identify those areas where more far-reaching, better coordinated efforts will be necessary. It is also critical to carefully plan a long-term vision for Ukraine's reconstruction together with its representatives and how Europe can best support the country's transition and integration into European structures. What should Europe do for Ukraine?

MODERATOR:

Joanna Józefiak

President and Founder, Mediciner e.V.
– International Healthcare Association ,
Germany

PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION:

PANELIŚCI:

Keith Best

Chair, Wyndham Place Charlemagne Trust,
United Kingdom

Corneliu Cotet

Affiliated Expert, EUROPULS - Centre of
European Expertise, Romania

Ilmar Raag

Deputy Regional Leader, Estonian Defence
League, Estonia

Artur Zaczyński

Head of the Department of Neurosurgery ,
National Medical Institute of the Ministry of
the Interior and Administration , Poland

Dmytro Zhmailo

Executive Director, Ukrainian Security &
Cooperation Center (USCC), Ukraine

Rozalia-Ibolya Biro

Member, Chamber of Deputies, Romania

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DISCUSSION PANEL

ROOM 107
WAR AND SOCIETY

LEADERSHIP FOR SECURITY AND RESILIENCE

What kind of leadership do we need to prevent war, to combine effectiveness with ethics once it breaks out, and to rebuild communities and institutions after it ends? To answer this question, we have invited distinguished leaders and experts with global experience (Oxford, Washington, Warsaw), representing the military, business, academia, and civil society. Together, they will craft a leadership map spanning the full spectrum of security—before, during, and after conflict.

SPECIAL GUEST:

MODERATOR:

Michał Łuczewski

Founder, President LEAD. School of Experiences, Poland

SPEAKERS:

Christopher Diaz

CEO, Aspis Intelligence, USA

Jesse Hamilton

Lecturer, Oxford University, United Kingdom

Nita Yawanarajah

Deputy Director, Oxford Process, United Kingdom

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TALK

SPECIAL TALK

- Władysław Kosiniak-Kamysz

INVITED SPEAKERS:

Władysław Kosiniak-Kamysz

Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of National Defence, Poland

MODERATOR:

Michał Szuldrzyński

Redaktora Naczelny, Rzeczpospolita, Polska

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AUTHOR'S MEETING

„KAPUT: THE END OF THE GERMAN MIRACLE”

- meeting with Wolfgang Münchau

Münchau argues that the weaknesses of the German economy have been building for decades. Neo-mercantilist state policies, driven by close ties between industrial, financial, and political elites, have left Germany—overly reliant on authoritarian Russia and China—lagging behind and unable to adapt to the digital realities of the 21st century

INVITED SPEAKERS:

Wolfgang Muenchau

Founder, Eurointelligencja Limited, Germany

MODERATOR:

Zdzislaw Krasnodebski

Chair of the Council, Poland, the Great Project Foundation, Poland

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TALK

SPECIAL TALK

- Adam Bartosiewicz

INVITED SPEAKERS:

Adam Bartosiewicz

Vice-President of the Board, WB ELECTRONICS S.A., Poland

MODERATOR:

Marcin Piasecki

Managing Editor, Rzeczpospolita, Poland

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AUTHOR'S MEETING

**AULA
SPECIAL EVENTS**

„A BRAVE NEW WORLD...? CHINA'S STRATEGIC NARRATIVES AND THE REFORM OF GLOBAL GOVERNANCE”

- Meeting with Łukasz Gacek

What will the world order look like in the „new Chinese world”? What does Beijing have to offer the rest of the world? Can the West understand the true intentions of Chinese politicians? The Middle Kingdom is gradually emerging from the shadows and radicalizing the message addressed to the international community, without paying attention to subtleties. China's export model of world governance, tianxia (天下), which is a kind of embodiment of the „brave new world”, has never gained a universal character. Can a breakthrough happen today and China be able to present a proposal that the whole world will accept?

SPECIAL GUEST:

Łukasz Gacek

Professor, Head of Department of China, Jagiellonian University, Poland

HOST:

Paweł Jaskuła

Central Asia Analyst, Michał Boym Institute for Asian and Global Studies, Poland

16 JUNE**16:30 - 17:00****AUTHOR'S MEETING**

„WAR VIRTUALLY”

- Meeting with Roberto González

War Virtually is the story of how scientists, programmers, and engineers are racing to develop data-driven technologies for fighting virtual wars, both at home and abroad. In this landmark book, Roberto J. González gives us a lucid and gripping account of what lies behind the autonomous weapons, robotic systems, predictive modeling software, advanced surveillance programs, and psyops techniques that are transforming the nature of military conflict.

SPECIAL GUEST:

Roberto J. González

Professor, San José State University, USAA

HOST:

Valentino Megale

Profesor, Rome Business School, Wlochy

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TALK

SPECIAL TALK

- Leszek Miller

SPECIAL GUEST:

Leszek Miller

Prime Minister (2001-2004), Poland

HOST:

Jacek Prusinowski

Journalist, Super Express, Poland

16 JUNE
17:40 - 18:10**AUTHOR'S MEETING**

„CONVERGING MINDS”

– Meeting with Tamilla Triantoro

How to use the potential of artificial intelligence in everyday work? Will machines replace people or become our partners? What does it mean to be a „human unicorn” in the world of advanced technologies? Mind Penetration is a fascinating journey into the world of human-AI cooperation, showing its potential in science, business, and everyday life. The authors, combining academic knowledge with practical experience, present a vision of the future in which people and machines create extraordinary synergy. Discover how to strengthen your unique abilities with AI and succeed in a changing world.

SPECIAL GUEST:

Tamilla Triantoro

Associate Professor, Uniwersytet Quinnipiac, USA

HOST:

Bartosz Biderman

Product Manager Cybersecurity, NASK, Poland

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AUTHOR'S MEETING

AULA
SPECIAL EVENTS

„VITE AL FRONTE. DONBASS, LIBANO, SIRIA, NAGORNO KARABAKH”

- Meeting with Luca Steinmann

SPECIAL GUEST:

Luca Steinmann

Journalist, Geopolitical Analyst, Limes, Italian Review of Geopolitics, Italy

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TALK

SPECIAL TALK

- Gen. Vincenzo Camporini

SPECIAL GUEST:

Vincenzo Camporini

Advisor, former Chief of General Staff of the Italian Army (2008-2011), Institute of International Relations, Italy

MODERATOR:

Jakub Romaniuk

Program Director, Foundation Institute for Eastern Studies, Poland

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SPECIAL EVENT

COCKTAIL RECEPTION



21:10



Kazimierzowski Palace
1st Floor

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DISCUSSION PANEL

INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SECURITY - PART II

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MODERATOR:

Aleksander Olech

Head of International Cooperation, Defence24, Poland

SPEAKERS:

Paweł Gancarz

Marshal, Marshal's Office of Lower Silesia, Poland

Jarosław Niewierowicz

Fund Partner, Eika Asset Management, Lithuania

Julian Wiczorkiewicz

Officer, Hybrid and Cyber Division, NATO's Innovation, Poland

Roberto Castaldi

Director Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence
fEUTure, eCampus University, Director,
EurActiv.it, Italy

Stanisław Bukowiec

Secretary of State, Ministry of Infrastructure, Poland

Jan Krzysztof Kłęczar

Voivode, Małopolska Provincial Office in Krakow

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11:10-12:10

DISCUSSION PANEL

CAN EUROPE SPEAK WITH ONE VOICE TODAY?

In the face of a dynamically changing global security landscape, the question of European unity on this issue becomes crucial. Despite the existence of a certain framework, such as the Common Foreign and Security Policy, the diversity of national interests, historical experiences and strategic priorities often leads to divergence. What is the capacity of the European Union and its Member States to act coherently in the face of contemporary threats? Is Europe likely to become a strong and autonomous player on the international security scene?

PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSION:

Konrad Raczkowski

Vice-Rector, Professor, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Poland

SPEAKERS:

Michael Fallon

Former UK Defence Secretary, United Kingdom

Eva-Maria Liimets

Head of Democracy and Rule of Law, The Estonian Centre for International Development, Estonia

Gennaro Migliore

President Emeritus, former Member of the Government and Chamber of Deputies, Parliamentary Assembly of the Mediterranean (PAM), Italy

Francesco Tufarelli

General Director, Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Department of European Policies, Italy

Przemysław Wipler

Deputy, Sejm, Poland

Jarosław Gromadziński

CEO, Academy Defence24, Poland

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DISCUSSION PANEL

NATO'S INLAND SEA. SECURITY IN THE BALTIC SEA REGION AFTER THE ENLARGEMENT OF NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY ORGANISATION

With the accession of Sweden and Finland to NATO, the Baltic Sea has de facto become an internal sea of the Alliance, and security in Northern Europe has significantly improved. All Baltic NATO states are now a real force capable of counteracting potential attempted attacks from Russia. How, despite this, can we avoid resting on our laurels and continue to improve security in the region? Are the NATO forces currently in the Baltic Sea truly prepared for all threats?

MODERATOR:

Marek Kutarba
Chief Publishing Officer, Rzeczpospolita, Poland

SPEAKERS:

Alan Aleksandrowicz
Vice-President of the Management Board
for Finance and Security, Management
Board of the Port of Gdańsk Authority S.A.,
Poland

Gints Amoliņš
Foreign News Editor, Latvian Television,
Latvia

Lucian Fătu
President, Euro-Atlantic Resilience Center,
Romania

Krzysztof Ligęza
Head of the Department of Maritime Operations,
Polish Naval Academy, Poland

Piotr Sikora
Commander 8th Coastal Defence Flotilla,
Dowództwo Generalne Rodzajów Sił Zbroj-
nych, Poland

Jack Watling
Senior Research Fellow, Royal United
Services Institute for Defence and Security
Studies (RUSI), United Kingdom

Maciej Zaborowski
Senior Military Advisor, Multinational Corps
Northeast, Poland

Tomasz Szubrycht
Rector, Polish Naval Academy, Poland

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TALK

SAFE SKIES ABOVE THE EUROPE OF THE INTERMARIUM

European airports are the lifeblood of the modern economy, serving as a crucial element in logistics chains. Civil aviation, encompassing both passenger and cargo transport, is particularly vulnerable to a wide range of threats. This has led to the necessity of implementing costly security measures and actively counteracting potential dangers. How can we ensure the security of European aviation and guarantee that passengers reach their destinations safely, and that goods transported by air effectively reach their recipients?

MODERATOR:

Antoni Walkowski

Journalist, Defence24, Poland

SPEAKERS:

Darren Caplan

Chief Executive, Airport Operators Association, United Kingdom

Łukasz Chaberski

President of the Board, Polish Airports S.A., Poland

Magdalena Jaworska-Maćkowiak

President, Polish Air Navigation Services Agency, Poland

Ireneusz Nowak

Air Force Inspector, Dowództwo Generalne Rodzajów Sił Zbrojnych, Poland

Serhii Ivanov

VP for Government Relations, EU & UA, GTS, Ukraine

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THEMATIC BLOCK

A DRONE ARMY - THE ARMY OF THE FUTURE?

Will Investment in Drones Keep Us Safe?

Unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) are transforming modern warfare – from tactical strikes to strategic reconnaissance and psychological operations. Drones have become not only a tool of asymmetric warfare but also an integral part of modern militaries. Their growing importance raises questions about the future of traditional armed forces, new military doctrines, and the effectiveness of defense systems. Investments in unmanned technologies promise greater precision and lower costs, but also carry the risk of escalation and the automation of violence. What are the operational and technological limitations of unmanned systems?

PRESENTATION

Drones that kill people

MODERATOR:

Ida Sawyer

Crisis, Conflict and Arms Division Director,
Human Rights Watch, USA

DISCUSSION PANEL

MODERATOR:

Maciej Magiera

Dr hab., Adam Mickiewicz University in
Poznan, Poland

SPEAKERS:

Miroslaw Bodnar

Head of the Inspectorate of Unmanned
Weapons Systems Troops, Dowództwo
Generalne Rodzajów Sił Zbrojnych, Poland

Artem Viunnyk

CEO, Athlon Avia LLC., Ukraine

Ernestas Žvaigždinas

CEO, BROSWARM, Lithuania

Jarosław Kraszewski

CEO, RBL Defence Poland, Poland

Michał Rulski

Ph.D, University of Łódź, Poland

17 JUNE

10:00 - 11:00

DISCUSSION PANEL

NEW SPACE RACE

- Is There a Place for Europe?

With the launch of the Artemis programme, space exploration has returned to the catalogue of important matters and human hopes of discovering new worlds have been reawakened. The Moon is only supposed to be a stop on the way to Mars, but what next? For now, it is hard to look too far into the future; attention is rather focused on the new race to the Moon between the USA and its partners and China. Other interesting competitions are taking place between private entities that organise commercial flights into space. Will the existing rivalry serve as an engine for increased development in the space sector? Is an international coalition leading space exploration possible and what role should Europe play in it?

MODERATOR:

Mateusz Mitkow

Managing Editor of Space24.pl, Defence24, Poland

SPEAKERS:

Paweł Bernat

Senior Lecturer, Lotnicza Akademia Wojskowa w Dęblinie, Poland

Rares-Cristian Bişag

Rares-Cristian Bişag - President and General Director, Romanian Space Initiative (ROSPIN), Romania

James Black

Deputy Director, Defence and Security; European Lead, Space, RAND Corporation, United Kingdom

Piotr Orleański

Director, Centrum Badań Kosmicznych PAN, Poland

Marta Wachowicz

Head, Polish Space Agency, Poland

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DISCUSSION PANEL

EUROPEAN COOPERATION IN THE DEFENCE INDUSTRY

- Potential and Challenges - part II

The integration of Europe's defence industry offers a significant opportunity to enhance military capabilities, innovation, and global competitiveness. However, key challenges include balancing national sovereignty with collective security, standardizing technologies and procedures, and securing stable funding for joint projects. The war in Ukraine has accelerated the debate on deeper cooperation, but can Europe overcome fragmentation and competition to achieve truly effective defence collaboration?

MODERATOR:

Artur Osiecki

Journalist, Editor, Gremi Media S.A., Poland

SPEAKERS:

Konrad Gołota

Undersecretary of State, Ministry of State Assets, Poland

Adam Leszkiewicz

President of the Board, Polish Armaments Group, Poland

Kristijonas Vizbaras

Co-Founder, BROLIS Defence, Lithuania

Tomasz Affet

Deputy Director and Country Manager, RSI Europe, Lithuania

Andrzej Fałkowski

Expert, The Casimir Pulaski Foundation, Poland

Grzegorz Niedzielski

President of the Board, Grupa Niewiadów S.A., Poland

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DISCUSSION PANEL

WAR ON RARE EARTH METALS

Rare earth metals are strategic resources critical to the development of modern technologies – from smartphones and electric vehicles to defense systems and renewable energy. Their extraction and processing are concentrated in a few countries, making global supply chains vulnerable to disruptions, political pressure, and economic conflict. The growing competition for control over these resources has become one of the key dimensions of 21st century geopolitics, in which resource security takes on strategic significance. Is it possible to diversify the supply of rare earth metals and reduce dependency on dominant players?

MODERATOR:

Jędrzej Bielecki

Publicist, Rzeczpospolita, Poland

SPEAKERS:

Denys Kolesnyk

President, MENA Research Center, France

Magdalena Wdowin

Director, Mineral and Energy Economy
Research Institute, Polish Academy of
Sciences, Poland

Paweł Jaskuła

Central Asia Analyst, Michał Boym Institute
for Asian and Global Studies, Poland

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DISCUSSION PANEL

STATE MEDICAL SECURITY SYSTEM – CHALLENGES AND PRIORITIES

The scopes of responsibility of the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of National Defense, and the Ministry of the Interior and Administration in the area of state medical security – are they coherent, mutually exclusive, or conflicting? Is the healthcare system prepared for crisis situations or wartime conditions in the following areas: pharmaceutical security, hospital capacity, training and number of medical personnel, communication, and cooperation? Are new technologies truly capable of saving or dramatically improving the healthcare system, or is that just a myth? What are the obstacles preventing broader implementation of these technologies? Which elements of system reorganization and improvement should be prioritized within the areas of responsibility of each respective ministry?

MODERATOR:

Mariusz Gierej

Press Spokesman, Military Institute of Medicine - National Research Institute, Poland

SPEAKERS:

Andrzej Fal

President, Polskie Towarzystwo Zdrowia Publicznego, Poland

Robert Gałązkowski

Professor, Head of the Medical Rescue Facility, Warszawski Uniwersytet Medyczny Zakład Medycyny Ratunkowej, Poland

Grzegorz Gielera

Director, Military Institute of Medicine - National Research Institute, Poland

Tomasz Musiuk

Deputy Director for Healthcare, Samodzielny Publiczny Zakład Opieki Zdrowotnej Szpital im. lek.med. Włodzimierza Mantiuka w Hajnówce, Poland

Krzysztof Zielski

Deputy Chief, General Staff of the Polish Armed Forces, Poland

Anna Katarzyna Brzezińska

Member of the Board, Mazowieckie Region's Marshal's Office, Poland

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AUTHOR'S MEETING

ROOM 107
WAR AND SOCIETY

„IS WAR COMING? EXPECT THE BEST, PREPARE FOR THE WORST”

- Meeting with Agnieszka Lichnerowicz

What will you do when you hear a siren at night? Where will you get information if the internet goes down? Do you have a supply of water, food and cash at home? The paralysing fear of war makes us try not to think about it. Meanwhile, a prepared and resilient society is as important as a well-armed army. Each of us can do our part to increase Poland's security. In this book, thirteen experts tell journalist Agnieszka Lichnerowicz what actions we can implement today to be prepared in a moment of crisis..

SPECIAL GUEST:

Agnieszka Lichnerowicz

Journalist, Radio TOK FM, Poland

MODERATOR:

Magdalena M. Baran

Managing Editor, Foundation Liberte!, Poland

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DISCUSSION PANEL

THE HUMAN FACE OF WAR - STORIES OF CONFLICT- AFFECTED SOCIETIES

War is not only about military strategies and political calculations, it is first and foremost about the tragedy of millions of people who face its consequences every day. They face challenges, such as access to basic services, displacement, the search for safety in a new, foreign place, or the trauma that continues to accompany them long after the end of warfare. How does war affect social structure, interpersonal relations and cultural identity? How can the international community support conflict victims more effectively, providing them with humanitarian and psychological assistance and the chance to return to normality?

MODERATOR:

Magdalena M. Baran

Managing Editor, Foundation Liberte!, Poland

SPEAKERS:

Ron Haviv

Ron Haviv - Co-Founder, VII Photo Agency, USA

Luca Steinmann

Journalist, Geopolitical Analyst, Limes, Italian Review of Geopolitics, Italy

Michał Brzuszewski

Editor, Defence24.pl, Poland

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DISCUSSION PANEL

ROOM 107
WAR AND SOCIETY

HOW TO INVOLVE SCIENCE CENTERS IN BUILDING SOCIAL RESILIENCE? - PART II

In a world increasingly affected by global crises - whether environmental, social or technological - the ability of communities to adapt, respond and recover is more important than ever. Community resilience is not only about surviving in the face of disruption, but also about maintaining cohesion, trust and wellbeing in difficult times. Learning centres, as trusted local learning institutions, venues for community dialogue and innovation, have the unique potential to support individuals and whole communities to develop the capacity to adapt and thrive. This panel discussion will explore how science centres can become key actors in building social resilience and why this role is more relevant today than ever before.

SPEAKERS:

Mirośław Kalinowski

Rector, The John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland

Marek Kohv

Head of Security & Resilience Programme, International Centre for Defence and Security (ICDS), Estonia

Šarūnas Liekis

Dean of the Faculty of Politics and Diplomacy, Vytautas Magnus University, Lithuania

Yaroslav Zhalilo

Deputy Director, National Institute for Strategic Studies, Ukraine

17 JUNE
10:00-10:30**DISCUSSION PANEL**

PARLIAMENTARY DIMENSION OF A DIALOGUE ON SECURITY IN EUROPE

Today's security challenges in Europe require a comprehensive approach in which not only governments and diplomats, but also parliaments play a key role. MPs, as representatives of societies, play an irreplaceable role in the legitimisation of decisions on defence, cyber security, the fight against disinformation or international cooperation. How can parliaments strengthen international cooperation and contribute to a more effective response to hybrid threats? How to deepen parliaments' involvement in creating a secure and stable future for Europe?

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AUTHOR'S MEETING

„POLAND AT WAR”

– Meeting with Zbigniew Parafianowicz

What happened in the Presidential Palace, in the Polish services and in the army after the outbreak of the war in Ukraine? Was there true friendship between Andrzej Duda and Volodymyr Zelensky? How did petty conflicts, after several months of playing together, break into big politics and what came of it? Unknown facts, behind-the-scenes conversations with Ukrainians, Americans, Germans, show both the greatness and smallness of Polish politics..

SPECIAL GUEST:

Zbigniew Parafianowicz

Journalist, Dziennik Gazeta Prawna, Poland

HOST:

Szymon Rybak

President, Generation OdNowa, Poland

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AUTHOR'S MEETING

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SPECIAL EVENTS**

„GEOPOLITICS OF TECHNOLOGY. HOW ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND THE BIG TECH SECTOR SHAPE CIVILIZATION SECURITY”

- Meeting with Grzegorz Lewicki

How will artificial intelligence affect the power of states? What is civilizational security? What tools do technology companies use to exercise power? Will the Polish nation survive the global disintegration of cultures in the 21st century? Who are the techno-moguls and how do they conduct politics? Will Silicon Valley fund separatism? How can the trend of „weaponization of everything” be used to secure Poland? Will the vision of the future from the game „Cyberpunk 2077” come true?

SPECIAL GUEST:

Grzegorz Lewicki

Expert , War Studies University, Poland

HOST:

Rafal Pikula

Managing Editor, Spider's Web, Poland

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FRANCE AND POLAND IN THE TRANSATLANTIC SECURITY ARCHITECTURE

Poland and France play important, albeit functionally different, roles in the Euro-Atlantic security architecture. As a key NATO frontline country, Poland is strengthening the eastern flank and actively supporting Ukraine militarily and logistically. France brings its strategic strength to the Alliance - an independent nuclear arsenal, global military engagement and an emphasis on European autonomy. Despite their different approaches to relations with the US, the two countries can work together to build a stronger European component of NATO. Can Poland and France become integrators of this cooperation? To what extent can French-Polish cooperation influence the shape of future European security and defence policy?

MODERATOR:

Zdzisław Krasnodębski

Chair of the Council of the Great Project Foundation, Poland

SPEAKERS:

Marek Budzisz

Senior Fellow, Strategy & Future, Poland

Ryszard Zięba

Prof. dr hab., University of Warsaw, Poland

Emmanuel Dupuy

President, Institute for Forecasting and Security in Europe, France

Nathaniel Garstecka

Editor, Wszystko Co najważniejsze, Poland

Philippe Folliot

Senator, Senate of the French Republic, France

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14:35

SPECIAL EVENT

CLOSING CEREMONY



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Kazimierzowski Palace
1st Floor