

GLOBSEC 2019 Draft Agenda

(as of 5 June 2019)

Please note that all formats, timings and venues are subject to change.

Day 1, 6 June 2019

11:00 - 12:00

Buffet Lunch

12:00 - 12:15 Official Welcome

Venue: Danube Space, River Park Plaza

H.E. Andrej Kiska

President of the Slovak Republic

Introduced by:

Amb. Rastislav Káčer

Chairman, GLOBSEC, Bratislava

12:15 - 13:15 GLOBSEC Navigating through Disruption

Venue: Danube Space, River Park Plaza

Marietje Schaake

Member, European Parliament, Brussels

Michael Chertoff

Chairman, The Chertoff Group, Washington,
D.C.

Maithreyi Seetharaman

Director, Fortune (Live Media Content),
London

Led by:

Nik Gowing

Founder and Director, Thinking the
Unthinkable, London



Future of Europe Stream
Defence & Security Stream
Democracy & Disconnect Stream
Digital Future Stream
Sustainability & Global Economy Stream

13:15 - 13:45

Coffee Break

13:45 - 14:15 | GLOBSEC Talk: The EU in a Global Crisis of Leadership

Venue: Danube Space, River Park Plaza

Faced with global challenges unprecedented in nature and scope, and caught between restlessness and despair, citizens across the world are turning to their leaders to find comforting answers. Only that too often the responses are designed to serve individual gains at the cost of freedom, security, and prosperity for all. What role does Europe play in this contested global order threatened by a growing return to nationalism? How can the EU counter the populist forces pulling it apart from within and thus maintain its position on the world stage? Could the EU lead the way in reinvigorating multilateral cooperation?

Timothy Garton Ash

Professor of European Studies, University of Oxford

14:15 - 15:15 | Diplomacy for the Post-Rule World

Venue: Danube Space, River Park Plaza

Are sanctions overused or still a valid means of coercing states into respecting and applying international law? If not, what are the alternatives to prevent or respond to various types of crises? What type of crisis prevention do we need for the times of re-emergence of high-intensity conventional warfare or nuclear escalation as well as emerging conflict in the cyber domain? Are there new methods available to broker and sustain peace in the 21st century? Do contemporary confidence building measures need to better integrate track I and track II diplomacy? How should we design the multi-stakeholder input mechanism for policy-making on multilateral level to include perspectives of multiple non-state actors?

H.E. Thomas Greminger
Secretary-General, OSCE, Vienna

Federica D'Alessandra
Executive Director, Oxford Programme on International Peace and Security, Oxford University

John Frank
Vice President, EU Government Affairs, Microsoft, Brussels

Agnia Grigas
Nonresident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council, Washington, D.C.

14:15 - 14:45 | GLOBSEC Talk: Science Fiction in Healthcare

Venue: Maria Theresia, Grand Hotel River Park

Bertalan Meskó
Director, The Medical Futurist Institute, Budapest

14:45 - 15:15 | GLOBSEC Talk: Can We Reverse Climate Change?

Venue: Maria Theresia, Grand Hotel River Park

John D. Liu
Filmmaker and Ecologist, Beijing

14:15 - 14:45 | GLOBSEC Chat: Ideas Inspiring Change

Venue: Habsburg, Grand Hotel River Park

How is technology changing the way we learn? How can new technology and media be employed to influence and make a change? Should we complement or completely transform the traditional models of education? What is the future of skills and how can we bridge the gap caused by digitisation? Can the private sector play a leading role in these new models of education? How can businesses have a positive impact on their consumers?

Glynn Pegler
Founder & CEO, Culture Group, Cardiff

Led by:

Randall Lane
Chief Content Officer, Forbes Media, New York

Led by:

Matthew Rojansky

Director, Kennan Institute, Wilson Center,
Washington, D.C.

15:15 - 15:45

Coffee Break

15:45 - 16:45 Fuel to the Fire: Weaponising Islam in Europe

Venue: Danube Space, River Park Plaza

Has political Islam been hijacked and repackaged to recruit a new breed of European jihadi fighters? Are the tenants of the Koran purposefully being twisted by extremist European Imams to exploit vulnerable followers? For what ultimate goal? What is the spill over effect for the security of Europe and the Middle East alike? How can the EU do more in screening the flow of funds from foreign charities and states into Europe for the purpose of constructing mosques and madrasas? What tools are available to limit and manage the exportation of political Islam outside of the Middle East? Should moderate Islamic leaders in Europe play a more active role in delegitimizing extremists' messages to combat its weaponization?

Emmanuel Dupuy

President, Institute for European Perspective and Security, Paris

15:45 - 16:45 Tackling Climate Crisis: The Business Case

Venue: Maria Theresia, Grand Hotel River Park

The impact of human activity on our planet is undeniable and truly alarming. Carbon dioxide levels in the atmosphere had not been this high in at least 800,000 years. Global sea level rose about 20 cm in the last century and the rate accelerates every year. The decrease of ice sheets amounts to hundreds of billions of tons annually. What is the recipe for an economic progress without jeopardizing our future? How can business become a part of the solution instead of being blamed as the culprit? Are we searching for a global leadership in fighting climate change or should we rely on regional action and grassroots movements?

Youba Sokona

Vice-Chair, Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change, Geneva

15:45 - 16:45 Book Launch: New Diplomacy for the New World Disorder

Venue: Habsburg, Grand Hotel River Park

In a time when established systems of world order that have included the management of conflicts has dissolved into an entropy of world disorder, new measures are needed to contain conflict. Fifteen contributions analyze the situation and suggest immediate measures and approaches in the current situation. Six authors will be walking you through the conclusions and recommendations of the report.

Mark Anstey

Emeritus Professor, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Woking

Halkano Abdi Wario

Lecturer, Department of Philosophy, History and Religion, Egerton University, Nakuru

Sheikh Kémadou Gassama

President of the Association of Senegalese Muslims in France

Led by:

Hassan Khannenje

Director, HORN Institute for Strategic Studies, Nairobi

Ulf Sverdrup

Director, Norwegian Institute of International Affairs, Oslo

Maithreyi Seetharaman

Director, Fortune (Live Media Content), London

Themis Themistocleous

Head, European Investment Office, UBS Wealth Management, London

Led by:

Kathleen Koch

Author, Journalist and Founder, LeadersLink, Washington, DC

Guy Olivier Faure

Senior Researcher, PIN Programme, German Institute of Global and Area Studies, Paris

Valerie Rosoux

Senior Research Fellow, Belgian National Fund for Scientific Research, Louvain

Rudolf Schuessler

Professor of Philosophy, University of Bayreuth

Mikhail Troitskiy

Director, School of Government and International Affairs, Moscow State Institute of International Relations

William Zartman

Professor Emeritus, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C.

Led by:

Siniša Vuković

Associate Director, Conflict Management Program, SAIS, Johns Hopkins University, Washington, D.C.

16:45 - 17:45 Cloak & Dagger: Enhancing the Resilience of Our Societies

Venue: Danube Space, River Park Plaza

We acknowledged existence of hybrid threats years ago, what are we doing and could be doing to counter them in the current environment seemingly without rules? Is there a possibility to have a comprehensive strategy towards cyber threats, disinformation, chemical and biological weapons and more or is the only way to compartmentalise our response? What are the impacts on the internal resilience of the societies and thus on the stability of a state? Are threats such as fake news in the health care sector just a way to prepare ground for large scale attack?

H.E. Fernando Arias González

Director-General, Organisation for the Prohibition of the Chemical Weapons, The Hague

Cyril Schiever

Senior Vice President, Managing Director, Mid-Europe Region, MSD, Paris

John Abel

Vice President for Cloud and Technology, Oracle Corporation, Reading

Daniel Milo

Head of Strategic Communication Programme, GLOBSEC Policy Institute, Bratislava

Led by:

Frank Gardner

Security Correspondent, BBC, London

16:45 - 17:15 GLOBSEC Chat: The Spirit of Sibiu

Venue: Maria Theresia, Grand Hotel River Park

Romania took over the EU Council Presidency in January, ahead of a year that could yet make or break the European Union. Against the backdrop of the painstaking Brexit negotiations, populist forces gaining ever more power across the continent and intense EU Budget negotiations, Romania strove for a safer Europe of convergence; a stronger global actor united by common values. What are the successes of the Romanian presidency and what remains to be done?

H.E. George Ciamba

Minister Delegate for European Affairs of Romania

Led by:

Annabelle Chapman

Journalist, Warsaw

17:15 - 18:00 **GLOBSEC Talk: Future of War: Still a Human Affair?**

Venue: Maria Theresia, Grand Hotel River Park

Rapidly emerging technologies are changing the nature of warfare. Quantum advances in the field of unmanned systems, robotics, cyber and other weaponizable technologies are creating a litany of new national security threats. The accessibility of these technologies is equalizing the once held monopoly of the ability to wage war by states and redefining the contemporary rules of engagement between state and non-state actors. Militaries around the world will need to develop new concepts of operations and doctrines to respond to these issues. Should unmanned weapon systems, be applied uniformly in theatre operations or only in select contexts? Is it simply immoral to strictly rely on robots and drones to liquate human targets? At what point will the human component of warfighting be rendered antiquated?

Admiral Manfred Nielson

Deputy Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, NATO, Norfolk

Featuring GYLF 2019 Policy Response to the 2018 NATO Secretary General's Annual Report by:

Scott Cullinane

former Staffer, Congress of the United States, Washington, D.C.

17:15 - 18:15 **After the “Caliphate”: Europe Unphased by Terrorism?**

Venue: Habsburg, Grand Hotel River Park

The “Caliphate” is no more and the terrorist threat to Europe currently seems far less pronounced. Are we then back to pre-Arab Spring situation when Al-Qaeda was far from thriving, hardly anyone had heard about ISIS and rare successful jihadis attacks hardly stopped Europe in its tracks? Or perhaps, this is just the wrong impression as ISIS continues to exist and, according to some, regroupes in the Middle East and strengthens its international outreach? Moreover, although seemingly distant, will the terrorist threat rise from among us when many released terrorism arrestees will rejoin our societies?

Meredith Stricker

Executive Director, The Soufan Group, New York

Manuel Navarette

Director, European Counter Terrorism Centre, Europol, The Hague

Dominika Kunertova
Researcher, Center for War Studies,
University of Southern Denmark, Odense

Kacper Rekawek
Head of Defence & Security Programme,
GLOBSEC Policy Institute, Bratislava

Olivier Guitta
Managing Director, GlobalStrat, London

Led by:

Ben Makuch
National Security Reporter, Vice News, New
York

Day 2, 7 June 2019

8:30 - 8:50 GLOBSEC Morning Call with Nik Gowling

Venue: Danube Space, Riverpark Plaza

8:50 - 9:30 GLOBSEC Chat: NATO's Readiness for Disrupted Security

Venue: Danube Space, Riverpark Plaza

Will a litany of diverse threats underpinning the international security landscape overwhelm NATO? How should the Alliance prepare to deter against an enemy that lacks a uniform, a face, or even an IPO? Will the integration of technology like AI to theatre conflicts be a boon or bust for the defence of NATO members? Is NATO keeping pace with nuclear-capable rivals that have been developing new generation weapon systems? Can NATO and its members develop agile and flexible concepts of defence to respond to these issues? Is the Alliance allocating enough financial resources to research and development to make smart procurement choices?

Gen. Tod D. Wolters

Supreme Allied Commander Europe, NATO,
Mons

Led by:

Robin Shepherd

Vice President, Halifax International Security
Forum, Washington, D.C.

9:30 - 10:30 "NATO at 80": Alliance Navigating Disrupted Partnerships

Venue: Danube Space, Riverpark Plaza

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What will the Alliance look like in ten years time? What type of external challenges does it need to prepare for? How will Allies cope with domestic political turmoil and distrust fuelled by rising populism and nationalism? How do Allies prepare to enhance their collective readiness and agility to tackle emerging threats? Is Europe's quest for strategic autonomy a source of cure or a symptom of disease for the Alliance? Is the Alliance prepared for further enlargement?

H.E. Radmila Shekerinska

Minister of Defence of the Republic of North Macedonia

H.E. Jacek Czaputowicz

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland

Amb. Tacan Ildem

Assistant Secretary General for Public Diplomacy, NATO, Brussels

Vice Admiral Joachim Rühle

Vice Chief of Defence, Federal Ministry of Defence of the Federal Republic of Germany

9:15 - 10:30 EU's New Political Landscape

Venue: Maria Theresia, Grand Hotel River Park

The stakes following 2019 European Parliament elections are higher than ever before. With the highest voter turnout in the last 25 years, Europeans sent a strong political signal. Disenchanted with the agenda of mainstream parties, a significant proportion of the electorate turned to other alternatives, including the liberals, the greens and the far-right. What new alliances are expected on the horizon? What effect will the results of the elections have on the process of policy making during the next European political cycle? What will be the interplay between European and national politics? What does this imply for the process of EU's cohesion and integration?

H.E. Tomáš Petříček

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

H.E. Peter Szijjártó

Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary

H.E. George Ciamba

Minister Delegate for European Affairs of Romania

Maria João Rodriguez

Vice-President of the Group of Socialists and Democrats, European Parliament, Brussels

9:15 - 10:15 Smart Hubs: Cities Driving Change?

Venue: Habsburg, Grand Hotel River Park

More than half of the world's population lives in cities and the share is expected to reach 68% in 2050. Such a massive expansion requires controlled and planned urban growth. How can cities plan ahead instead of only reacting to emerging problems? What solutions for sustainable infrastructure and transport does the private sector offer? Is innovation and tech leading the way in urbanisation? Could cities be the smart hubs in implementing environmentally friendly and efficient solutions setting the global trends?

Matúš Vallo

Mayor of Bratislava

Vazil Hudák

Vice-President, European Investment Bank, Luxembourg

Andreas Klugescheid

Vice President, Governmental Affairs, BMW Group, Munich

Jan Mischke

Partner, McKinsey Global Institute, Zürich

Led by:

Ali Aslan

TV Presenter and Journalist, Berlin

Mikuláš Dzurinda

President, The Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, Brussels

Daniela Schwarzer

Director of the German Council on Foreign Relations, Berlin

Led by:

Tom Nuttall

Berlin Bureau Chief, The Economist

Led by:

Kathleen Koch

Author, Journalist and Founder, LeadersLink, Washington, DC

10:30 - 11:00 **GLOBSEC Chat: Korean Peninsula: Keeping the Train on Track**

Venue: Danube Space, Riverpark Plaza

What are the chances of overcoming the gap between Pyongyang's and Washington's demands in the aftermath of the Hanoi summit? How could all sides find middle ground to overcome the setback in negotiations? Does the region still have enough confidence in diplomacy? How does South Korea plan to mediate the process further under such circumstances? How will parties ensure the negotiation track remains open and the region seizes the momentum toward reconciliation?

H.E. Kang Kyung-wha

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea

10:30 - 11:00 **GLOBSEC Talk: Winners and Losers of the US-China Trade War**

Venue: Maria Theresia, Grand Hotel River Park

Yukon Huang

Senior Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, D.C.

Led by:

Justin Vogt

Managing Editor, Foreign Affairs, New York

11:00 - 11:30

Coffee Break

11:30 - 12:30 **Impact Investment: Future of Sustainability**

Venue: Danube Space, Riverpark Plaza

Setting the course for remedying the ills of inequality and poverty, the SDGs have been clearly set out in the 2030 Agenda. However, their implementation requires \$5-7 trillion annually – an amount that simply cannot be provided by states or international actors. The only way to mobilise such resources is to include the private sector. What are the incentives for business to invest in sustainable development? Can social and environmental responsibility become an integral part of profitable corporate business models instead of being a side venture? What can be done to empower homegrown solutions, initiatives, start-ups in developing countries?

11:30 - 12:30 **Global Trade on Life Support**

Venue: Maria Theresia, Grand Hotel River Park

The international trade regime that took decades to build is being eroded. The US-China trade war continues to escalate, and tariffs are being utilized as a means of national security. Meanwhile, the European Union and its vast automotive industry have 6 more months to negotiate a deal with the US before additional tariffs are introduced. When economic superpowers clash, everybody loses. The trade stand-off has set back the world economy and it's the consumers who ultimately carry the burden. Are we witnessing a new trend of securitization of trade? Is it becoming a tool of confrontation instead of a common interest? What are the consequences for the US and its allies if the US loses the appeal of a trade partner? Is the realignment of trade relations symptomatic of a shift in the balance of power towards Asia?

11:30 - 12:30 **Russia & The West: Pilling Up the Bones of Contention**

Venue: Habsburg, Grand Hotel River Park

With the West and Russia locked in a geopolitical confrontation, how can these protracted divergences be better managed? What platforms or zones of possible agreement still function to facilitate dialogue? Can these areas lay the foundations to spur new ways of engagement and cooperation? In Syria, will the relationship between Washington and Moscow move beyond military deconfliction and shift to more constructive rapprochement? Will NATO's allies ever accept Russia's sale of S400 air defence system to Turkey? Can a grand bargain be reached vis-à-vis an acceptable leadership arrangement in Venezuela? Will failure to reset relations, further Russia's already burgeoning strategic relationship with China?



Rosen Plevneliev
former President of the Republic of Bulgaria

Shamina Singh
Founder & President, Mastercard Center for Inclusive Growth, Executive Vice President, Sustainability at Mastercard, New York

Renwei Huang
Executive Director-General, Fudan Institute for Belt and Road and Global Governance, Beijing

Katarína Mathernová
Deputy Director-General, DG NEAR, European Commission, Brussels

Led by:

Nik Gowing
Founder and Director, Thinking the Unthinkable, London

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Jianping Zhang
Director General, Center for Regional Economic Cooperation; Director General, Institute of West Asia and Africa, Chinese Academy of International Trade and Economic Cooperation, Ministry of Commerce of the People's Republic of China

Yukon Huang
Senior Fellow, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, Washington, D.C.

Gordon Bajnai
Chairman, Global Advisory Board, Campbell Lutyens, London

Jens Hanefeld
Head of international and European Policy, Trade Policy, Volkswagen AG, Wolfsburg

Led by:

Maithreyi Seetharaman
Director, Fortune (Live Media Content), London

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H.E. Edgars Rinkēvičs
Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia

Toivo Klaar
European Union Special Representative for the South Caucasus and the Crisis in Georgia

Sophie Katsarava
Chairwoman, Foreign Relations Committee, Parliament of Georgia

James Townsend
Adjunct Senior Fellow, Center for a New American Security, Washington, D.C.

Led by:

Tom Clark
Chair, Global Public Affairs, Ottawa

12:30 - 13:00 | GLOBSEC Chat: U.S. and Europe Still in it Together?

Venue: Maria Theresia, Grand Hotel River Park

With the new big-power competition in full swing, the strength of the transatlantic bond is being put to test in a manner not seen since the end of the Cold War. Russia is moving towards re-establishing a dominant position in Central and Eastern Europe through whatever means possible and China is gaining influence across the globe. U.S. and Europe risk losing this round of the global power play lest they remain committed to each other and their shared values and responsibilities. What can leaders on both sides of the Atlantic do to look above and beyond, to their partners and to the future global order?

Philip Reeker

Acting Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, Washington, D.C.

Led by:

Paul Taylor

Contributing Editor, POLITICO, Paris

12:30 - 14:00

Lunch

13:30 - 14:00 | Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue: Getting to the Core

Venue: Danube Space, River Park Plaza

14:00 - 15:00 Western Balkans: Drifting away from Europe?

Venue: Danube Space, Riverpark Plaza

The EU's interest in the Western Balkans was significantly revived in 2018. The recent recommendation of the EU Commission to start accession negotiations with Albania and North Macedonia adds to the momentum. Yet, the EU is strained by Brexit, pressures from within and without, and lingering enlargement fatigue. Besides full integration, what options are currently on the table and are they enough to keep the entire region engaged? What are the regional and geopolitical consequences of the EU and Western Balkan countries losing commitment to one another?

H.E. Milo Đukanović

President of Montenegro

H.E. Aleksandar Vučić

President of the Republic of Serbia

H.E. Ekaterina Zaharieva

Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Bulgaria

14:00 - 15:00 European Strategic Autonomy: Which Muscles Should the EU Flex?

Venue: Maria Theresia, Grand Hotel River Park

Will the quest for independent European defence capabilities bring the member states closer or drive them apart? How do we avoid renationalisation of defence strategies and create a common European strategic culture? What are realistic scenarios for the UK to remain a part of this effort? What are the odds that European strategic autonomy will drive an even bigger wedge between Europe and the U.S., instead of strengthening the European pillar of NATO? Is Europe ready to financially sustain its grand strategic ambitions? Will the European Defence Fund reframe the issue of defence spending in the eyes of member states, and ultimately help with achieving NATO's 2% commitment?

Gen. Claudio Graziano

Chairman, European Union Military Committee, Brussels

Anna Wieslander

Chairwoman, Institute for Security and Development Policy; Director for Northern Europe, Atlantic Council, Stockholm

Olivier de France

Research Director, French Institute for International and Strategic Affairs, Paris

14:00 - 15:00 "Do-It-Yourself" Intelligence

Venue: Habsburg, Grand Hotel River Park

How does open source intelligence affect the position of established intelligence services and what are future trends? Is there enough willingness and incentive for open source intelligence initiatives to support the work of security forces and vice versa? To what extent are individual intelligence collectors and analysts useful and helpful to the security services? How to cope with the information overload already experienced by intelligence services regarding their own sources? What kind of vulnerabilities can open source intelligence uncover and facilitate their exploitation? How can it serve for prevention? For what nefarious purposes could adversary actors use the publicly available data online? What are the risks of the open source intelligence misused by various actors, including governments?

Amb. Arndt Freytag von Loringhoven

Assistant Secretary General for Intelligence and Security, NATO, Brussels

Lea Gabrielle

Special Envoy and Coordinator, Global Engagement Center, Department of State of the United States, Washington, D.C.

Hans Jakob Schindler

Senior Director, Counter Extremism Project, New York

Majlinda Bregu

Secretary-General, Regional Cooperation
Council, Sarajevo

Led by:

Valerie Hopkins

South-East Europe Correspondent, Financial
Times, Budapest

Frank Haun

CEO, KMW, Munich

Led by:

Ian Brzezinski

Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council, Washington,
D.C.

Mark Galeotti

Senior Associate Fellow, RUSI, London

Led by:

Kimberly Dozier

Global Affairs Analyst, CNN, Washington, D.C.

15:00 - 16:00 Security Architecture in the Middle East:
Building on Sand?

Venue: Danube Space, Riverpark Plaza

How should we address the need for collective security architecture in the region? Has the region outgrown the existing regional alliances? What does such architecture fitting the needs and priorities of all players in the region look like? Is there enough trust among the countries of the region to effectively build such structures? What could outside powers contribute in this regard? Is there still a common transatlantic understanding of the main threats to peace and stability in the Middle East? Will Europe develop a Middle East policy independent of the US?

15:00 - 16:00 Partners, Competitors and Rivals: The
Future of Global Order

Venue: Maria Theresia, Grand Hotel River Park

The recent US withdrawal from the international system it helped built and led for over 70 years has had a profound resonance amongst allies and partners. The North Atlantic dominance in global affairs is no longer a given, and competitors from across the globe seize the opportunity to project a new world order, with China championing such efforts. What role will Europe, the US and the newly established powers play in a contested global order? What is the power of international diplomacy against states choosing to follow their own rules? Can world leaders overcome nationalistic impulses and return to multilateral cooperation? As the balance of power is shifting, how do we readjust the models and means of cooperation?

15:00 - 16:00 Cyber Defence: Mutually Assured
Protection?

Venue: Habsburg, Grand Hotel River Park

To what extent should private actors be involved in building countries' cyber defence? How can we strike a balance between the rights and duties of the private sector to defend itself and the reality that states are primarily responsible for cyber defence actions and policies? What kind of market levers could be used for better cyber defence of the public and private sector to achieve a win-win situation for both sides? What are the possible responses to criminal uses of ransomware and malicious cyber attacks against core industries?

Keynote remarks by:

H.E. Anwar Mohammed Gargash

Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates

Nasser Judeh

former Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

Amb. Cameron Munter

President and CEO, EastWest Institute, New York

Mirek Dušek

Deputy Head, Centre for Geopolitical and Regional Affairs, World Economic Forum, Geneva

Led by:

Kevin Baron

Executive Editor, Defense One, New York

Amb. Gordon Sondland

U. S. Ambassador to the EU, Brussels

Hongjun Yu

former Vice Minister of International Department, Central Committee of the CPC; Vice President of Chinese People's Association for Peace and Disarmament, Beijing

Martina Larkin

Head of Regional Strategies - Europe and Eurasia, World Economic Forum, Geneva

Bobo Lo

Russia Research Fellow, French Institute for International Affairs, Paris

Led by:

Steven Erlanger

Chief Diplomatic Correspondent, The New York Times, Brussels

Introduction by:

Gregory Garrett

Head of U.S. and International Cybersecurity, BDO, McLean

Marietje Schaake

Member, European Parliament, Brussels

Paul Cornish

Visiting Professor, LSE IDEAS, London School of Economics

Eyal Balicer

Chief Global Operations Officer, CHEQ, Tel Aviv

Led by:

Patrick Tucker

Technology Editor, Defense One, New York

16:30 - 17:15 **Brexit and European Security**

Venue: Danube Space, Riverpark Plaza

With Theresa May departed from the Downing Street and the deadline of 31st October not-so-slowly approaching, there seems to be no end in sight to the Brexit story. While the domestic talks are stuck in deadlock, the European partners remain united in their approach. How will Brexit negotiations have shaped relations if and when UK leaves the EU? What factors besides economic considerations will determine the nature of EU-UK relationship post-Brexit? What role will UK play within Europe and the European security architecture?

H.E. Miroslav Lajčák

Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic

Michel Barnier

EU Chief Negotiator for the United Kingdom exiting the European Union, Brussels

Response from:

Rt. Hon. Seema Malhotra

Member, Exiting the European Union Committee, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland

16:30 - 17:15 **5G: Geopolitics of the Network**

Venue: Maria Theresia, Grand Hotel River Park

Are the concerns around 5G technology a manifestation of Europe's lagging behind in technological leadership? China's technological challenge is bigger than just a head start on the 5G. The West is losing its position of a standard-setter for the digital domain. Are we witnessing the geopolitical competition entering a globalised and borderless digital domain? Does the 5G issue have the potential to drive even deeper wedge between the US and the EU as well as within the EU itself? Can we see 5G as a window of opportunity for a multi-stakeholder approach in designing security standards? Are we on the brink of introducing restrictions on foreign investments in the tech industries on security grounds?

Timo Koster

Ambassador-at-Large for Security Policy and Cyber, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of the Netherlands

Rush Doshi

Research Fellow, The Brookings Institution; Special Advisor to CEO, Asia Group, Washington, D.C.

Margaret Peterlin

Senior Vice President for Global External and Public Affairs, AT&T, Washington, D.C.

16:30 - 17:15 **How Human will the Age of AI Be?**

Venue: Habsburg, Grand Hotel River Park

Can we survive the age of AI with our humanity intact? Will AI-driven decision-making allow for human free will? To what extent we will just become clusters of predictable behaviours? Will human creativity ever be actually recreated in the age of AI? What principles should human-centred AI follow in its design? Is it possible that AI will actually teach us how to be more human? How do we prevent coding human biases into algorithms which will guide or event determine large parts of our lives in future? Does the overwhelming negative narrative about AI need to change to promote its upside for society?

Oren Etzioni

CEO, Allen Institute for Artificial Intelligence, Seattle

Brigette Hyacinth

Founder and Director, MBA Caribbean Organisation, Port of Spain

Tracy Chou

Founder and CEO, Block Party, London

Led by:

Christian Fraser
Presenter, BBC, London

Led by:

Steve Clemons
Editor-at-Large, The Hill, Washington, D.C.

Led by:

Chris Stokel-Walker
Freelance Journalist, Newcastle

17:15 - 17:45 What's Ahead for the U.S. and the Global Economy

Venue: Danube Space, River Park Plaza

Steve Forbes
Chairman and Editor-in-Chief, Forbes Media,
New York

Led by:

Amb. Rastislav Káčer
Chairman, GLOBSEC, Bratislava

17:15 - 18:00 On 30 Years of Democracy: Lessons (Not) Learned

Venue: Maria Theresia, Grand Hotel River Park

In 1989, hundreds of thousands of people across Central and Eastern Europe took to the streets to tear down the walls dividing Europe. How has Central Europe's relationship with democracy developed since then? What have we achieved during the past 30 years and what lessons do we still need to (re)learn? Can democracy withstand the current challenges facing Central and Eastern Europe in the decades to come?

Ivan Krastev
Chairman, Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia

Karolina Wigura
Assistant Director, Institute of Sociology,
Warsaw University

Robin Shepherd
Vice-President, Halifax International Security
Forum, Washington, D.C.

Led by:

Shaun Walker
Central and Eastern Europe Correspondent,
The Guardian, Budapest

9:00 - 9:30 GLOBSEC Morning Call with Nik Gowing

Venue: Danube Space, River Park Plaza

9:30 - 10:30 Explosive Data: Lifeblood of Our Times

Venue: Danube Space, River Park Plaza

While there's power and potential behind big data analysis for countering crime, is the overall security of everyday citizens really enhanced? To properly harness big data and avoid misuse, should data scientists be subject to observing ethical standards like lawyers or doctors? What does future of surveillance using facial recognition entail for our privacy? Should private companies be able to manage citizens' data for government services? Are we wilfully using social media services and other platforms to generate online data footprint that would not otherwise exist? Have we become too accustomed to countless mass breaches to actually care about the use of our data? What are we willing to give away in the trade off between security and privacy?

Michael Chertoff

Chairman, The Chertoff Group, Washington, D.C.

Gregory Garrett

Head of U.S. and International Cybersecurity, BDO, McLean

9:30 - 10:30 Values and Interests: The Realities of Transatlantic Partnership

Venue: Maria Theresia, Grand Hotel River Park

Despite their differences in most areas, from trade to economic policy, the EU and US have enjoyed a somewhat symbiotic relationship for decades. And yet, it took less than one full US presidential term for that relationship to turn from constructive to reserved and then to strained, both politically and economically. How deep and irreversible is the current crisis in transatlantic relations? Can the partnership between the US and Europe be revived? How can we counter anti-transatlantic voices in Europe and America?

Baroness Catherine Ashton

Chair, Global Europe Program, Woodrow Wilson International Center, London

Amb. Jakub Wisniewski

Director, GLOBSEC Policy Institute, Bratislava

9:30 - 10:30 Global Economy: Disarray Looming on the Horizon?

Venue: Habsburg, Grand Hotel River Park

After a period of recovery and growth, the global economy is facing a slowdown that could easily spiral into a recession. Along with the forecasted decline in GDP growth, global debt is reaching unprecedented heights. Rising inequality causes political polarisation, social divisions and further decline in economic performance. What are the lessons learned from the last global crisis and are they being applied? Can a resilient, fair and inclusive economic and financial system be designed on a global scale? What are the potential measures to stop the widening inequality gap and is there any will to do so?

Daniel Schydlowsky

Visiting Professor, Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Linda Yueh

Fellow in Economics, St Edmund Hall, University of Oxford



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Amb. Azita Raji
former U.S. Ambassador to Sweden

Led by:

Martin Ehl
Chief Analyst, Hospodářské Noviny, Prague

10:30 - 11:00

Coffee Break

11:00 - 11:30 **GLOBSEC Chat: American Leadership
Going at It Alone**

Venue: Danube Space, River Park Plaza

With the rise of an “America first” agenda is the era of Pax-Americana coming to end? What will define America’s new relationship with the international community? Will America’s new worldview and doctrine be able to cope and thrive within the complexities and competitiveness of the future international landscape? Is America’s ability to project power abroad hampered by their ongoing de-prioritization of multilateral organizations? Does Washington’s withdrawal from the Paris Climate Accord and the Iran Nuclear Agreement (JCPOA), inject more instability to an already turbulent international landscape?

Hon. Ron Johnson

Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs, U.S. Senate, Washington, D.C.

Led by:

Steve Forbes

Chairman and Editor-in-Chief, Forbes Media, New York

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11:00 - 12:15 **Vision for Europe**

Venue: Maria Theresia, Grand Hotel River Park

The 15th anniversary of the eastward expansion of the EU offers an opportunity for reflection on the role Central and Eastern Europe has come to play in determining the future of the EU. Instead of helping to reinforce the East-West divide, Central Europe should actively shape European affairs instead, drawing on its unique strengths, experiences and perspectives. What are the CEE priorities for the new EU Commission? How can Europe improve its competitiveness, investments and innovation in order to reinvigorate economic growth? What lies ahead of us in terms of further integration?

Amb. Jakub Wisniewski

Director, GLOBSEC Policy Institute, Bratislava

Thomas Wieser

Fellow, Bruegel, Brussels

František Ružička

State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic

Clément Beaune

Advisor to the President of the French Republic

11:30 - 12:00 **GLOBSEC Chat: Technology and the Future of Governance and Liberal Democracy**

Venue: Danube Space, River Park Plaza

Gen. (Ret.) John Allen
President, The Brookings Institution,
Washington, D.C.

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Bertelsmann Stiftung, Berlin

Led by:

Matthew Karnitschnig
Chief Europe Correspondent, POLITICO,
Berlin

12:00 - 12:30 **GLOBSEC Chat: Space Race: New Frontier of Hybrid Threats?**

Venue: Danube Space, River Park Plaza

Is space the next act in the return of great power politics? Can the global community work to avoid the increasing weaponization of space? Will a new generation of space weapons or the threat of anti-satellite strikes, threaten the viability of the current space law and our extensive telecommunications networks? Should space weapons be governed by an arms regime treaty? Should we expect the similar creation of Space Force around the world? How does the influx of companies like SpaceX and Blue Origin alter the traditional balance of space industries? Will accessible space tourism soon become a reality?

Amb. Sorin Ducaru

Director, European Union Satellite Center,
Madrid

Patrick Tucker

Technology Editor, Defense One, New York

12:00 - 13:30

Lunch

13:30 - 14:30 Leading Europe: Challenges and Expectations

Venue: Danube Space, River Park Plaza

Though the anticipated catastrophe has been averted for now, the results of the European Parliament elections are nonetheless a clear sign that voters across Europe, including the V4, are all too weary of the status quo. Leaders across Europe are expected to deliver and to deliver fast. What can they do to ensure that these results are a warning sign, rather than the beginning of a storm that might become impossible to weather the next time around? How can we maintain stability whilst harnessing the disruption? Can Europe break out of internal stalemates and act as a strong, united global actor?

H.E. Peter Pellegrini

Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic

H.E. Andrej Babiš

Prime Minister of the Czech Republic

13:30 - 14:30 Foreign Election Interference: Creating or Filling in the Cracks?

Venue: Maria Theresia, Grand Hotel River Park

From the Mueller investigation into the 2016 US presidential election, to the scandal that brought down the Austrian government, direct or indirect foreign election interference has slowly – and dangerously - become a constant feature of the electoral process in the digital era. How do we secure election integrity in the age of hybrid threats? What are the tools used by foreign actors to sway election-s? What are the root causes of foreign interference and what can democratic governments do to combat it, online and offline?

Marietje Schaake

Member, European Parliament, Brussels

Laura Rosenberger

Director, Alliance for Securing Democracy,
The German Marshall Fund of the United
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14:30 - 15:30 GLOBSEC Brainstorming: Ideas
Harnessing Disruption

Venue: Danube Space, River Park Plaza

H.E. Miroslav Lajčák

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Led by:

Steven Erlanger

Chief Diplomatic Correspondent, The New
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15:30 - 15:45 Closing Remarks

Venue: Danube Space, River Park Plaza