

# Reactions to Europe's deteriorating security environment

The next event of the *Central European Perspectives* workshop series

## Workshop Program

Thursday, 22 October, 2015

Venue: National University of Public Service, 2 Ludovika tér, 1083 Budapest, 'Zrínyi terem'

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| 08:15-08:45        | Registration   |
| <b>08:45-08:50</b> | <b>Dr. Norbert Kis: Welcome remarks</b><br>Vice-Rector for Continuing Education and International Affairs, National University of Public Service (Budapest, Hungary)   |
| <b>08:50-09:00</b> | <b>Tamás CSIKI: Kick-off remarks</b><br>Research fellow, Center for Strategic and Defense Studies (Budapest, Hungary)  |
| <b>09:00-10:30</b> | <b>Session I: Reactions to the Ukraine crisis</b><br><b>Moderator: Benjamin TALLIS, Ph.D.</b><br>Research fellow, Institute of International Relations (IIR)(Prague, Czech Republic)                               |
|                    | <b>Panelists (10-15 minutes each):</b><br><b>Prof. Dr. Ellen BOS: Strategic perspectives – Germany</b><br>Head, Political Science Department, Andrásy Universität (Budapest, Hungary)                              |
|                    | <b>Dr. Péter TÁLAS, CSc: Strategic perspectives – Hungary</b><br>Director, Center for Strategic and Defense Studies, National University of Public Service (Budapest, Hungary)                                     |
|                    | <b>Aurelian LAVRIC, Ph.D.: National perspectives – Moldova</b><br>Senior research fellow, Centre for Defense and Security Strategic Studies, Armed Forces Military Academy 'Alexandru cel Bun' (Chisinau, Moldova) |
|                    | <b>Mirela ATANASIU, Ph.D.: National perspectives – Romania</b><br>Research fellow, Center for Defence and Security Strategic Studies (CDSSS), Carol I. National Defence University (Bucharest, Romania)            |
|                    | <b>Jaroslav NAD: National perspectives – Slovakia</b><br>Senior Fellow for Security and Defence, Central European Policy Institute (CEPI) (Bratislava, Slovakia)   |

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|                    | Discussion  |
| 10:30-10:45        | Coffee break  |
| <b>10:45-12:15</b> | <b>Session II: Reactions to the threat of the Islamic State</b><br><b>Moderator: Mgr. Josef KRAUS, Ph.D.</b><br>Research fellow, Center for Security and Military Strategic Studies (CSMSS), University of Defence (Brno, Czech Republic) |
|                    | <b>Panelists (10-15 minutes each):</b><br><b>Edward LOO: Strategic perspectives – United States of America</b><br>Deputy Chief of Mission in Budapest, Embassy of the United States, Budapest, Hungary                                    |
|                    | <b>Michal SMETANA, Ph.D.: Strategic perspectives – Czech Republic</b><br>Research fellow, Center for Security Policy (SBP), Charles University (Prague, Czech Republic)   |
|                    | <b>Gábor CSIZMAZIA: National perspectives – Hungary</b><br>Researcher, PhD Candidate, Doctoral School for Military Sciences, National University of Public Service (Budapest, Hungary)  |
|                    | <b>Alexandra SARCINSCHI, Ph.D.: National perspectives – Romania</b><br>Senior research fellow, Center for Defence and Security Strategic Studies (CDSSS), Carol I. National Defence University (Bucharest, Romania)                       |
| 12:15-12:30        | Coffee break  |
| <b>12:30-14:00</b> | <b>Session III: Institutional reactions to current crises – EU, NATO, OSCE</b><br><b>Moderator: Dr. Agnieszka BRYC</b><br>Assistant professor, National Defence University, Institute of International Relations (Warsaw, Poland)         |
|                    | <b>Mag. Dr. Otto NADERER: Strategic perspectives – Austria</b><br>Research fellow, Institute for Strategy and Security Policy (ISS), Land Forces Academy (Vienna, Austria)  |
|                    | <b>Samuel GODA, Ph.D.: Strategic perspectives – Slovakia</b><br>Research fellow, Slovak Foreign Policy Association (SFPA) (Bratislava, Slovakia)  |
|                    | <b>Brig. Gen. (Ret.) Ing. František MIČÁNEK: National perspectives – Czech Republic</b><br>Director, Center for Security and Military Strategic Studies (CSMSS), University of Defence (Brno, Czech Republic)                             |

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|             | <p><b>Artur KACPRZYK: National perspectives – Poland</b></p> <p>Analyst, Polish Institute of International Affairs (PISM) (Warsaw, Poland)</p>  |
|             | Discussion  |
| 14:30-16:00 | Lunch for panelists   |

**The aim of the workshop** is to share and discuss not only official national stances but also experts' opinion on the recent developments in the European and neighbouring security environment, specifically reflecting on the Ukraine crisis and the threat posed by the so called 'Islamic State' (IS).

**The format of the workshop** offers an opportunity to compare and contrast these standpoints. Within each session, *strategic perspectives* serve to highlight the key drivers and effects of respective crises, setting the scene for discussion. As a follow-up, the short presentations on *national perspectives* make it possible to compare specific approaches to these, pointing out differing national perceptions and subsequent – sometimes diverging – reactions across Central European countries. The third session investigates the best model for sharing tasks and responsibilities among relevant international organisations involved in managing the above crises.

Presentations on strategic perspectives should:

- focus on the strategic level in order to outline the most important drivers of the crisis that is reflected upon;
- raise questions that are relevant on a European level;
- set out the possible ways of handling or solving the crisis on a European or Central European regional level;
- include recommendations that identify one specific way of action in crisis management from the European perspective (domain, tools, actors).

Presentations on national perspectives should:

- focus on the national level, identifying the most important dimensions of the crisis for the speaker's home country (political, military, economic, etc.);
- specify issues that are relevant on the national level, effecting the speaker's home country in one way or the other;
- introduce the range of national reactions to the crisis for the speaker's home country;
- include recommendations that identify one specific way of action in crisis management from the national perspective (domain, tools, actors).

**The expected outcome** is mapping up those issues that trigger either converging or diverging actions on behalf of Central European countries along specific national interests. A successful workshop would highlight the case-specific patterns of cooperation versus opting-out and the degree of alignment with international action undertaken.

**Invited participants as observers:**

Antall József Knowledge Center (AJTK)

Center for EU Enlargement Studies, Central European University (CENS)

Center for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Defense (CEID)

Defence Policy Department, Ministry of Defence of Hungary (HUN MoD)

Defence Planning Department, Ministry of Defence of Hungary (HUN MoD)

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Hungarian Atlantic Council (HAC)

Institute of Foreign Affairs and Trade (IFAT)

Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, Budapest Office (KAS)

Peace Support Training Center of the Hungarian Defence Forces (PSTC HDF)

Századvég Foundation

Training and Doctrine Center of the Hungarian Defence Forces (TDC HDF)