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VILNIUS DEMOCRACY FORUM

*September 14 - 15, 2015
Presidential Palace of Lithuania
S. Daukanto sq. 3, Vilnius, Lithuania*

PROGRAM

Monday, September 14

15.00 - 15.30 **Registration & Welcome Coffee**

15:30 – 15.45 **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Laurynas Kasčiūnas, Acting Director, Eastern Europe Studies Center, Lithuania

Message from H.E. Dalia Grybauskaitė, President of the Republic of Lithuania

15.45 – 16.00 **Keynote Address**

Karen Dawisha, Walter E. Havighurst Professor of Political Science, Miami University, United States

16.00 – 16.15 **Addresses by:**

Elisabeth Bauer, Representative of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung offices in Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia and for Scandinavia, Representative Baltic Sea Region, Germany

H.E. Tinatin Khidasheli, Minister of Defence of Georgia

16.15 – 18.00

**Working Session No. 1: HOW NON-DEMOCRATIC REGIMES/
KLEPTOCRACIES WORK?**

Moderator: **Charles Davidson**, Executive Director of the Kleptocracy Initiative, Hudson Institute & Publisher & CEO of *The American Interest LLC*, United States

Panellists:

Gabrielius Landsbergis, Member of the European Parliament, Lithuania

Jerzy Pomianowski, Director, European Endowment for Democracy, Belgium

Tomasz Szatkowski, President, National Center for Strategic Studies, Poland

Karen Dawisha, Walter E. Havighurst Professor of Political Science, Miami University, United States

Marius Laurinavičius, Senior Fellow-in-Residence, Center for European Policy Analysis & BAFS Security Research Fellow, United States & Senior Policy Analyst, Eastern Europe Studies Centre, Lithuania

Anke Schmidt-Felzmann, Research Fellow, Europe Programme, Swedish Institute of International Affairs, Sweden

Discussion

19.00 – 21.00

Dinner hosted by Mr Linas Linkevičius, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania (*dinner & night owl session upon invitation only*)

NIGHT OWL SESSION with:

Ana Maria Gomes, Member of the European Parliament, Portugal

András Simonyi, Ambassador, Managing Director, Center for Transatlantic Relations at SAIS Johns Hopkins University, United States

Sally Painter, Co-Founder & Chief Operating Officer, Blue Star Strategies, LLC, United States

John Lough, Associate Fellow, Russia and Eurasia Programme, Chatham House & Vice President, BGR Gabara Limited, United Kingdom

Moderated by **Christopher Walker**, Executive Director, International Forum for Democratic Studies, National Endowment for Democracy, United States



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Tuesday, September 15

8.30 – 9.00

Morning Coffee

9.00 – 11.00

Working Session No. 2: HOW TO DEAL WITH NON-DEMOCRATIC REGIMES?

Moderator: **Ramūnas Vilpišauskas**, Director, Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University, Lithuania

Panellists:

David J. Kramer, Senior Director for Human Rights and Democracy, McCain Institute, United States

Andrei Illarionov, Senior Fellow, Center for Global Liberty and Prosperity, Cato Institute, United States. Former Chief Advisor to the President of Russia Vladimir Putin

Jeffrey Gedmin, Senior Fellow, Georgetown University, United States & Senior Fellow, Institute for Strategic Dialogue, United Kingdom

Walter Russell Mead, Professor of Foreign Affairs and Humanities, Bard College & Editor-at-Large, *The American Interest* & Distinguished Scholar, Hudson Institute, United States

Neringa Klumbytė, Associate Professor of Anthropology, Walter E. Havighurst Center for Russian and Post-Soviet Studies, Miami University, United States

Discussion

11.00 – 11.30

Coffee Break



11.30 – 13.30

Working Session No. 3: “RENEWING THE TRANSATLANTIC COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRACY”

Moderator: **Žygimantas Pavilionis**, Ambassador-at-Large for Europe's East (Eastern Partnership), Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania

Panellists:

Benediktas Juodka, Member & Chair of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Seimas of the Republic of Lithuania

Maria Leissner, Secretary General, Community of Democracies

Jason Donovan, Director, Office of Multilateral and Global Affairs, Bureau of Democracy, Rights and Labor, United States

Christopher Walker, Executive Director, International Forum for Democratic Studies, National Endowment for Democracy, United States

Stephen B. Nix, Regional Program Director for Eurasia, International Republican Institute, United States

Laura Jewett, Regional Director for Eurasia, National Democratic Institute, United States

Discussion

13.30 – 14.00

Presentation of the Vilnius Experts Group Declaration

14.00 – 14.15

Closing of the Forum

14.15 – 15.15

**Luncheon
Departure**