

“The Future of Europe. Perspectives of the Contemporary Developments”

Europe at crossroads. The way ahead

International Conference

Aula Magna, “Lucian Blaga” University, Lucian Blaga Street, no 2A, Sibiu 550169,

8 – 10 May 2019

Draft agenda

7 May 2019

Arrival of foreign guests in Bucharest

20.00 Dinner

1st day: May 8, 2019

8.00 Travel by bus București-Sibiu

15.00. Academic side event. Education in the knowledge society. The future of education in Europe.

17.00 – CONFERENCE OPENING

Special guest: Klaus Werner Iohannis, Romanian President

Iulian Chifu, President, Conflict Prevention and Early Warning Center, Bucharest

Ioan Bondrea, Rector, “Lucian Blaga” University, Sibiu

17.00-17.30 Special invitee: the President of Romania, Mr. Klaus Iohannis

Proposed topic: Romania's interests, strategy and options for shaping the future of Europe

17.30-19.30 First panel. Projects and scenarios for the future of the EU

What Future for Europe?

Topics: A two-speed Europe or a multi-speed Europe. Europe of concentric circles. The cohesive Europe and the construction formats of the European cohesion

Panelists:

Vasile Pușcaș, UBB, former Minister of European Integration, Romania

Natalie Tocci, Deputy Director of Istituto Affari Internazionali, Italy, Special Adviser to HRVP Federica Mogherini

Michael Emerson, Senior research fellow CEPS

Guntram Wolff, Director, Bruegel Center

Cristian Diaconescu, former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Justice, former Presidential Adviser

Moderator: Iulian Chifu, President, CPC-EW

Discussants:

Dacian Cioloș, President PLUS, former European Commissioner

Victor Negrescu, Vice-Rector of the National University of Political Studies and Public Administration, former Minister of European Affairs

Arvydas Pocius, Lithuanian Ambassador to Romania, former Chief of Defense

Dharmendra Kanani, Friends of Europe

19.30. Special guest 2:

Prime Minister of Estonia

The future of Europe. The future of the EU seen from Central Eastern Europe

20.00 – Transfer to restaurant

20.30 - 22.00 Dinner

2nd day: May 9, 2019

9.00-9.30 Special Guest 3: Hans-Gert Pöttering, Representative for European Affairs of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, former President of the European Parliament

Projects for the future of the EU. The European Union - Evolution, Experiences and Perspectives

9.30-11.30. Panel 2. Turning today's great challenges into tomorrow's opportunities. New ambitions for the future of Europe

Europe's Many Challenges and Its Opportunities

Topics: Countering disinformation ahead of EP's elections. Brexit. Next EU framework. Reviving trust in EU project. Migration.

Panelists:

Stephen Barclay, Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, UK

Pia Ahrenkilde-Hansen, General Director FG Communication/ former Chief Spokeswoman of the European Commission

Luca Jahier, President, European Economic and Social Committee

Vladimir Dlouhý, Co-Chair of EUROCHAMBRES Future of Europe Committee, President of the Czech Chamber of Commerce

Dan Dungaciu, Director, Institute for International Relations, Romanian Academy

Moderator: Alina Inayah, GMF

Discussants:

Victor Ponta, former Prime-Minister of Romania (2012-2015), Founder and Chairman of Black Sea Regional Projects 2020 - discussant

Roberto Musneci, President, Romanian-Italian chamber of Commerce

Guntram Wolff, Director, Bruegel Center

Remus Pricopie, rector National University for Political and Administrative Studies Bucharest

11.30-11.45 Coffee break

11,45 – 13.45 Panel 3. The Security and Defense of Europe

Europe's Security - Between Hopes, Imperatives and Promises

Topics: The international context and the pressures on the security and defense component. The European initiatives in the field. The contributions of the external actors to European security and defense – Turkey, USA, Ukraine. The European Defense and EU's strategic posture post-Brexit.

Panelists:

Amb. Sorin Ducaru, Head Sattelite Agency, EU, former ASG NATO

Olivier de France, Research director, Iris, Paris, France

Mr. Benjamin Haddad, Director, Future Europe Initiative, Atlantic Council (US)

Iulian Chifu, President, Conflict Prevention and Early Warning Center, former Advisor of the President for Strategic Affairs, Security and Foreign Policy, Romania

Grzegorz Malecki, President, The Institute of Security and Strategy Foundation, Poland, former Director of Foreign Intelligence Agency, Poland

Moderator: Kiberly Dozier, CNN

Discussants:

James Sherr – Senior Fellow, Estonian Foreign Policy Institute/ICDS, UK

Silviu Rogobete, Professor, University of Timisoara

13.45-16.00 Lunch

13.45-16.00 Digital Challengers Lunch. Side event. (Special invitation)

16.15 – 18.15 Panel 4. Opportunities and anxieties of the transatlantic relationship.

A Neurotic Trans-Atlantic Relation

Topic: The evolution of the Euro-Atlanticism globally. The US-EU binding bilateral relationship. Multilateralism – its allies and enemies. Transatlanticism in the European public opinion. The agenda of bilateral stress, challenges and neuroses: global warming, free trade agreement, competition and cooperation. The need for realism and transatlantic balance. The impact of Trumpism in Europe.

Panelists:

Gen. Nicolae Ciuca, Romanian Chief of Defense

Velizar Shalamanov, former Minister of Defense, former NATO Official Bulgaria

Bruce Stokes, Associate Fellow, Chatham House, Non-Resident Fellow, German Marshall Fund, US

John Venable, Senior Research Fellow, Center for National Defense, Davis Institute for National Security and Foreign Policy, US

Iulian Fota, former National Security Advisor of the President, Romania

Fran Burwell, Atlantic Council, US

Moderator: Kiberly Dozier, CNN

Discussants:

Silviu Nate, Assoc. Prof. "Lucian Blaga" University, Director of Global Studies Center (LBUS)

Teona Akubardia, former vice-president National Security Council, Georgia

19.30 Dinner

3rd day: May 10, 2019

9.00- 11.00 Panel 5. Fundamental values – the cornerstone of Europe's cohesion and future.

Which and Whose Fundamental Values?

Topics: Liberal democracy. Populism, illiberalism, authoritarian anti-European conservatism. Anti-European currents, their sources and modus operandi. The return of rationality, responsibility and balanced, coherent, and common sense options.

Panelists:

Leonard Orban, Presidential adviser - Department of European Affairs

Jakov Devcic, Coordinator European Policy, KAS

Zsuzsanna Szelényi, Institute for Human Science

Greg Simons, Professor, Uppsala University

Lazar Comanescu, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of Romania

Moderator: Dan Cărbunaru (Caleaeuropeană.ro)

Discussants:

Akkan Souver, President, Marmara Group Foundation, Turkey

Dan Barna, President, USR, Romania

Vasile Dâncu, former Minister of Public Strategies and Information, UBB, Romania

Stepan Grygorian, Director, Analytical Centre on Globalization and Regional Cooperation (ACGRC), Armenia

11.00 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15- 13.15 Panel 6. The European Union – partners and vicinities

Where Does Europe End?

Proposed topic: The Enlargement. The Eastern Partnership. Relations with Russia. The Western Balkans. Relations with Turkey. Threats, challenges, risks and opportunities for the European project

Panelists:

Bogdan Aurescu, Presidential Adviser for External Relations

Dan Neculaescu, Secretary of State, Strategic Affairs, Romanian Foreign Ministry

Ivanna Klymush – Tsintsadze, Vice-Prime Minister of Ukraine

Faruk Kaymakci, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs

James Sherr, Senior Fellow, Estonian Foreign Policy Institute/ICDS, UK

Steven Blockmans, Senior Research Fellow & Head of EU Foreign Policy, CEPS

Ian Bond, Director, Center for European Policy, UK

Moderator: Gallagher FENWICK, France 24

Discussants:

Viorel Cibotaru, former Minister of Defense, Republic of Moldova

Tengiz Pkaladze, former advisor of the Georgian President

Eugen Tomac, President PMP

Hryhorii Perepelytsia, Diplomatic Institute, Ukraine

13.15-13.45 Closing remarks:

Iulian Chifu, President, Conflict Prevention and Early Warning Center, Bucharest

Ioan Bondrea, Rector, “Lucian Blaga” University, Sibiu.

14.30 – 16.00 Lunch

18.00 – Transfer to gala dinner

20.00-24.00 Gala dinner

May 11

Departure of the participants