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EU, NATION STATES, CIVIL SOCIETY

3rd Annual Conference Prague, May 30, 2016
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The Václav Havel European Dialogues is an international project that aims to initiate and stimulate a discussion about issues determining the direction of contemporary Europe while referring to the European spiritual legacy of Václav Havel. This idea takes its main inspiration from Václav Havel’s essay “Power of the Powerless”. More than other similarly focused projects, the Václav Havel European Dialogues aims to offer the “powerless” a platform to express themselves and in so doing to boost their position within Europe. The Václav Havel European Dialogues is planned as a long-term project and involves cooperation with other organisations in various European cities. Individual meetings, which take the form of a conference, are targeted primarily at secondary and third-level students, as well as specialists and members of the public interested in European issues.
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8.15 – 9.00
REGISTRATION

9.00 – 9.15
OPENING
MIKHAIL ZANTOVSKY, JAN MICHAL
JACQUES RUPNIK and PAVEL SEIFTER
VH European Dialogues and conference theme

9.15 – 10.45
1ST PANEL
MIGRATION AND EUROPEAN SECURITY

SPEAKER
IVAN GABAL (Prague)

PANEL
MICHELA CECCORULLI (Bologna)
NATALIE NOUGAYREDE (London)
PIA BUNGARTEN (Bonn/Berlin)

CHAIR
MICHAEL ZANTOVSKY (Prague)

10.45 – 11.00
COFFEE BREAK

11.00 – 12.30
2ND PANEL
UNDERSTANDING EUROPEAN FRONTIERS AND SCHENGEN: WHAT WILL HAVE TO CHANGE?

SPEAKER
CATHERINE WIHTOL DE WENDEN (Paris)

RESPONSE
KAREL SCHWARZENBERG (Prague)

PANEL
ATTILA MELEGH (Budapest)
LEONIDAS CHELIOTIS (Athens/London)

CHAIR
TONY CURZON PRICE (London)

12.30 – 13.30
LUNCH

13.30 – 15.00
3RD PANEL
BALKAN TRANSIT – EU’S UNFINISHED BUSINESS

SPEAKER
JOVAN TEKAREVIC (Belgrade)

PANEL
VETON SURROI (Pristina)
SASO ORDANOSKI (Skopje)

CHAIR
JACQUES RUPNIK (Paris)

15.00 – 15.30
COFFEE BREAK

15.30 – 17.00
4TH PANEL
QUO VADIS, CENTRAL EUROPE?

SPEAKER AND CHAIR
ALEKSANDER SMOLAR (Paris)

PANEL
ATTILA MELEGH (Budapest)
MARTIN M. SIMECKA (Bratislava)
LUDEK NIEDERMAYER (Prague/Bruxelles)

17.00 – 18.30
LET’S TALK ABOUT EUROPE
Prime Minister BOHUSLAV SOBOTKA
EU Commissioner VERI JOUROVA
and citizens of Europe

MORERATOR
MICHAEL ZANTOVSKY


The conference will take place in English and Czech and be simultaneously interpreted into both languages.

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MICHAIL ŽANTOVSKÝ
Michael Žantovský is a diplomat, politician, writer, and translator. He studied psychology at Charles University in Prague and McGill University in Montreal, Canada and worked as a research psychologist. In November 1989 he was a founding member of the Civic Forum, an umbrella organization that coordinated the overthrow of the Communist regime, and became its press spokesman. In January 1990 he became the Spokesman and Press Secretary for President Václav Havel. In July 1992 he was appointed Ambassador to the United States. In 1996 he was elected to the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic and served as the chairman of its Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defense and Security. He was a leader of the parliamentary political party ODA in 1997 and again in 2001-2. He was the party’s deputy leader in 1998-2001. He served as the Czech Ambassador to Israel from 2003 till 2009. From 2009 till August 2015, he was the Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the Court of St. James’s. He is a recipient, along with the former US Secretary of State Madeleine Albright of the 2016 Czech and Slovak Transatlantic Award for his role in building political, economic and security ties between the United States and countries of Central and Eastern Europe. He is a regular contributor to World Affairs Journal and Aspen Review Central Europe. Since 2012, he has served as the President of Aspen Institute Prague. In September, 2015, Mr. Žantovský became Executive Director of Václav Havel Library in Prague.

JACQUES RUPNIK
Jacques Rupnik is director of research at the Centre for International Studies and Research at Sciences Po, Paris and a professor at the College of Europe in Bruges. He has been visiting professor at several European universities and at Harvard, and was executive director of the International Commission on the Balkans. He was a consultant to the European Commission (2007–2010), a member of the Independent International Commission on Kosovo (1999–2000) and has been a member of the Institute for Historical Justice and Reconciliation in The Hague since 2010. He has focused on the democratization and European integration of East and Central European countries and nationalism and post-conflict reconciliation in the Balkans and has published several books on this subject. Dr. Rupnik completed an M.A. in Soviet studies at Harvard University (1974) and a Ph.D. at Université Paris-Sorbonne.

PAVEL SEIFTER
Pavel Seifter is a former Czech ambassador to the United Kingdom (1997–2003). A lecturer in Labour and Social History in Prague, he was forced to leave his post after the Soviet invasion and worked as a window cleaner. He was a signatory of Charter 77 and a member of the Civic Forum. After 1989 he became a co-founder and deputy director of the Institute of Contemporary History and subsequently served as deputy director of the Institute of International Relations in Prague. He served as director of foreign policy to President Václav Havel (1993–1997). He is currently a visiting research fellow at the London School of Economics.

IVAN GABAL
Ival Gabal is a member of the Parliament of the Czech Republic and a sociologist. Elected in 2013 as an independent on behalf of KDU-ČSL (Christian Democrats), Mr. Gabal is deputy chairman of the Defense Committee and a member of the Security Committee. He graduated from Charles University in Prague, majoring in sociology (1975). From 1976 to 1990 he worked as a researcher at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Czech Academy of Sciences, while he was one of the founders of the Circle of Independent Intelligence and Civic Forum, established in 1989, and managed the Department of Political Analysis under the Office of President Havel. Since 1994 he has managed two companies focused on sociological analysis, GAC spol. s.r.o. and Gabal Analysis & Consulting, that have carried out a number of unique projects in the fields of security and defense, ethnic affairs, education, regional development, environment,
NATO and the EU. He is married to Ms. Jana Hybášková, the EU ambassador in Baghdad, Iraq. Mr Gabal’s priority is his work in Parliament, in particular the preparation and implementation of defense and security policy, the development of the Czech Army and oversight of the work of the secret services.

**MICHELA CECCORULLI**

Michela Ceccorulli is adjunct professor at the University of Bologna, a lecturer at the Dickinson Center for European Studies and a research fellow at the Forum on the Problems of Peace and War in Florence. Ms. Ceccorulli obtained her PhD at the IMT Institute for Advanced Studies in Lucca and her M.A. at Johns Hopkins University’s SAIS in Washington, DC. In 2014 she was part of the Young Leader Programme of the Council for the United States and Italy. Among her research interests are migration, security cooperation and security governance. Her most recent publications include Framing irregular immigration in security terms: the Libya case, Florence, Florence University Press, 2014; The EU, migration and the politics of administrative detention (with Nicola Labanca), Routledge, 2014; and “Multidimensional threats and military engagement: The case of the Italian intervention in Libya” (with Fabrizio Coticchia) in Mediterranean Politics.

**NATALIE NOUGAYREDE**

Natalie Nougayrède is a columnist, lead writer and foreign affairs commentator at The Guardian. Previously executive and managing editor of Le Monde, Ms. Nougayrède is the first woman to have led the French national daily, where she was responsible for leading its digital and editorial transformation, with a particular focus on investigative journalism and quality long-form reporting. Under her leadership, Le Monde consolidated its position as the biggest information website in France and widened its global audience. In the early 1990s she began reporting for various French media outlets, covering events in Eastern Europe following the dissolution of the Soviet Union, notably the war in South Ossetia (1991–1992) and the breakup of Czechoslovakia (1993). Four years later she became a full-time editor for the left-leaning newspaper Libération. She joined Le Monde as a full-time correspondent in 1997 and became a prominent voice in the French media through her coverage of Russian politics, in particular the civil war in the Russian republic of Chechnya. Ms. Nougayrède has received two major French journalism prizes, the Prix de la Presse Diplomatique (2004) and the Albert Londres award (2005), both for her coverage of the Chechen conflict and the Beslan school attack. In her present role at The Guardian, she writes a regular column on foreign affairs with a strong focus on Europe.

**PIA BUNGARTEN**

Pia Bungarten currently heads the Scholarship Program of the Friedrich-Ebert-Foundation, Germany’s oldest political foundation. Established in 1925 upon the death of Friedrich Ebert, a Social Democrat and Germany’s first democratically elected president, the foundation’s mission from the beginning has been to enable gifted students (in particular from a non-academic and migrant background) to attend university and help build an elite committed to democracy in Germany. Ms. Bungarten came to this field after having been involved in the international work of the foundation for over 20 years: as head of the UN liaison office in New York; as head of the human rights program in the foundation’s headquarters; as director of the Thailand office in Bangkok; as head of the International Dialogue Division in Berlin in charge of the foundation’s offices in Europe, Russia, Central Asia and North America; and most recently as head of the US and Canada Office in Washington, DC. Ms. Bungarten holds degrees in American Studies, political science and public administration from Amherst College, the University of Munich and the Kennedy School at Harvard University.

**CATHERINE WIHTOL DE WENDEN**

Catherine Wihtol de Wenden holds a Ph.D. in political science from Sciences Po. She is a regular consultant for the OECD, the European Commission, the UNHCR and the Council of Europe. A lawyer and political scientist, she has been chair of the Research Committee on migrations of the International Society of Sociology since 2002. From 2003 to 2011 she was a member of the Commission nationale de déontologie de la sécurité. She is a member of the editorial boards of Hommes et migrations, Migrations société and Esprit. Ms. Wihtol de Wenden’s research focuses on the relationship between migrations and politics in France, migration flows, migration policies and citizenship in Europe and in the rest of the world.

**KAREL SCHWARZENBERG**

Karel Schwarzenberg is a former minister of foreign affairs (2007–2009) and deputy prime minister of the Czech Republic (2010–2013), chairman of the party TOP 09 and member of the Senate of the Czech Parliament (2004–2010). During the first half of 2009 Mr. Schwarzenberg also served as the President of the Council of the European Union. He was president of the International Helsinki Committee for Human Rights (1984–1991) and served as chancellor to President Václav Havel. In 1991, together with Lech Walesa, he was awarded the Council of Europe’s Human Rights Award. He is a founder of the Vaclav Havel Library.
ATTILA MELEGH
Attila Meleg is a sociologist, economist and historian. Mr. Meleg has taught in the United States, Russia, Georgia and Hungary. He is an associate professor at Corvinus University, Budapest and a professor and senior researcher at the Demographic Research Institute. His research focuses on sociological and historical aspects of globalization, global social change and international migration. He is the author of three books in English and Hungarian and has published over 100 scholarly works. He is the president of the European Network for Global and Universal History and is the founding director of Karl Polányi Research Center.

LEONIDAS CHELIOTIS
Dr. Leonidas Cheliotis is an assistant professor at the Department of Social Policy at the London School of Economics and Political Science. He is also an editor and book reviews editor for the British Journal of Criminology. He has published widely on the sociology of punishment, including immigration detention, and is currently working on a book focusing on the political economy of irregular migration in Southern Europe, in particular Greece.

TONY CURZON PRICE
Tony Curzon Price is an associate editor at openDemocracy and was its editor-in-chief for five years. He has written widely on economics, technology and culture. He has been closely involved in civil society responses to Europe’s current refugee crisis, working to promote and bring to public attention the work of groups at Calais’s Jungle. He is an anti-trust economist by profession.

JOVAN TEOKAREVIC
Dr. Jovan Teokarevic is professor of comparative politics at the Faculty of Political Sciences, University of Belgrade, Serbia and chairman of the board of the Open Society Foundation Serbia. He heads the Faculty’s Centre for Interdisciplinary Studies on the Balkans and coordinates an international Master’s Program on South Eastern Europe in cooperation with the University of Graz. He has published many books and has taught – in addition to comparative politics – courses on post-communist transition (at the University of Belgrade), Balkan politics and security (at the NATO Defense College in Rome) and EU-Western Balkan relations (at the Master’s Program of the University of Vienna).

VEYON SUROI
Veton Surroi is a writer. He was a senior member of the Kosovo Negotiations Unity Team in the Vienna Negotiations (2005–2007) preceding the independence of Kosovo. He was a member of the Parliament of Kosovo as president of the Reformist Party ORA (2005–2008). He was a signatory of the Rambouillet accords for Kosovo at the negotiations in 1999. In 1990 he founded the independent weekly KOHA and later the daily KOHA Ditore (1997), which remains the leading daily newspaper in Kosovo. In 2000 he founded KTV, the preeminent independent national TV broadcaster. In 1999 he was chosen as one of the Global Leaders of Tomorrow at the World Economic Forum in Davos. During the 1990s he was a leading figure in civil society and politics in Kosovo. He graduated from the Faculty of Philosophy and Letters at the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) in 1982.

SASO ORDANOSKI
Dr. Sašo Ordanoski’s professional carrier spans over 30 years and includes considerable experience in journalism, PR and public communications in both the national and international arenas. An award-winning journalist, he is a regular contributor to a number of local and international print/electronic media outlets. He plays a prominent role in CEE’s civil society sector. He teaches journalism, media and theory and practice of communication. Currently he is a fellow at the Institute for Human Sciences in Vienna, Austria as a winner of the Institute’s Milena Jesenská Fellowship in journalism for 2015/2016.

ALEKSANDER SMOLAR
Aleksander Smolar is a political scientist. He is chairman of the board of the Stefan Batory Foundation in Warsaw and is a co-founder and member of the Board of the European Council on Foreign Relations. Mr. Smolar is vice-chair of the Academic Advisory Board of the Institut für die Wissenschaften vom Menschen in Vienna. He studied economics and sociology at the University of Warsaw and international relations at the School for Advanced International Studies, John Hopkins University. Between 1973 and 2006 he was research fellow at the Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique, Paris. After 1989 he became political advisor to Prime Minister Tadeusz Mazowiecki and foreign policy adviser to Prime Minister Hanna Suchocka. His publications include: La Grande Secousse. Europe de l’Est 1989–1990 (co-editor: Peter Kende), 1990; Globalization, Power and Democracy (co-editor Marc Plattner), Washington, 2000; Entre Kant et Kosovo. Etudes offertes à Pierre Hassner (co-editor with Anne-Marie Le Gloannec), Paris 2003; and Tabu i niewinnosc (Taboo and Innocence, a collection of articles), Warsaw 2010.

MARTIN M. ŠIMEČKA
Martin M. Šimečka was born in Bratislava in 1957 and grew up in the family of the dissident and novelist Milan Šimečka. Until 1989 he was active in the literary dissent, publishing several books in samizdat and serving as an editor at the Slo-
vak samizdat magazine Fragment K. After 1989 he became editor-in-chief of the Slovak publishing house Archa, from 1994 to 2006 he was editor-in-chief of the Slovak daily SME and from 2006 to 2008 he was editor-in-chief of the Czech weekly Respekt, where he is today an editor and reporter. He publishes under the name Martin M. Šimečka, is married with two children and lives in Prague and Bratislava.

LUDĚK NIEDERMAYER
Luděk Niedermayer graduated from Brno’s Masaryk University (formerly UJEP), where he studied operational research and systems theory. After briefly working in research into the theory of structure he joined the Czech Republic’s central bank in 1991. Five years later, at the age of 29, he became the youngest member of the Bank Board of the Czech National Bank. In December 2000 he was appointed vice-governor. From 2008 to 2014 he was director of Deloitte CR. In 2014 he was elected a member of the European Parliament for TOP09/STAN.

BOHUSLAV SOBOTKA
Since January 2014, Bohuslav Sobotka has served as Prime Minister of the Czech Republic. He has held the position of Chairman of the Czech Social Democratic Party since 2011. From 2003–2006 he served as Deputy Prime Minister and before that as Minister of Finance. Since 1996, he has been a member of the Chamber of Deputies and has held several positions, most notably that of Chairman of the Mandate and Immunity Committee, Chairman of the Budget Committee, Chairman of the Temporary Committee on Pension Reform and Chairman of the Subcommittee for Financial and Capital Markets. Since 2003, he has been a member of the Presidium of the Czech Social Democratic Party. He also held the position of Chairman of the Parliamentary Club of the ČSSD, Chairman of the South Moravian Regional Organisation and Statutory Vice Chairman of the Czech Social Democratic Party. In addition to these positions, he was a member of the Municipal Council of Slavkov u Brna between 1998 and 2010.

VĚRA JOUROVÁ
Ms Věra Jourová is currently European Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality. In 2014, before coming to the European Commission, Ms Jourová held the position of Minister for Regional Development in the Czech Republic. Previous to this, from 2006 to 2013, she worked in her own company as an international consultant on European Union funding, and also was involved in consultancy activities in the Western Balkans relating to the European Union Accession. In 2003 Ms. Jourová was appointed Deputy Minister for Regional Development, a position which she held for three years. Previously she worked as Head of the Department of Regional Development in the Vysocina Region, from 2001, and before that as Secretary and Spokesperson of the Třebíč Municipal Office, from 1995 to 2001. Ms Jourová holds a Degree in Law (Mgr.) from the Charles University, Prague and a Master’s degree (Mgr.) in the Theory of Culture from the Charles University, Prague.
_VACLAV HAVEL LIBRARY

The Vaclav Havel Library collects, researches, disseminates, promotes and advocates the spiritual, literary and political legacy of a great figure of modern Czech history - the author, playwright, thinker, human rights defender and Czechoslovak and Czech president. It also focuses on people, events and phenomena related to the legacy of Vaclav Havel and strives to place them in the context of the times and of the present.

_EVENTS

The Library’s “club” programme consists of various seminars, readings by authors, debates, concerts and theatre performances. It also collaborates with its partners at other events, such as the Vaclav Havel Human Rights Prize conference and Vaclav Havel European Dialogues. The programmes are open to general public unless otherwise stated.

_PERMANENT EXHIBITION

The Havel In A Nutshell exhibit gives visitors an insight into life and times of Vaclav Havel with collages of photographs and quotations. Touch screens present detailed information and audio recordings to put the stages of his life, namely his family, the theatre, dissent and presidency, into a broader cultural and historical context. A large-scale interactive map gives visitors a graphic idea of the global “footprint” left by Vaclav Havel.

_DIGITAL ARCHIVE

Unique documents offer visitors a rare opportunity to acquaint themselves with the work and life of Vaclav Havel and his colleagues and contemporaries. The repository currently holds more than 46 thousand photographs, manuscripts, audio-visual documents, audio recordings, memoirs and letters.

_PUBLICATIONS

This programme is focused mostly on presenting the work of Vaclav Havel, his family background and the work of his friends and contemporaries.

PERMANENT EXHIBITION

**HAVEL IN A NUTSHELL**

The exhibition is open daily from 12 a.m. to 5 p.m. except Mondays.

**ARCHIVE**

The study center is open every Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., or by prior arrangement.


**PROGRAMME**

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