### GLOBSEC 2018 Agenda
(as of 15 May 2018)

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<td><strong>GLOBSEC BRAINSTORMING</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>VENUE:</strong> DANUBE SPACE, RIVER PARK PLAZA&lt;br&gt;<em>Introduction by:</em> JAKUB WIŚNIEWSKI, Vice President, GLOBSEC; Director, GLOBSEC Policy Institute, Bratislava&lt;br&gt;<em>Led by:</em> NIK GOWING, International Presenter, London</td>
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<td><strong>THE WEST AND RUSSIA: MANAGING THE FLASHPOINTS</strong>&lt;br&gt;<strong>VENUE:</strong> DANUBE SPACE, RIVER PARK PLAZA&lt;br&gt;Protracted military conflict in Ukraine, ongoing crisis in Syria and lately indications of foreign interference, or at least such attempts, in multiple elections in western countries continue to drive a wedge between the West and Russia. President Putin’s repeated electoral success is probably unlikely to bring new impulse into the dynamics of the relations. However, sooner or later the current stalemate of the EU-Russia contacts will inevitably require a perspective of cooperation and engagement. May there be lasting and effective cooperation without the West compromising its core values or Russia metamorphosing into a true western democracy? How to reopen channels of communication to reduce risk of misunderstandings and miscalculation? How to find enough common ground to be able to constructively tackle global challenges facing the international community?&lt;br&gt;<em>VYACHESLAV NIKONOV,</em> Chairman, Committee on Education and Science, State Duma, Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, Moscow&lt;br&gt;<em>AMB. KURT VOLKER,</em> U. S. Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations, U. S. Department of State, Washington, D. C.&lt;br&gt;<em>AMB. WOLFGANG ISCHINGER,</em> Chairman, Munich Security Conference&lt;br&gt;<em>AMB. TOMÁŠ VALÁŠEK,</em> Director, Carnegie Europe, Brussels&lt;br&gt;<em>Led by:</em> BOBOLO, Russia Research Fellow, French Institute for International Affairs, Paris</td>
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13:45 – 15:15 **AI IN CONFLICT: HYPER WAR NO LONGER SC-FI**
**Venue:** Maria Theresia, Grand Hotel River Park

In the midst of a profound shift in the character of the conflicts, it is increasingly apparent that current hybrid warfare will not be the end state. The fastest development of the technology has always been taking place in the military realm. However, advanced methods such as employment of artificial intelligence will bring about the alteration of war that only few have seen coming. What is the picture of the hyper war? What will be key features of such conflict? Who will be new actors? How can we devise new legal framework? What kind of new strategies will need to be created?

**Gen. Denis Mercier,** Supreme Allied Commander Transformation, NATO, Norfolk


*Led by:* **Patrick Tucker,** Technology Editor, Defense One, New York

15:15 – 15:45 **Coffee Break**

15:45 – 17:15 **MULTILATERALISM IN THE “ME-FIRST” WORLD WITH NO RULES**
**Venue:** Danube Space, River Park Plaza

With numerous new powers rising in different regions and complex global challenges knocking on our doors, global decision making is relying even more strongly on multilateralism. Challenges such as nuclear non-proliferation, climate change prevention and global trade promotion cannot be tackled otherwise. Yet, the world ignores rising proliferation, seeks ways to limit trade and still allows climate change to happen. UN as the pillar of multilateralism is still struggling to reinvent itself. Effective multilateralism has been the principal foundation of EU’s global policy for decades as well. How does the UN help to promote multilateralism? Are there innovative platforms of global cooperation? What is current European vision for the world? Is the EU willing and able to step up its game?

*Introductory remarks by:* **H. E. Miroslav Lajčák,** Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic; President of the 72nd Session of the United Nations General Assembly

**Hon. Thomas Greminger,** Secretary-General, OSCE, Vienna


**Amb. Mark Lyall-Grant,** former Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom to the United Nations, London

*Led by:* **Nik Gowing,** International Presenter, London

15:45 – 17:15 **GLOBAL ECONOMY: HOW FAIR & FREE CAN TRADE JUST BE?**
**Venue:** Maria Theresia, Grand Hotel River Park

Economic liberalism on a global scale faces severe backlash stemming from prevalent feeling of unfairness of globalisation. Global economy catching up to the technological developments puts pressure on leaders and citizens alike to adopt. Large groups of citizens and even countries feel increasingly alienated from known arrangements of global economy. Perhaps most notably, these sentiments culminate in current challenge to the future of global free trade. At the dawn of potential trade wars, now is the moment to stand for more cooperation than competition while ensuring fairer global economy working for everyone. How can we level the playing field in global economy and allow citizens and their leaders to feel more in control? Will free trade survive and thrive? How to hinder the concentration of wealth in order to prevent radicalisation, economic migration and spread of populism?

**H.E. Carmelo Abela,** Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade Promotion of the Republic of Malta

**H. E. Mobashar Jawed Akbar,** Minister of State for External Affairs of the Republic of India

**Koichi Akiba,** Acting Director General, Japan Institute of International Affairs, Tokyo

**Jeffrey Sachs,** Quetelet Professor of Sustainable Development, Columbia University, New York
**15:45 – 17:15**  
**CYBERWAR: MILITARY BUILD-UP IN THE FIFTH DOMAIN**  
**VENUE: HABSBURG, GRAND HOTEL RIVER PARK**

When RAND analysts Arquilla and Ronfeldt argued in 1993 that the Internet would dramatically reimagine warfare in their original piece, “Cyberwar is Coming!” few military leaders seemed to take notice. In just the last five years, however, militaries around the world have devoted significant resources to preparing for conflict on the Internet. Just this past year, the German Bundeswehr launched their new cyber command, Estonia announced a development plan to create a cyber command, and NATO declared the creation of a “cyber operations center”, to integrate cyber actions into NATO’s military capabilities. Some experts argue that these offensive capabilities are necessary to create effective deterrence, while others believe that our investments should be focused on producing strong cyber defence. With nations building-up their offensive capabilities in cyberspace, are we close to experiencing the long-heralded ‘cyberwar’? Are these capabilities contributing to security or escalating us towards conflict? Should corporations and private citizens begin to prepare for cyber conflict?

**MERLE MAIGRE**, Director, NATO Cooperative Cyber Defence Centre of Excellence, Tallinn  
**CHRISTOPHER PAINTER**, former Coordinator for Cyber Issues, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C.  
**JOSEPH HWANG**, Program Director, The War College, National Defence University, Taipei  

**17:15 – 17:45**  
Coffee Break

**17:45 – 19:15**  
**EN GARDE! TOWARDS EUROPEAN DEFENCE UNION?**  
**VENUE: DANUBE SPACE, RIVER PARK PLAZA**

An ambition to strengthen the European pillar of the transatlantic security has manifested itself in the renewed effort to broaden the EU integration into military cooperation. While the issue is obviously highly political, in practical terms many Member States are already seeking to pursue the build-up of independent defence capabilities. Will the enhanced military cooperation within the EU act as a catalyst for smart and modern strategies? How will the European Defence Union foster the acquisition of new technologies in order to adapt the capabilities?

**THOMAS SILBERHORN**, Parliamentary State Secretary to the Federal Minister of Defence, Federal Ministry of Defence of the Federal Republic of Germany  
**ARNAUD DANJEAN**, Vice-Chair, Delegation for relations with the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, European Parliament, Brussels  
**RALF KETZEL**, Senior Vice President, KMW, Munich  
**CLAUDIA MAJOR**, Senior Associate, International Security Division, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin  
**Led by: PAUL TAYLOR**, Contributing Editor, POLITICO Europe, Brussels

**17:45 – 18:15**  
**GLOBSEC CHAT: ENERGY TRANSITION TO THE POST-OIL ERA: SHARING THE KNOW-HOW**  
**VENUE: MARIA THERESA, GRAND HOTEL RIVER PARK**

**H. E. SUHAIL MOHAMMED FARAJ AL MAZROUEI**, Minister of Energy and Industry of the United Arab Emirates  
**Led by: ALAN RILEY**, Senior Fellow, Institute of Statecraft, London
18:30 – 19:00  **GLOBSEC Talk: Parallel & Undercover World of Blockchain**  
**Venue:** Maria Theresa, Grand Hotel River Park  

Dubbed as the "Internet of money", blockchain is well on its way to turning every paradigm about functioning of our societies on its head. Only a few can imagine how such "blockchain society" will look like and by which, if any, rules it will abide. How does this parallel reality look like now and where it is headed? What will be the extent of societal disruption caused by widespread application of blockchain technology? Should we expect truly anarchical world governed only by the imperative of individual freedom? What can and should be done to bridge the gap between our world and the blockchain world?  

JULIO ALEJANDRO, Global Ambassador, aeternity Blockchain, London

18:30 – 19:30  **Keeping Pace with the Digital Energy Revolution**  
**Venue:** Habburg, Grand Hotel River Park  

Artificial intelligence, machine learning and big data analytics are nascent mega trends poised to disrupt and reshape the energy system, with implications for policy design, markets, business, consumers, and the environment. Digitalization offers immense potential for sectoral and systemic energy cost-savings, efficiency and sustainability; from oil and gas business operations to the integration of renewable energy into the grid. Policymakers must not only adapt to technology in real time but anticipate how to channel these trends constructively to achieve societal objectives and build flexibility into the system. Where are European investments in digitalization the strongest and what are the typical financial models? How do national policies and regulations shape investment in digitalization? From an industry perspective, how will digital technology transform the oil and gas business over the next decade and what are the broader market effects?

VAZIL HUDÁK, Vice-President, European Investment Bank, Luxembourg  
ANOSH THAKKAR, Senior Vice President for Digitalisation, Shell, Amsterdam  
AYA YOSHIDA, Head of Asia Pacific and Partnership Division, International Energy Agency, Paris  

Led by: SARA STEFANINI, Freelance Journalist, London

19:45  
Buses leave for the Grand Hotel River Park Lobby

20:30  **GLOBSEC Cocktail**  
(AUPON SEPARATE INVITATION ONLY)  
**Venue:** Refinery Gallery

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**DAY 2 – FRIDAY, 18 MAY**

9:00 – 10:30  **New Days, New Threats: Adapting NATO's Strategy**  
**Venue:** Danube Space, River Park Plaza  

The Warsaw summit committed NATO members to rethink the requirements posed on the Alliance and reflect those in the resource allocation. However, solely smarter spending priorities mainly aimed at adapting to changing character of the conflict will fall short of properly equipping the Alliance for profound alterations of its strategic environment. In light of the 50th anniversary of Pierre Harmel’s report, the time is right again for adapting the Alliance’s strategy as such. Has NATO made practical steps towards updating its strategy? How is the Alliance poised to tackle the emerging challenges, risks, threats and seize the opportunities with 360-degree perspective on security and defence? Can NATO get ahead of the change-driving megatrends taking place in current strategic environment?

H. E. JÜRI LIUK, Minister of Defence of the Republic of Estonia  
AMB. TACAN İLDEM, Assistant Secretary General for Public Diplomacy, NATO, Brussels  
GEN. PHILIP BREEDLOVE, former NATO Supreme Allied Commander Europe, Atlanta  
GEN. (RET.) JOHN ALLEN, President, The Brookings Institution, Washington, D. C.  

Led by: TOM CLARK, Chair, Public Affairs and Communications, Global Public Affairs, Ottawa
9:00 – 10:30  **FACING CYBER FUTURES**
**VENUE:** MARIA THERESIA, GRAND HOTEL RIVER PARK

Cyberspace provides immense opportunities for advancement in sectors like governance, economy, and energy. However, there have been an increasing number of cyber attacks against critical infrastructures and data breaches with devastating consequences for the digital economy. The widespread use of inter-connected devices in the future will also lead to increased vulnerabilities in the online domain. This highlights the urgent need to build resilience against emerging cyber threats. To what extent are decision-makers and stakeholders prepared to mitigate the damage that will arise from such threats? What is the level of cybersecurity that we need to attain in order to be ready for the future?

**HON. MARINA KALJURAND,** former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Estonia; Chair, Global Commission on the Stability of Cyberspace, Tallinn

**MELISSA HATHAWAY,** Senior Adviser, Cybersecurity Initiatives, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University, Cambridge

**ISAAC BEN-ISRAEL,** Head of Blavatnik Interdisciplinary Cyber Research Center, Tel Aviv University

**MIKE MADISON,** Partner, EMEIA Advisory Cyber Leader, Ernst & Young, London

*Led by:* **PATRICK TUCKER**, Technology Editor, Defense One, New York

9:00 – 10:00  **GLOBSEC SUSTAINABILITY PLATFORM: ROLE OF THE 21ST CENTURY COMPANIES IN ACHIEVING THE UNSDGs**
**VENUE:** HABSBURG, GRAND HOTEL RIVER PARK

Security and stability are intertwined with complex socio-economic aspects. As the phenomena of globalization, technological evolution, climate change and global migration challenge the known international order, the conceptual understanding of our security needs to evolve as well. Secure societies are vital for the ease of doing-business of global companies. Just like states, companies have a considerable interest in anticipating future challenges and mitigating potential risks and their help is crucial in the global effort to achieve a sustainable society by 2030. The aim of our platform is to discuss how the private sector can contribute to global sustainable development. What are the possibilities of innovation and technology to make a positive impact on our society? What is the role of corporates in providing equal access to education and narrowing the skills gap? Can our supply chains be greener and our economic growth more sustainable for the planet and its inhabitants? How should governments create an innovative-friendly atmosphere in order to support companies in embracing corporate responsibility?

**MARI KVINIEMI,** Deputy Secretary-General, OECD, Paris

**FREDERIC DE WILDE,** President European Union, Philip Morris International, Lausanne

**JAN KRZYSZTOF BIELECKI,** Chairman of the Partners Board, Ernst & Young Poland, Warsaw

*Led by:* **KATHLEEN KOCH,** Author, Journalist, and Founder, LeadersLink, Washington, D.C.

10:00 – 11:00  **Coffee Break**

11:00 – 12:00  **ONE SIZE DOES NOT FIT ALL: MULTISPEED & MULTISHAPED UNION**
**VENUE:** DANUBE SPACE, RIVER PARK PLAZA

Did much expected elections mainly in France and Germany deliver on the promise of greater unity of the EU? Can we comfortably interpret their results as the increase of public trust and support for the European project? Overlapping memberships of various integration degrees persist with economic and monetary union, Schengen, security and defence cooperation. Did the European leaders accept the vision of differentiated integration of the EU? Is it helping to move forward crucial projects such as common budget for the eurozone, fiscal union or EU finance minister?

**H. E. PETER PELLEGRINI,** Prime Minister of the Slovak Republic

**H. E. ANDREJ BABIŠ,** Prime Minister of the Czech Republic

*Led by:* **TOM NUTTALL,** Charlemagne Columnist, The Economist, Brussels
11:00 – 12:30  INNOVATION FOR TRANSITION TO GREEN ECONOMY
VENUE: HÁBISBURG, GRAND HOTEL RIVER PARK

While the US withdrawal is a major setback to the political momentum of the Paris Agreement, countries are increasingly joined by leading businesses and various public authorities in keeping its ambitious and admirable commitments. Innovation and technology development form a precondition for the transition to green economy. However, tailored public policies need to be designed to motivate businesses to implement innovations and carry out research and development beneficial for planet, people but also profitable for companies. Is private sector ahead of the governments in advocating and providing green solutions? Who plays a major role in encouraging networking among relevant actors and connecting innovators with funding? Can public funding encourage companies to start investing their own resources? How can we make economy thrive while protecting the environment?

Opening remarks by: H. E. LÁSZLÓ SÓLYMOS, Minister of Environment of the Slovak Republic

NORBERT KURILLA, State Secretary, Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic
ARTUR RUNGE-METZGER, Director, DG Climate Action, European Commission, Brussels
KLÁUS FÖDINGER, Managing Director and Chairman of the Board, CRH Slovakia, Bratislava
LUKÁS KUZMIAK, Principal Banker, European Bank for Reconstruction and Development, Bratislava

Led by: ANDREJ NOSKO, Unit Manager, Open Society Initiative for Europe, Budapest

12:00 – 13:30  Lunch

13:30 – 15:00  MIDDLE EAST IN TURMOIL: ACHIEVING LASTING STABILITY
VENUE: DANUBE SPACE, RIVER PARK PLAZA

In the aftermath of the Arab Spring uprisings across the Middle East, hope for a true balance of power in the region is still far from reach. Multiple ongoing civil wars are threatening the status quo while offering little insight into alternative arrangement in the region. Competing interests of regional and external players hinder restoring the power balance. Daesh’s loss of major centres of power may offer a momentum for rebuilding societies, but regional rivalries persist. What are the preconditions for overcoming everlasting strategic rivalries among key players in the region? How does a common ground among various interests in the region and beyond look like? What are the scenarios for the engagement of regional and external powers in stabilising the Middle East?

Keynote remarks by: H. E. ANWAR MOHAMMED GARGASH, Minister of State for Foreign Affairs of the United Arab Emirates

CATHERINE ASHTON, Chair, Global Europe Program, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, former High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, London
HON. CARL BILDT, former Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Sweden; Co-Chair, European Council on Foreign Relations, Stockholm
GEN. (RET.) JOHN ALLEN, President, The Brookings Institution, Washington, D. C.

13:30 – 14:30  **The Western Balkans Chessboard**  
**Venue:** Maria Theresia, Grand Hotel River Park

The region once considered to be on the right Euro-Atlantic track is getting back on the early-warning radars of the EU and NATO. Balkan countries are still battling internal political struggles as well as interstate tensions within the region. However, with growing engagement of external actors that is becoming even more prominent especially with Russia and China filling the power vacuum and exercising its state and non-state influence, European policy makers seem to take strenuous steps towards deeper cooperation. What is the current state of the Western Balkans in European Spectrum? Will the announced European Commission Enlargement Strategy bring significant changes? What are the key thoughts and takeaways from the EU – Western Balkans Summit held in Sofia? What kind of further incentives can and will the EU offer to keep Balkan nations motivated to persist in making reforms?

**H. E. Ivica Dačić,** First Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Serbia  
**H. E. Dritmir Bushati,** Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania  
**H. E. Nikola Dimitrov,** Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Macedonia†  
**H. E. Predrag Bosković,** Minister of Defence of Montenegro  
**Christian Danielsson,** Director General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission, Brussels  
**Led by:** Jochen Bittner, Political Editor, Die Zeit, Hamburg

13:30 – 14:30  **Education Disrupted: Building Skills in the Age of AI**  
**Venue:** Habsburg, Grand Hotel River Park

Children starting school today will graduate into the world we will most likely not recognise. They will likely enter labour market seeking skills they might never heard of. Or will there even be a labour market in the first place? In order to avoid massive unemployment and social unrest, we have to adjust our educational systems and maybe even whole essence of what education means. What will be characteristics of a skilled worker in ten years? What kind of skills are manufacturers already missing in their workforce? Where to look for future-proof educational strategies? How can technology itself help us achieve inclusive education and offer lifelong learning opportunities for all?

**Peter Vesterbacka,** Founder, Slush; Co-Founder, Lightneer; former Mighty Eagle, Angry Birds, Helsinki  
**Larry Schuette,** Director of Global Science and Technology Engagement, Lockheed Martin, Washington, D. C.  
**Led by:** Alena Kudzko, Deputy Research Director, GLOBSEC Policy Institute, Bratislava

14:45 – 15:15  **Paris Minus Washington: Climate Change Persists**  
**Venue:** Maria Theresia, Grand Hotel River Park

With the deficit of US leadership in international climate change mitigation efforts, harnessing the EU’s driving force proved during COP21 negotiations seems to be more crucial than ever. At the same time, Europe must aim far beyond its internal climate goals. It is imperative that the emerging economies, especially China, are on board. Where does the EU look for US partners in keeping up the fight? Where are European and American green investment opportunities? How will EU-China fill the leadership vacuum? Do emerging economies still have the same resolve to heed their commitments?

**Hon. Maroš Šefčovič,** Vice-President for the Energy Union, European Commission, Brussels  
**Led by:** Sara Stefanini, Freelance Journalist, London

14:30 – 15:30  **Coffee Break**

1† The Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, following the EU and UN practice, always uses the provisional reference: The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.
15:30 – 16:30 **TRUMP’S TRANSATLANTIC BOND**  
**VENUE:** DANUBE SPACE, RIVER PARK PLAZA

The transatlantic relations indeed entered unusual phase under the new US administration. At the same time, both shores of the Atlantic, although for different reasons, share the need for stronger and more self-reliant Europe to emerge. Despite current divisive rhetoric, the relationship is too deeply interwoven and transcends political lines. What value does the transatlantic relation still hold for the rest of the world? Can its leadership still move the needle and forge decisions on global issues in line with our shared values? Can Europe keep the flame, help rekindle the relations and break the transatlantic ignorance?

*Introductory remarks by:* **WESS MITCHELL**, Assistant Secretary of State for Europe and Eurasia, U.S. Department of State, Washington D. C.

**HON. CARL Bildt**, former Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Sweden; Co-Chair, European Council on Foreign Relations, Stockholm  
**CATHERINE ASHTON**, Chair, Global Europe Program, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, former High Representative of the European Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, London  
**DAMON WILSON**, Executive Vice President, Atlantic Council, Washington, D. C.

*Led by:* **NATALIE NOUGAYREDE**, Editorial Board Member and Columnist, Guardian, London

15:30 – 16:30 **POPULISM: IS THE TIDE OVER YET?**  
**VENUE:** MARIA THERESIA, GRAND HOTEL RIVER PARK

Slow economic upturn and some modest signals in several elections across Europe and in the run up to the US Senate elections might bring us to complacency about the threat of populism. However, societies remain split along the identity and social lines which leave our democracies open to exploitation by autocrats. How are we addressing rising inequalities? How can we bring out-of-touch decision-making closer to the disenfranchised voters? What will prevent the tyranny of the majority? How can public policies be responsive and accountable to the concerns of the electorate?

**JAKUB WiŚNIEWSKI**, Vice President, GLOBSEC; Director, GLOBSEC Policy Institute, Bratislava  
**MARTINA LARKIN**, Head of Europe & Eurasia, Executive Committee, World Economic Forum, Geneva  
**RANDY SCHEUNEMANN**, Member of the Board of Directors, International Republican Institute, Washington, D. C.  
**SOPHIE GASTON**, Deputy Director, Demos, London

*Led by:* **TBC**

15:30 – 16:30 **REMOTE-CONTROLLED TERRORISM: WHAT’S THE PRICE OF FREEDOM?**  
**VENUE:** HABSBURG, GRAND HOTEL RIVER PARK

Whether it is foreign fighters returned from the Middle East and elsewhere or Western citizens radicalised at home, many terrorist attacks are nowadays planned and conducted by remote control. The attacker communicates with his virtual handler via internet, using apps and social media while staying out of reach of the intelligence services. Internet companies are seemingly doing the jihadists’ work for them. How does such communication look like? Are the companies willing and able to help curb the malicious content on the internet? Will it be necessary to patrol and regulate the internet for the national security reasons? Do we know how far we can and should go without infringing on the individual freedoms? Will it be enough to define national strategies, or do we need rather an international framework?

*Introductory remarks by:* **H. E. Karla ŠLECHTOVÁ**, Minister of Defence of the Czech Republic  
**ERIN MARIE SALTMAN**, Lead Policy Manager for Counterterrorism and Countering Violent Extremism, Facebook, London  
**LAURENCE BINDNER**, Consultant on the Spread of Jihadist Content Online, Paris
16:30 – 17:00  Coffee Break

17:00 – 17:30  **GLOBSEC Chat: Projecting Power in the Post-Rule World Order**

**Venue:** Danube Space, River Park Plaza

Leading by example and generating attraction to ideals a country represents is at the core of the concept of soft power. Leadership in technological development is also increasingly becoming a new source of power. Leaders of countries are becoming more aware of the power slip to the advantage of large corporations driving the innovation and the impact they have on the governance. Moreover, norms of international law are increasingly disregarded or at least bent because of competing interests on global stage. Is soft power becoming more or less crucial in the world with seemingly no rules? What is the relation of the innovation to soft power? Who will drive the innovation in the upcoming decades? What will be the impact on the balance of power in the world? Will competition for this type of leadership facilitate solutions to global threats such as climate change, inequality, illicit trade or terrorism?

**Joseph Nye,** Distinguished Service Professor, Harvard Kennedy School, Harvard University, Cambridge

Led by: **Ali Aslan,** International Presenter, Berlin

17:00 – 17:30  **GLOBSEC Talk: Depth and Darkness of the Web**

**Venue:** Maria Theresia, Grand Hotel River Park

Apart from range of practical technologies, the Internet has also exponentially enabled committing crimes on a never before seen scale, no longer limited to one-on-one encounters of a criminal and his victim. Ironically, the technology developers dream of improving our world with their inventions while criminals are usually among the first who adopt new technologies and corrupt their use. The Darknet, or Darkweb, continues to make headlines as the highly secretive, difficult-to-access forum for criminals, terrorists, and malicious actors to engage in illicit commerce in guns, drugs or malware. Some fear that radical terrorist groups may be able to use the Darknet to gain access to zero-day exploits or malware, that they could then use to commit acts of terror. How various illicit groups use the Darkweb? What it means to fight crime and terror in the age of interconnectedness and digitalisation? What will be the implications on the trust of the citizens towards their governments?

**Jeff Moss,** Founder and CEO, DEF CON, Seattle

17:00 – 17:30  **Beyond Survival: Disruptive Tech in Humanitarian Aid**

**Venue:** Habsburg, Grand Hotel River Park

The narrative on refugees and migration needs a radical shift of paradigm comprehending population shifts as an opportunity for change which needs to be accompanied rather than prevented. With disruptive technologies at our hand, we are well-equipped to provide disruptive humanitarian aid while empowering the refugees to regain their dignity and move beyond simple survival. Current model of humanitarian and development aid is outdated, inefficient and has certainly not achieved its objectives. How do we connect technological, social and spatial innovation with the needs, talents and skills of dispossessed? How should technology and urban planning reshape refugee camps into functional and sustainable cities helping their inhabitants remain contributors to the society?

**Kilian Kleinschmidt,** Founder & CEO, Founder & CEO, Innovation Planning Agency, Switxboard, Vienna

17:30 – 18:00  Coffee Break
18:00 – 19:00  **VISEGRAD REFINING RELATIONSHIP WITH EUROPE**  
**VENUE:** DANUBE SPACE, RIVER PARK PLAZA

In the early days, the Visegrad countries shared the dual common objectives of joining the EU and NATO. Once members, their priorities diverged as they became competitors for Western investment and pursued different political paths. Even though the V4 is still trying to forge a compromise, having Slovakia as an only member of the long-struggling Euro common currency area, the divergence over matters large and small, concerning everything from regulatory fine print to the future of Europe is raising doubts over how Visegrad can function as a coherent political bloc at a crucial moment in the EU’s history. Do V4 countries have much of a plan to restore Europe to “greatness”? Isn’t the quartet too divided on fundamental issues to push a common agenda on other fronts as well? Will the Visegrad alliance not function as more of a diplomatic network than a true bloc? What place in Europe should the Visegrad countries stand for?

**IVAN KORČOK**, State Secretary, Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic  
**H. E. MARTIN STROPNICKÝ**, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic  
**H. E. JACEK CZAPUTOWICZ**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland  
**LEVENTE MAGYAR**, Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary

*Led by:* **MATTHEW KARNITSCHNIG**, Chief Europe Correspondent, POLITICO  
Europe, Brussels  

18:00 – 19:00  **SUPERCOMPANIES: PARTNERS IN LEADERSHIP?**  
**VENUE:** MARIA THERESA, GRAND HOTEL RIVER PARK

In the past decade, multinational companies have outgrown their intended proportions catching governments, and probably even themselves, by surprise. In doing so, they have wielded significant power and begun to profoundly influence our societies. As the drivers of technological progress, they often stimulate reluctant governments to adopt future-proof legislation, keep up with the pace of innovation and tackle complex challenges such as shadow economy or financial exclusion. They have essentially become new actors and partners within leadership of our societies. How a new form of symbiotic relationship between governments and companies looks like? Can companies help governments better understand their citizens’ behaviour and adapt their policy-making? Are companies willing to shoulder the social responsibility they inadvertently acquired? How can both, companies and governments, help each other to encourage competition, motivate innovation and increase economic growth?

**GREGORI LEBEDEV**, Chairman, Center for International Private Enterprise, Washington, D. C.  
**SCOTT CARPENTER**, Managing Director, Jigsaw, Alphabet Inc, Washington, D.C.  
**ALEX STAMOS**, Chief Security Officer, Facebook, Menlo Park  
**KATARÍNA KAKALÍKOVÁ**, Director Public Policy, Mastercard, Prague

18:00 – 19:30 **Peace on Korean Peninsula: No Longer Out of Reach?**

*Venue: Habsburg, Grand Hotel River Park*

In the run up to the first-ever summit of the leaders of North Korea and United States, we have moved from the brink of war to apparent rapprochement between South and North. Expectations and stakes are high. Is there a strategy behind unpredictable engagement of Donald Trump on the Korean Peninsula? What is the end goal? What partners in the region expect from Europe in order to help ease the tensions? What role does Russia as one of the few major countries close to Pyongyang have to play? How to achieve trust to truly bring an end to North Korea’s nuclear program?

**Alexei Pushkov**, Chairman, Commission on Information Policy, Council of Federation, Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation, Moscow  
**Koichi Akita**, Acting Director General, Japan Institute of International Affairs, Tokyo  
**Gudrun Wacker**, Senior Fellow, German Institute for International and Security Affairs, Berlin  
**Ian Brzezinski**, Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council, Washington, D.C.  
**Tong Zhao**, Fellow, Nuclear Policy Programme, Carnegie Tsinghua Center for Global Policy, Beijing

Led by: **Theresa Fallon**, Director, Centre for Russia Europe Asia Studies, Brussels

19:30

Buses leave for the GLOBSEC Gala Dinner from the Grand Hotel River Park lobby

20:00 – 23:00 **GLOBSEC Gala Dinner featuring the Czech & Slovak Transatlantic Awards**

*(upon separate invitation only)*  
*Venue: Reduta building, seat of the Slovak Philharmonic*

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**Day 3 – Saturday, 19 May**

9:00 – 10:30 **Too Much Intel, Too Little Action**

*Venue: Danube Space, River Park Plaza*

Given the increasing amount of information gathered by our intelligence community, the time, human capacity and skills constraints are becoming an obstacle essentially rendering the information useless. Therefore, methods such as big data analysis are crucial for filling the gaps in further operationalising the information. On the other hand, there are concerns about numerous policies aimed at better intelligence gathering and surveillance for counter-terrorism purposes. Will legal possibilities change in order to allow for detainment of citizens on the grounds of possible crime to be committed? What can be done to effectively sift through huge amounts of intelligence data while avoiding misjudgements?

** Rt. Hon. Baroness Neville-Jones**, Member, House of Lords of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland


**COMPETITION VS. COOPERATION: STAKES IN AI RACE**
(IN COOPERATION WITH GOOD AI)

**VENUE:** MARIA THERESA, GRAND HOTEL RIVER PARK

Increasing number of countries have recently named artificial intelligence as a strategic priority. State actors are beginning to understand that AI will not only impact their military capability but will be essential for advancing all sectors of their societies, thus achieving comparative advantage over their competitors. Therefore, AI is on the road to majorly shift global balance of power, military as well as soft, instigating new kind of race not only among state actors. However, for the time being private actors are still the main drivers of AI development. Who are new actors stepping into today’s AI race? What are the differences in perceiving the urgency of incoming general AI among various actors and sectors? Is there a motivation for actors to cooperate instead of competing when trying to acquire general AI? Where to look for this motivation in order to make it attractive for wide range of actors anticipating the arrival of AI?

**TZE YUN LEONG,** Director, AI Technology, AI Singapore, Singapore  
**MAREK ROSA,** CEO & CTO, Good AI, Prague  
**DANIT GAL,** Project Assistant Professor, Global Research Institute, Keio University, Tokyo  
*Led by:* **PATRICK TUCKER,** Technology Editor, Defense One, New York

**10:30 – 11:00** Coffee Break

**11:00 – 12:00** TERRORISM (NOT) BAD FOR BUSINESS

**VENUE:** DANUBE SPACE, RIVER PARK PLAZA

After, yet again, London and Barcelona unfortunately joined Paris, Brussels, Berlin or Nice on the list of major European cities hit by the terrorist attack, it remains clear that the scope and execution of the attacks is shifting to different paradigm. Often perpetrated by formerly more or less petty criminals, these attacks could potentially been averted. However, the connection between “old-fashioned” criminals and terrorists is in practice still largely neglected. By extension, similar link may affect the recruitment into various radical anti-systemic groups not necessarily considered as terrorists or even criminals. What are practical recommendations to the law enforcement agencies, intelligence services and other organisations to use the understanding of this nexus in terror and crime prevention? How should authorities approach the threat of political extremists with the knowledge about their criminal past?

**NICHOLAS RASMUSSEN,** former Director, National Counterterrorism Center, Office of the Director of National Intelligence, Washington, D. C.  
**H. E. MAGSOUD KRUSE,** Executive Director, Hedayah, Abu Dhabi  
**MAGNUS RANSTORP,** Research Director, Centre for Asymmetric Threat Studies, Swedish National Defence College, Stockholm  
*Led by:* **KACPER REKAWEK,** Head of Defence and Security Programme, GLOBSEC  
Policy Institute, Bratislava
11:00 – 12:00  **EXPLOSIVE DATA: CYBER THREATS TO DEMOCRACY**  
**VENUE:** MARIA THERESA, GRAND HOTEL RIVER PARK  
Through a mix of online fraud, data manipulation and theft as well as dissemination of misinformation at a wide scale, democratic processes are increasingly coming under attack. Recent examples, like the proven tampering in American elections in 2016, necessitate a global dialogue and policy framework to protect democratic institutions and processes from cyberattacks. These can originate from any organisation or individual around the world working with the aim of destabilising democratic practices. How can states protect not only Internet infrastructure and online processes, but the deeper values and integrity of democracy that can be undermined with such attacks? What campaigns and election officials are doing on cybersecurity currently? What are the best practices for protecting campaign data and communications? How can we improve the integrity of elections?

**HON. MICHAEL CHERTOFF,** former U.S. Secretary of Homeland Security, Washington, D. C.  
**MARIETJE SCHAAKE,** Member, European Parliament, Brussels  
**OLAF KOLMAN,** Chief Internet Technology Officer, Internet Society, Amsterdam  
**SAMIR SARAN,** Vice President, Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi  
**Led by:** **STEVE CLEMONS,** Washington Editor-at-Large, The Atlantic, Washington, D. C.

12:00 – 12:30  **Coffee Break**

12:30 – 13:30  **UKRAINE: OUT OF TUNE WITH EUROPE?**  
**VENUE:** DANUBE SPACE, RIVER PARK PLAZA  
Ukrainian backsliding on its reforms and the lack of progress in the fight against corruption disrupt forming partnership with the West. This slowdown is caused by the political manoeuvres related to the upcoming presidential and parliamentary elections scheduled for the next year as well as by the Ukrainian leadership’s reluctance to tackle corruption. The conflict in Donbas does not contribute to the improvement either and so the Western actors and civic groups seem to be the main advocates of reform in Ukraine. Given Russian threat, the US material and rhetorical support for Ukraine seems to be leading towards Ukraine losing allies within the EU embroiled in its internal challenges. What kind of further incentives can and will the EU offer to keep Ukraine motivated to persist in making reforms? Is the EU losing sight of long-term stabilisation and transformation in the country in favour of the US? How can OSCE further enhance the EU’s activities by providing conflict prevention, promoting respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms and strengthening democratic institutions and practices?

**H. E. IVANNA KLYMPUSH-TSINTSAZDE,** Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration  
**AMB. MARTIN SAJDIK,** Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in Ukraine and in the Trilateral Contact Group, OSCE, Vienna  
**AMB. KURT VOLKER,** U. S. Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations, U. S. Department of State, Washington, D. C.  
**KATARINA MATHERNOVÁ,** Deputy Director-General for Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, European Commission, Brussels  
**Led by:** **BRIAN WHITMORE,** Director, Russia Program, Center for European Policy Analysis, Washington, D.C.
12:30 – 13:30 **AGE OF BOTS AND ROBOTISATION OF TRUTH**  
**VENUE:** MARIA THERESA, GRAND HOTEL RIVER PARK

Proliferation of the Internet was once thought to produce better informed citizens and voters. However, nowadays we witness wide-ranging abuse of these platforms and freedoms to undermine democratic values and processes. The possibilities of public mobilisation have altered and are misused to sway public opinion and erode trust in the institutions. Automated bots generating disinformation, false narratives and propaganda have made it way too tempting for anti-democratic political actors. Such activity, however, already has far reaching real-life consequences for political parties, media, public institutions and other democratic anchors. How is the public-private cooperation to counter such practice developing so far? What are policy recommendations to eliminate bots from Internet platforms? How should the issue of anonymity on the Internet be addressed?

**JĀNIS SĀRTS,** Director, Strategic Communications Centre of Excellence, NATO, Riga  
**SCOTT CARPENTER,** Managing Director, Jigsaw, Alphabet Inc, Washington, D.C.  
**LAURA M ROSENBERGER,** Director, Alliance for Securing Democracy, Washington, D. C.  
**DANIEL MILO,** Head of Strategic Communication Programme, GLOBSEC  
**Policy Institute, Bratislava**  
*Led by: STEPHANIE LIECHTENSTEIN,* Reporter, Wiener Zeitung, Vienna

13:30 – 13:45 **CLOSING REMARKS**  
**VENUE:** DANUBE SPACE, RIVER PARK PLAZA

**RÓBERT VASS,** President, GLOBSEC, Bratislava

13:45  
Farewell Lunch

15:00 – 19:00 **THE CYBERSTABILITY HEARINGS OF THE GLOBAL COMMISSION FOR THE STABILITY OF CYBERSPACE**  
**VENUE:** HABSBURG, GRAND HOTEL RIVER PARK

Conflicts between states are taking new forms in which cyber-activities play a leading role. Both bilateral and multilateral interstate discussions have attempted, and in some cases managed, to address some of the risks involved in inadvertent escalation as well as a loss of escalation control. However, attempts to find a workable interstate dialogue seem to have reached an impasse. The inability of the “UN Group of Governmental Experts” to reach a consensus report in 2017 and stalemates in other diplomatic fora show that governments alone will not be able to fix the problem. the GCSC Commissioners will engage in discussion with government and non-state experts on the issue of norms of responsible behaviour in cyberspace and the future cyberstability architecture. They will provide advanced insight into and discussion about some of the current thinking of the Commission, including the issued norm to protect the public core of the Internet, the future of norms of responsible state and non-state behaviour, and the long-term strategic vision for the international cybersecurity architecture.