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We are witnessing fundamental changes in the global distribution of power as the international order established after World War II has become exceptionally fragile. New powers are emerging, while the old ones lack the strength to keep the order which, for decades, guaranteed their dominance and Poland's sovereignty. The stability of the geopolitical structure in which Poland found a safe place, seems less and less secure.



CONFERENCE:

Panel One: Transatlantic Relations: Common Values and Interests

The aim of the first panel is to assess the state of affairs of the transatlantic allegiance between the U.S.A. and Western Europe, which assumed its modern shape in the last years of World War II and has since overcome numerous ordeals, faced external threats, and coped with internal differences and tensions. What challenges does it face today? What factors threaten its cohesion, and what serves its interests? Bilateral ties between the U.S.A. and the countries of the Old Continent play a vital role within its framework. Although we celebrate 100 years of Polish-American relations this year, it is only 20 years since Poland became a partner within the transatlantic community after joining NATO. What can both Poland and the U.S.A. do to strengthen transatlantic relations so that they serve not only their interests but also the entire transatlantic allegiance and the West?

Panel Two: Atlanticism and Power Politics

The transatlantic allegiance, including NATO, was the pillar of the post-World War II liberal international order (especially in the post-Cold War era). Currently, this order is going through a crisis or maybe even a decline. Is this an irreversible process? Can it (or at least part of it) be saved and shifted to a new phase of international relations, and how can this be done? Does the return of power politics, in this context, serve both the U.S.A. and Europe or just the opposite? Or perhaps it does serve the U.S.A., but not Europe? What global challenges should the transatlantic community tackle together to make the alliance stronger?

PRESENTERS AND MODERATORS:

Agnieszka Bieńczyk-Missala, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Political Science and International Studies of the University of Warsaw. She is a former Vice-Director for Academic Research and International Cooperation at the Institute of International Relations at the University of Warsaw (2008–2012) and an analyst at the Polish Institute of International Affairs (2006–2008). She is a recipient of the Jan Karski Educational Foundation scholarship to the Georgetown Leadership Seminar in 2016. Her research focuses on humanitarian issues, human rights, democracy, and foreign policy.

Piotr Cywiński, Ph.D., is a historian, the Director of the Memorial and Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau since 2006 and President of Auschwitz-Birkenau Foundation since 2009. He is also a member of the International Auschwitz Council and chair of the Jewish Historical Institute's Program Council, as well as a member of the Museums' Council to the Minister of Culture (2009–2018) and the Council for the Protection of Struggle and Martyrdom Sites (2010–2016). He has served as President (2000–2010) and Vice-president (1996–2018) of the Club of Catholic Intelligentsia.

Daniel Fried is a former U.S. Ambassador to Poland (1997–2000). He is a leading expert on Central and Eastern Europe and Russia and played a key role in designing and implementing American policy in Europe after the fall of the Soviet Union. He was a special assistant and NSC senior director for Presidents Clinton and Bush and assistant secretary of state for Europe (2005–2009). Ambassador Fried joined the U.S. Foreign Service in 1977, serving overseas in Leningrad and Belgrade, as well as at the Office of Soviet Affairs in the State Department. Fried was one of the first in Washington to recognize the impending collapse of Communism in Poland and helped develop the immediate response of the George H.W. Bush Administration to these developments.

Ewa Junczyk-Ziomecka is the President of Fundacja Edukacyjna Jana Karskiego in Poland. Her previous posts include Consul General of the Republic of Poland in New York (2010–2015), Secretary of State in the Chancellery of the President of the Republic of Poland (2005–2010), and Deputy Director of the Museum of the History of Polish Jews. She is a graduate of the Law Department and post-graduate journalistic studies at the University of Warsaw.

Paweł Kowal, Ph.D., is an Assistant Professor in the Institute of Political Studies at the Polish Academy of Sciences. He is a political scholar, historian, researcher, and former member of the European Parliament for the Poland Together party. During his time in the European Parliament, he served as the Chairman of the EU-Ukraine Parliamentary Cooperation Committee. He is a postdoctoral fellow at the Chair of European History and Civilization at College of Europe (Natolin) where, together with Prof. Georges Mink, he co-leads the Three Ukrainian Revolutions project. He is also a co-founder of the Warsaw Rising Museum in Warsaw.

Peter F. Krogh, Ph.D., served as the Dean of the Walsh School of Foreign Service of Georgetown University for twenty-five years (1970–1995) and is considered "the second founder" of the School. He then taught at the School for fifteen years as a Distinguished Professor of International Affairs. He has moderated over 200 PBS television programs and documentaries (one of which won an Emmy Award) and has published a trilogy Reflections on World Affairs and American Foreign Policy and Diplomacy. His career has been honored by the governments of Austria and Germany, and by Georgetown University, where a professorship has been endowed in his name, and by his graduate school, The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, with its tenth annual Outstanding Leadership Award.

Robert Kupiecki, Ph.D., is a Professor at the Faculty of Political Science and International Studies of the University of Warsaw. He is a former diplomat who, after starting his service at the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1994, held several posts including the Deputy Permanent Representative of Poland to NATO and the Western European Union (1999–2004), Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to the United States (2008–2012), and Deputy Minister of National Defense (2012–2015). He is a graduate of the University of Warsaw, where he received an M.A. in history and Ph.D. in political science. Professor Kupiecki specializes in international security.

Roman Kuźniar, Ph.D., is a Professor at the Faculty of Political Science and International Studies of the University of Warsaw. He is the Chairman of the Division of Strategic Studies and International Security. He has worked for the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as the Director of the Department of Planning and Analyses (1992–1994), Minister Plenipotentiary in the Permanent Mission of Poland to the United Nations in Geneva (1994–1998), Director (2000–2002) of the Department of Strategy and Foreign Policy Planning at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. He was also the Director of the Polish Institute of International Affairs (2005–2007). Professor Kuźniar specializes in and lectures on international political relations, human rights, strategic and security studies, and foreign policy of the Republic of Poland.

Georgette Mosbacher is the current U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Poland. She is a business executive, entrepreneur, and author. She has served as President of Georgette Mosbacher Enterprises, Inc, a business and marketing consulting company, and as CEO of Borghese Inc., a cosmetics manufacturer, both based in the New York City. An active philanthropist, Ms. Mosbacher founded the New York Center for Children, which assists abused children and their families, and has served on the boards of numerous charities supporting veterans and their families. She is a fellow at the Foreign Policy Association and serves on the board of Business Executives for National Security and the Atlantic Council.

Michał Mrozek is the president of the management board of HSBC Bank Polska S.A. He is a graduate (cum laude) of Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. He was a student of professor Jan Karski at Georgetown. Mr Mrozek served as a Managing Director for Strategy and International Business in New York and Vice President of the Management Board of Citibank Handlowy in Warsaw. He is a member of the Board of Fundacja Edukacyjna Jana Karskiego. Philanthropist.

Stephen D. Mull is the Vice Provost for Global Affairs at the University of Virginia. He has served in a broad range of U.S. national security positions, most recently as Acting Undersecretary for Political Affairs at the U.S. Department of State. He served as Lead Coordinator for Iran Nuclear Implementation (2015–2017), leading the U.S. government interagency efforts and diplomacy to implement the Joint Comprehensive Plan of Action (JCPOA). Mull has served as the U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Poland (2012–2015) and the Republic of Lithuania (2003–2006). He has served in the Foreign Service since 1982 and holds the rank of Career Ambassador, the highest diplomatic status in the U.S. Foreign Service.

Marcin Pałys, Ph.D., is a Professor of Chemistry and the 44th Rector of the University of Warsaw. In 2008–2012, he served as Vice-Rector for the Development and Financial Policy, and in 2005–2008, as Vice-Dean for Finance at the Faculty of Chemistry. As Vice-Rector, Professor Pałys facilitated strategic planning and initiatives such as the development of the Center of New Technologies and the Biological and Chemical Research Center at the University of Warsaw. His research focuses on inorganic and physical chemistry, as well as the implementation of artificial intelligence in chemistry.

Katarzyna Pełczyńska-Nałęcz, Ph.D., is the Director of the Idea Forum think-tank of the Batory Foundation. She is a sociologist by profession and a political scientist by occupation, specializing in foreign policy with a focus on Russia and Eastern Europe. For years, she has collaborated with the Center for Eastern Studies. In 2012–2014, she was an Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and from 2014–2016, the Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to the Russian Federation.

Andrzej Rojek is the Chairman of the Board of the Jan Karski Educational Foundation. He is one of the founders of Lydian Asset Management, a global hedge fund, established in 1999, and focused on convertible bonds and relative value credit investments. Mr. Rojek served as a managing director and partner at Bankers Trust and worked with the convertibles groups at Merrill Lynch. Andrzej Rojek currently serves as a trustee of the Kosciuszko Foundation in New York and Packer Collegiate Institute in New York. He is also a member of the investment committee of Mount Holyoke College. He is involved in numerous charitable initiatives in Poland (Museum of the History of Polish Jews) as well as in the U.S. (Polish Studies Chair at Columbia University).

James P. Seevers is the Director of Studies and the Georgetown Leadership Seminar at the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy at the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University. Before joining the Institute in 2005, Mr. Seevers was a State Department Foreign Service Officer, gaining wide-ranging experience through his work on South Asia, Europe, Southeast Asia, and Latin America. He also has extensive Congressional experience in the Senate and Congressional Research Service.

Eugeniusz Smolar is a journalist and distinguished member of the opposition movement against the communist government in Poland. As a university student, he was imprisoned in 1968 and 1969 for participating in student demonstrations. In 1970, he emigrated to Sweden. He was involved in organizing aid for the opposition against the communist regime, including for the Solidarity (Polish trade union) movement. He later became a journalist for the BBC and was the Director of the BBC Polish Section in London (1988–1997). After returning to Poland in 1997, he became a member of the board of the Polish Radio. Between 2005 and 2009, he was the President of the Center of International Relations in Warsaw.

Jacek Stawiski is a journalist, currently serving as a commentator for the Polish television channel, TVN 24, where he co-hosts the “Horyzont” program. He started his career as a journalist working for the RMF FM radio station. In 1994–1999, he worked as a journalist and publisher for the BBC World. In 1999, he returned to RMF FM, where he served as the Director for Information (until 2007); he also co-founded the program “Fakty” for RMF FM. His work focuses on Polish-Jewish relations and the history of Jews in Poland.

Stanisław Sulowski, Ph.D., is a Professor of Political Science and the Dean of the Faculty of Political Science and International Studies at the University of Warsaw. In 2005–2016, he was the Director of the Institute of Political Sciences of the Faculty of Journalism and Political Sciences. He is a member of the Political Sciences Committee of the Polish Academy of Sciences and the Center Français de Berlin, and serves as deputy editor-in-chief of an academic journal, *Przegląd Europejski*.

Krzysztof Szczerski is the Secretary of State, Chief of Cabinet to the President of the Republic of Poland since 2017, and Professor at the Jagiellonian University. His previous posts include associate at the Chancellery of the Prime Minister (1998–2001) and advisor to the Minister of Health in the field of European integration, regional health policy, and the healthcare system (1999–2000). He served as an Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland (2007–2008) and the Office of the Committee for European Integration. He was a member of the Civil Service Council to the Prime Minister (2009–2010) and a Member of the Polish Parliament (2011–2015). In January 2015, he became a representative at the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

Maciej Wierzyński is a prominent journalist and publicist. He started his professional career in 1961 in *Przegląd Kulturalny* and later worked for such magazines as *Polityka* and *Kultura*, where he served as a deputy editor-in-chief (until May 1980). He also worked for Polish Television in the sports editorial office and Studio 2 TVP. After the martial law was imposed in Poland in 1981, he stepped away from journalism and in 1984, emigrated to the United States. He worked at Radio Free Europe (1989–94) and Radio Voice of America in Washington, where he managed the Polish section. His conversations with Jan Karski were published in 2012 under the title *The Emissary: In His Own Words*. After returning to Poland, he started cooperation with TVN24 in 2005, where he hosts “Horyzont,” a program on international affairs.



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★ **8.30–9.00 AM Registration**

★ **9.00–9.30 AM Welcome**

Ewa Junczyk-Ziomecka, President of Fundacja Edukacyjna Jana Karskiego (Poland)

Andrzej Rojek, Chairman of the Board of the Jan Karski Educational Foundation (U.S.A.)

Marcin Pałys, Rector of the University of Warsaw

Georgette Mosbacher, U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Poland (TBC)

Krzysztof Szczerski, Secretary of State, Chief of the Cabinet of the President of the Republic of Poland

Stanisław Sulowski, Dean of the Faculty of Political Science and International Studies at the University of Warsaw

★ **9.30–10.15 AM Presentation of the Spirit of Jan Karski Award**

Laudation Stephen D. Mull – former U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Poland

Acceptance Remarks: Peter F. Krogh – Dean Emeritus of International Affairs at Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University

Hosts: **Michał Mrożek, Andrzej Rojek**

★ **10.15–10.30 AM Keynote Speech**

Piotr Cywiński, Director of the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum

★ **10.30–12.15 AM Panel One: Transatlantic Relations: Common Values and Interests**

Presenters:

Agnieszka Bieńczyk-Missala, political scientist, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Political Science and International Studies, University of Warsaw

Robert Kupiecki, Professor at the Institute of International Relations at the University of Warsaw, diplomat, former Ambassador of the Republic of Poland to the United States, former deputy minister at the Ministry of Defense of the Republic of Poland

Katarzyna Pełczyńska-Nałęcz, Director of the Open Europe Program at the Stefan Batory Foundation, former Polish Ambassador to the Russian Federation

James P. SeEVERS, Director of Studies and the Georgetown Leadership Seminar at the Institute for the Study of Diplomacy at the Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University

Maciej Wierzyński, journalist for Polish and American media outlets, host of “Horyzont,” a TV program on international affairs broadcast by TVN24

Moderator: **Jacek Stawiski**

★ 12.15–13.00 AM Lunch

★ 13.00–14.45 AM Panel Two: Atlanticism and Power Politics

Introduction: **Daniel Fried**, former U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Poland

Presenters:

Paweł Kowal, political scientist, historian, expert on Eastern foreign policy, former member of the European Parliament

Peter F. Krogh, Dean Emeritus of International Affairs at Edmund A. Walsh School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University

Roman Kuźniar, political scientist, former diplomat, Chairman of the Department of Strategic Studies and International Security, University of Warsaw

Stephen D. Mull, diplomat, former U.S. Ambassador to the Republic of Poland

Moderator: **Eugeniusz Smolar**



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