

Transatlantic Leadership Initiatives

Strengthening Transatlantic and Global Leaders



Marshall Seminar on the Frontier of Democracy

Kyiv, Ukraine

April 20th to 22nd, 2018

Thematic Agenda

Please note that the agenda is still subject to change.

The fifth Marshall Seminar of the German Marshall Fund of the United States will convene more than 60 leaders from the United States, Europe, and the Eastern Partnership countries to explore contemporary trends affecting democracy and identify opportunities to collaborate against all forms of extremism.

Friday, April 20th

The seminar will begin with an overview of key themes, an ice breaker, and a gala reception with the diplomatic core and Ukraine's national leadership.

16:00-16:30 **Welcome to the Marshall Seminar**

Our opening address will consider questions on leaders' minds at this time. What trends are affecting democracies today? How do these trends impact transatlantic relations? What should leaders in our network do to help advance shared values through this period of change?

16:30-17:30 **Scene Setter and Ice Breaker**

We will invite you to reflect on the following three question: Do you believe that your democracy will survive the next ten years? Name one issue that needs to be resolved for your democracy to become more resilient. Which conversation during this seminar do you anticipate will most address the challenges you face as a leader, and why?

19:00-21:00

Welcome Reception - Ukraine in Focus

Open to Registered Partners and Spouses

Where is Ukraine today, four years after the revolution? What are the challenges Ukraine shares with other democracies in the world? How can Ukraine be of help to the United States and Europe and vice versa?

Saturday, April 21st

The second day we roll up our sleeves and start grappling with pressing issues through dialogue, leadership simulations, and exchange of best practices.

9:00-10:30

Politics in Transition

Do political parties still matter? What knowhow is necessary for success in electoral politics at this time? What kind of governance results from these new realities and how can its effectiveness be maximized?

Coffee Break

10:45-12:15

The Digital Agora

How has social media transformed our public discourse? Should democracies simply accept that today, individuals from other countries can instantly become a part of political discourse or should they do something to prevent this from happening through regulation of digital communication? What kind of solutions can we apply to minimize misinformation in decision making? Are these solutions sustainable?

Transfer to the next venue

1:00-2:45

How to Accomplish Change - Lunch

How does one trigger a momentum for change? What makes change possible and how does one actualize it in practice? How long does change take and what makes it sustainable and difficult to reverse?

3:00-5:00

Leadership in Democracy Exercise

The leadership simulation will help participants brainstorm solutions to policy dilemmas in transatlantic conversations. Each group will receive a briefing on a specific policy challenge and will then:

12:30 - 2:00

Lunch Debrief

Tour of Mezhyhirya Residence

Optional Add On: Extra Day for Tour

GMF will organize an optional add on tour of the former palatial residence of President Viktor Yanukovich, now a museum of corruption. The additional registration fee includes transport to and from the venue, access to the museum, and an additional night of stay in Kyiv. Registrants are responsible for their own dinner that evening.

Registration for Marshall Seminar on the Frontier of Democracy is available on a first come, first served basis. The non-refundable registration fee of \$600 covers the cost of programming, accommodation, meals, and transportation from the first to the last day of the event. A twelve month payment plan is available for \$50 a month as is a partner/spousal option for \$855 or \$71.25 for twelve months. The optional add on is available for \$255 for a single participant or \$300 for a partner/spousal combo.

Individuals are responsible for their own travel to and from Kyiv, with check in on April 20 and check out on April 22.

Registration is exclusive to members of GMF's transatlantic leadership network, which includes alumni of the following programs: the Marshall Memorial Fellowship, Manfred Wörner Seminar, Transatlantic Inclusion Leaders Network, Transatlantic Forum on Migration and Integration, Asmus Policy Entrepreneurs Fellowship, APSA Congressional Fellowship, and New Länder Fellowship.

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