Transatlantic Strategy Towards Russia

Wednesday, March 7, 2018
Pałac na Wyspie, The Royal Łazienki Museum in Warsaw, 1 Agrykola Street

13.00-13.30  Welcome Lunch
13.30-13.35  Welcome Address

Michał Baranowski, Warsaw Director, German Marshall Fund of the United States

13.35-13.45  Opening Remarks

Bartosz Cichocki, Undersecretary of State, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland

13.45-15.00  The Need for Decisive Transatlantic Strategy

Unexpected and unwelcome geopolitical developments in the past decade have soured current relations between the West and Russia. They also place strong barriers and caveats in the way of future cooperation.

How long will the political will of individual countries in the West to withstand a prolonged political stand-off with Russia last? How can the West strike a balance between maintaining its status as a protector of international law and order whilst moving to mitigate the risk of increased isolation and tension in relations with Russia?

Is it possible to execute a truly united stance towards Russia given the unique political landscapes, economic situations, and historical experiences of each Western country?

Speakers
Thomas Bagger, Head of Foreign Affairs, Office of the Federal President, Germany
Bartosz Cichocki, Undersecretary of State for Security, Consular Affairs, and Eastern Policy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland
Kurt Volker, Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations, U.S. Department of State

Moderator
Michał Baranowski, Warsaw Director, German Marshall Fund of the United States
Energy diversification has been seen as a general priority within Europe for much of the past decade. However, levels of genuine ambition to do so differ greatly across the continent. As a result, energy still holds great potential to splinter Western opinion and afford Moscow significant political leverage.

What is a sustainable level of resource dependence on Russia, and how far has Europe come in terms of diversification?

How will the emergence of US LNG exports change the situation, and to what extent do projects such as Nordstream 2 threaten progress?

Speakers
Peter Fischer, Deputy Director General, Energy & Climate Policy and Export Control, Federal Foreign Office, Germany
Kathrin Glastra, Head of Office, MEP R. Butikofer, Group of the Greens
Piotr Woźniak, President of the Management Board, Polskie Górnictwo Naftowe i Gazownictwo SA
Przemysław Żurawski vel Grajewski, Advisor to the Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland

Moderator
Matthew Bryza, fmr Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council

The true composition of Russia’s state apparatus is at times something of a mystery to Western observers. This is often reflected in naïve and ineffective strategy.

What is the true essence of Russia’s 21st century political system, and how can Western strategy best capitalize on its main attributes?

What mistakes have been made in past attempts to influence and engage with the Russian political system, and how can they be learned from?
Speakers
Ian Bond, Director of Foreign Policy, Centre for European Reform
Katarzyna Pelczyńska-Nałęcz, Director, Open Europe Program, Stefan Batory Foundation
Celeste Wallander, President and CEO, US Russia Foundation

Moderator
Derek Chollet, Executive Vice-President, The German Marshall Fund of the United States

19.00-19.30
Cocktail Reception

19.30-21.30
Policy Dinner: Putin’s Plans for Europe

In the Putin era, Russian interactions with Europe have proved to be economic, political, and even territorial in nature. Such interactions greatly contribute to Putin’s hold over the Russian electorate. On one hand, Europe is a market vital to Russia’s economic performance. On the other, it is a geopolitical playing field where the Kremlin can attempt to convey strength and power.

If Putin is successful in renewing his Presidency in the upcoming elections, what will be his major objectives, in regards to Europe, in his fourth term? What are Russia’s key levers in interactions with Europe, and how can Europe strengthen such weak-spots against exploitation?

Speakers
Jonathan Knott, Ambassador to Poland, United Kingdom
Pierre Levy, Ambassador to Poland, France
Rolf Nikel, Ambassador to Poland, Germany
Witold Waszczykowski, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Poland

Moderator
Michał Baranowski, Warsaw Director, German Marshall Fund of the United States
List of Participants

Christopher Anderson
Special Assistant to Ambassador Volker
U.S. Department of State

Łukasz Adamski
Deputy Director
Centre for Polish-Russian Dialogue and Understanding

Thomas Bagger
Head of Foreign Affairs
Federal President’s Office, Germany

Michał Baranowski
Director, Warsaw Office
The German Marshall Fund of the United States

Jacek Bartosiak
Senior Fellow
Potomac Foundation

Ian Bond
Director of Foreign Policy
Centre for European Reform

Matthew Bryza
former U.S. DAS of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, Nonresident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council

Bartosz Cichocki
Undersecretary of State
Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland

Derek Chollet
Executive Vice-President
The German Marshall Fund of the United States

Adam Eberhardt
Director
Center for Eastern Studies

Peter Fischer
Deputy Director General, Energy & Climate Policy and Export Control, Federal Foreign Office, Germany

Kathrin Glastra
Head of Office, MEP R. Butikofer
European Parliament

Justyna Gotkowska
Security Analyst
Center for Eastern Studies

Stefan Gullgren
Ambassador to Poland
Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Sweden

Paul Jones
Ambassador to Poland
U.S. Department of State

Mariusz Kawnik
Director, Regulatory and International Affairs
Polskie Górnictwo Naftowe i Gazownictwo SA
<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Name</th>
<th>Title/Position</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Jonathan Knott</td>
<td>Ambassador to Poland, Foreign &amp; Commonwealth Office, UK</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maciej Kołaczek</td>
<td>Head of Unit, International Affairs, Polskie Górnictwo Naftowe i Gazownictwo SA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Cyryl Kozaczewski</td>
<td>Political Director, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Pierre Levy</td>
<td>Ambassador to Poland, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, France</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Celine Marange</td>
<td>Researcher, The Institute for Strategic Research, France</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Marek Menkiszak</td>
<td>Head of Russia Department, Center for Eastern Studies</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Rolf Nikel</td>
<td>Ambassador to Poland, Federal Foreign Office, Germany</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Katarzyna Pełczyńska-Nałęcz</td>
<td>Director, Open Europe Program, Stefan Batory Foundation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maciej Pisarski</td>
<td>Director, Foreign Policy Strategy Dept., Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Stanley Prusinski</td>
<td>Director, Global Marketing, CEE, The Boeing Company</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Maciej Stadejek</td>
<td>Director, Political Director's Office, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jan Techau</td>
<td>Director, Europe Program, The German Marshall Fund of the United States</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Kurt Volker</td>
<td>U.S. Special Representative for Ukraine Negotiations, U.S. Department of State</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Piotr Tutak</td>
<td>President of the Board, EuRoPol GAZ</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Witold Waszczykowski</td>
<td>Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Member of Parliament, Poland</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Celeste Wallander</td>
<td>President and CEO, US Russia Foundation</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Piotr Woźniak</td>
<td>President of the Management Board, Polskie Górnictwo Naftowe i Gazownictwo SA</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Jakub Wódka</td>
<td>Deputy Director, Foreign Policy Strategy Dept., Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Ernest Wyciszkiewicz</td>
<td>Director, Centre for Polish-Russian Dialogue and Understanding</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Przemysław Żurawski vel Grajewski</td>
<td>Advisor to the Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Poland</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>