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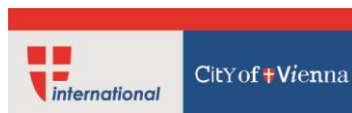
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**MESSAGE FROM THE FEDERAL  
PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF  
AUSTRIA, HEINZ FISCHER**

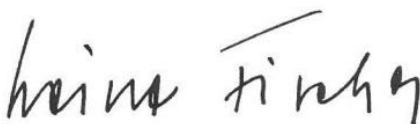
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It was with deep sadness that I learned of the passing of Lord Weidenfeld, who initiated this conference which is co-organised by the Institute for Strategic Dialogue and the Diplomatische Akademie Wien. Lord Weidenfeld and I had known each other for decades and had many friends in common. I will always gratefully remember him as an inspiring figure, tirelessly building bridges between cultures and religions and warming my heart through his tolerance and open mind.

I very much welcome the cooperation between the Institute for Strategic Dialogue and the Diplomatische Akademie Wien in organising this very relevant conference bringing together highly qualified speakers from different fields to discuss the most serious and pressing issues which Europe has to deal with today.

The cross-border nature of the organisation of the conference and its participants symbolizes the importance of tackling the world's problems through cooperation.

I wish the conference every success in contributing to this goal.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Heinz Fischer". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent horizontal line above the name.

**MESSAGE FROM THE FEDERAL  
MINISTER FOR EUROPE, INTEGRATION  
AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS, SEBASTIAN  
KURZ**

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The Club of Three Conference co-organised by the Institute for Strategic Dialogue and the Diplomatische Akademie Wien was conceived by the late Lord Weidenfeld and he intended to personally attend this conference.

I am deeply saddened by the passing of this towering figure fostering humanity, tolerance and understanding between religions and cultures. He proved his generosity of heart time and again by maintaining a close relationship with the country of his birth despite having had to flee at a young age.

Lord Weidenfeld also had a vast knowledge and sensitivity of international politics. This is shown also by the fact that this conference takes place at a very appropriate time when Europe is facing some of the biggest challenges in a long time: the migration crisis, extremism in various guises and the question of how to shape relations with Europe's neighbourhood.

I welcome the fact that these challenges are addressed by the conference and that emphasis is placed on cooperation, as it is only through working together that Europe can hope to solve the problems it faces.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Sebastian Kurz', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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Nach einem Aquarell von Erwin Pendl

~~Wien~~ Vienna, July 14<sup>th</sup> 1938.

The Executive, as undersigned, confirms that  
Mr. Arthur Weidenfeld has been a student at the Consular  
Academy from autumn 1937 and has received a certificate for the  
first year examinations.

Mr. Weidenfeld has shown much talent and diligence,  
and has achieved good results.

As he intends to continue his studies abroad, the  
Executive can recommend Mr. Weidenfeld most thoroughly for any  
support that could be granted to him.

Director of the Consular Academy.

**George Weidenfeld's Diplomatic Academy Certificate (July 1938):** Still using his second name, 'Arthur', Lord Weidenfeld successfully passed his exams, even though Jews were not allowed to attend classes after the Anschluss in March 1938

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The bearer of this letter, Mr Arthur Weidenfeld, a student of the Consular Academy in Vienna, merits to be recommended to any school to set his studies forth. The year he has spent at the Consular Academy he has proved himself a capable student and diligent worker. Mr Weidenfeld has especially been interested in the study of colonial problems in which field he has always taken part in the discussions and debates..

It would please me very much to know that Mr Weidenfeld can continue his studies; as a former Professor of his I can recommend him to any school.

*René Fabien*

René Fabien Ph.D.  
Professor on the Consular Academy  
and polytechnical School for  
Engineering in Vienna.

**Letter of recommendation:** In full support of George Weidenfeld's determination to escape from Nazi persecution, his professors at the Diplomatic Academy wanted to ensure that he would be able to continue his studies abroad

## **CLUB OF THREE**

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The Club of Three brings together men and women of influence from Britain, France and Germany. Its meetings are designed to foster open discussions on the threats and challenges of our time and to encourage the exchange of new ideas at the highest levels.

Past events, such as the 2013 plenary meeting in London, during which the UK Chancellor of the Exchequer George Osborne delivered the opening speech, have addressed shifts in global economic power, challenges to the social compact in Europe and regulatory frameworks in the aftermath of the financial crisis.

As well as addressing key issues within Europe, the Club of Three also functions as a European ‘contact group’ engaging key strategic global partners. In 2010, the ‘Club of Three and China’ initiative was launched with a meeting in Berlin with senior Chinese officials. This was followed by a return trip to Beijing in 2012, where the European delegation was received by the then Vice Premier. In 2014, the Club of Three’s focus turned to Turkey. A plenary meeting was held in partnership with Global Relations Forum at the Quai d’Orsay in Paris followed by a Working Session in Istanbul in June 2015, which included a keynote address from Turkish Foreign Minister Mevlüt Çavuşoğlu.

The Club of Three’s involvement in the 2016 Vienna Conference reflects its continuing interest in developing relationships between ‘the Three’ and other key regions of Europe.



## **INSTITUTE FOR STRATEGIC DIALOGUE**

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The Institute for Strategic Dialogue (ISD) is a London-based ‘think and do tank’ that has pioneered policy and operational responses to the rising challenge of violent extremism across ideologies. Building on the multilateral, pragmatic and bridge-building spirit of the Franco-British-German Club of Three, founded by Lord Weidenfeld in the mid 1990’s, ISD has become the leading global non-governmental actor in this domain, partnering with governments, the private sector and leading universities worldwide.

ISD’s programmes aim to enhance policymakers’ and practitioners’ capacity to engage cohesively in the global arena, and to identify innovative approaches and evidence-based responses to migration, integration, extremism and terrorism. Its ‘theory of change’ is based on the understanding that to stem the tide of radicalisation and recruitment, networks of credible voices must be combined with contemporary amplification tools and strategies, and that both policy and practice must be rooted in solid data and realities on the ground.

## **DIPLOMATIC ACADEMY OF VIENNA**

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The Diplomatic Academy of Vienna (DA) offers post-graduate academic programmes which prepare ambitious, young people for the varied challenges of an international career. It fosters an interdisciplinary approach and the interplay between theory and practice. The main academic areas encompass international relations, political science, international and EU law, economics, history and languages. Currently, the DA offers a Diploma Programme, Master of Advanced International Studies (MAIS) Programme, Master of Science in Environmental Technology and International Affairs (ETIA) Programme, and PhD Programme.

The DA can look back on a long history. Its predecessor was the “Orientalische Akademie”, founded by Empress Maria Theresa in 1754. Out of the Oriental Academy evolved the Consular Academy in the late 19th century which was closed during the Second World War. In 1964 the DA was re-opened under its present name. In 1996 it was given the status of an independent public institution. The DA is a truly international family with students from all over the world – about 170 graduate students every year from nearly 50 countries from all four corners of the globe. Students are also encouraged to participate in a wide variety of extracurricular activities, such as student organised conferences, an annual ball, charity events, and the publication of their magazine ‘Polemics’.

## **AGENDA**

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**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> of April**

**18.30**                      **Welcome Reception at the  
Diplomatic Academy of Vienna**

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> of April**

**09.00 – 10.00**              **Welcome by the organisers**

**Chair:**                      **Hans Winkler**

**Keynote Speakers:**      **Michael Spindelegger  
Sir Malcolm Rifkind**

**10.00 – 11.30    SESSION I: PRIORITIES FOR  
COOPERATION – THE MASSIVE  
INFLUX OF MIGRANTS: SEARCHING  
FOR AN INTEGRATED STRATEGY TO  
MEET THE CONSEQUENT POLITICAL,  
SOCIAL AND SECURITY CHALLENGES**

- Migrants on the move: A threat to political stability in the Region? Undermining the Schengen Agreement and even the EU? Can the Region absorb more migrants?
- Democracy, human rights, culture: Important elements in the response to asylum seekers and to integration?
- A Regional strategy on the migration crisis: Is it essential? Is it feasible?

**Chair:**                                **Eva Nowotny**

**Panel Speakers:**                **Eric Frey**  
   **Krystyna Iglicka**  
   **Katerina Kratzmann**  
   **Sonja Licht**

**11.30 – 11.45**    Coffee break

**11.45 – 13.30 SESSION II: PRIORITIES FOR  
COOPERATION – THE CUMULATIVE  
CHALLENGE OF EXTREMISM:  
ISLAMIST, ANTI-SEMITIC, RIGHT-  
WING POLITICS**

- **A paper on Cumulative Extremism and Displacement: preventing radicalisation in the context of the refugee and migrant crisis** (*by the Institute for Strategic Dialogue*)
- Islamist extremism: are extremists targeting and penetrating the migrant groups? How big a problem for Austria? How big a pan-European problem?
- Settled Muslim minorities: What can the participating countries learn from each other's experience and practices?
- Anti-Semitism: a significant and growing pan-European factor? The lessons of the Holocaust still not fully absorbed?
- Right-wing politics: a threat to stability?

**Chair:** **Werner Althofer**

**Panel Speakers:** **Sasha Havlicek**  
**Mustafa Cerić**  
**Doron Rabinovici**  
**Mihai Răzvan Ungureanu**

**13.30 – 15.00 WORKING LUNCH: PUTIN’S RUSSIA –  
ITS IMPACT ON CENTRAL EUROPE  
AND THE BALKANS AND ON THE  
GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE**

**Chair:** Pauline Neville-Jones

**Keynote Speakers:** Dr Wolfgang Schüssel  
Bridget Kendall

**15.00 – 15.15** Coffee Break

**15.15 – 16.45 SESSION III: ECONOMIC GROWTH  
AND COOPERATION**

- Economic up-turn in the Region: how uniform?  
How durable?
- Regional Insiders and Outsiders: are investment  
opportunities affected by EU membership? By  
Eurozone membership?
- Austria as the locomotive: Proposals for closer  
economic cooperation

**Chair:** Eberhard von Koerber

**Panel Speakers:** Ewald Nowotny  
Michael Karnitschnig  
François Lafond  
Georg Winckler

16.45 – 17.00 Concluding remarks: **Michael Maclay**

**19.30 DINNER HOSTED BY THE  
AUSTRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY**

Guest of Honour: **Lady Annabelle Weidenfeld**

Welcome: **Ambassador Alexander Marschik,**  
Political Director and Director  
General for International Affairs,  
Ministry of Europe, Integration and  
Foreign Affairs

Speakers: **Sasha Havlicek, CEO,**  
Institute for Strategic Dialogue

**Hella Pick, Director of the Arts and  
Culture Programme, Institute for  
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After lecturing in the Philosophy Faculty of the University of Bari, Italy (1988-1991), Werner Almhofer joined the Austrian Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1992.

He has held several diplomatic positions, including Deputy Head of Mission (1997-1999) and then Chargé d’Affaires (1999-2001) in the Austrian Embassy in Belgrade; Head of Unit for CFSP coordination (2001-2005); Ambassador to Bosnia (2005-2008); Head of the OSCE Mission in Kosovo (2008-2012); and Head of Department for EU-Enlargement, Economic Relations with European Third Countries and Central Asia (2012-2015).

Mr Almhofer is currently the Deputy Director General for EU-Coordination and Global Economic Governance, a position he has held since 2013, and is also the Head of Department for Western Balkans, EU-Enlargement and Twinning (since September 2015).



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### **Alina BARNETT**

Economic Adviser to the Deputy Governor for Monetary Analysis, *Bank of England*

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Alina Barnett is Economic Adviser to the Deputy-Governor for Monetary Analysis at the Bank of England. She works on issues related to monetary policy, and has a special interest in economic growth and productivity.

She is a Trustee of the Weidenfeld-Hoffmann Trust which manages the Weidenfeld Scholarships and Leadership Programme at Oxford University, and the Humanitas Visiting Professorships at Oxford and Cambridge Universities.

Alina was born in Romania. She holds a Masters in Economics from the Central European University in Hungary and a PhD in Economics from Warwick University.

She is married to Lord Weidenfeld's grandson, Benjamin Barnett.

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### **Marie-Hélène BÉRARD**

President, *MHB SAS Investment and Consulting*, Eastern Europe

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Marie-Hélène Bérard is a former high-ranking civil servant from the French Ministry of Finance, serving in the cabinets of Prime Ministers Mr Raymond Barre and Mr Jacques Chirac.

In 1990, she joined the French bank *Crédit Commercial de France* with responsibility for Central and Eastern Europe and the ex-Soviet Union and developing all the activities of the bank in these markets, working closely with both Governments and international financial institutions.

Since 2000, Madame Bérard has run an independent investment consultancy business specialising in emerging markets.

She is a *Commandeur de la Légion d'Honneur* and is a French citizen.

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### **Sonja BISERKO**

Founder and President, *Helsinki Committee for Human Rights* (Serbia)

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Sonja Biserko has been the Chairperson of the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights since 1995.

Ms Biserko has worked for 17 years as a diplomat in the former Yugoslavia. She resigned from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs at the onset of the SFRY's dissolution. She was among the founders of the European Movement in Yugoslavia (1991) and the Centre for Anti-war Action (1991), the Helsinki Committee for Human Rights in Serbia (1994) and the Forum for International Relations (1996).

She organised the first opposition meeting in the former Yugoslavia (Geneva, 1991) and has worked on a variety of civil and human rights programmes. Ms Biserko has participated in a number of international conferences focused on regional crises and conflicts.

She is also the author of the books, "Yugoslavia's Implosion – Fatal Attraction of the Serbian nationalism"; "Serbia in the Orient"; "Forging of Anti Yugoslav Conspiracy"; and "Serbia lost in Transition". She has edited and prepared major editions on the 1990s wars in the territory of former Yugoslavia and the root causes of the country's dissolution, and contributed articles to a variety of specialised magazines.

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### **Joachim BITTERLICH**

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Joachim Bitterlich has held several positions in the German Government. He joined the Federal Foreign Office in 1976 and was posted to Algiers, Brussels (Permanent Representation to the European Communities) before becoming Adviser in the private office of the Minister of Foreign Affairs, Hans-Dietrich Genscher in 1985. In 1987, he became policy adviser in Helmut Kohl's Office, first as Head of the European Policy Department, then as Director General of Foreign Policy, Economic Cooperation and External Security and European, Foreign and Security Policy Adviser to the Chancellor. In 1998, Mr Bitterlich became Permanent Representative of the Federal Republic of Germany to the North Atlantic Council in Brussels. Subsequently, he was appointed Ambassador to the Kingdom of Spain and to the Principality of Andorra.

Mr Bitterlich joined Veolia Environnement in 2003. He became a member of the Board of Administration of Veolia Environmental Services and of Veolia Transport (until 2011), and was appointed Executive Vice President International Affairs in Paris. In addition he was Chairman of Veolia Environnement Germany from 2009 to 2012. He is today an independent consultant, a member of different public and private boards. He studied Law, Economics and Politics at the University of Saarbrücken and is a foreign graduate of the Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA).

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### **Mustafa CERIĆ**

President, *World Bosniak Congress*

Former Grand Mufti of Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Dr Mustafa Cerić is Grand Mufti Emeritus of Bosnia-Herzegovina and is currently serving as President of the World Bosniak Congress. He was an independent candidate for the Presidency of Bosnia and Herzegovina in the October 2014 Bosnia-Herzegovina election. He was previously an imam in Northbrook, Illinois and Zagreb.

Dr Mustafa Cerić is a member of the Interreligious Council of Bosnia-Herzegovina; the Foundation of Srebrenica-Potocari Memorial and Cemetery; the Council of 100 Leaders of the World Economic Forum; the European Council for Fatwas and Research; the World Conference of Religion & Peace; the executive committee of the European Council of Religious Leaders; the board of trustees of International Islamic University Islamabad; the Sharia'h Board of Bosnia Bank International; the Fiqh Academy in Mecca; Aal Albayt Foundation for Islamic Thought in Jordan; the World Council of Religions for Peace, International Commission for Peace Research; UNESCO; the Executive Council of World Forum of Ulama; Advisory Council of the Tony Blair Faith Foundation; and Writers Association of Renewal Jordan.

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### **Gordana DELIĆ**

Director, Balkan Trust for Democracy, *The German Marshall Fund of the United States (GMF)*

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Gordana Delić is a director of GMF's Balkan Trust for Democracy. This grant-making initiative established in 2003, supports democracy, good governance, and Euro-Atlantic integration in Southeastern Europe.

Prior to joining GMF in 2004, Delić worked at Freedom House Serbia and Pontis Foundation in Bratislava, Slovakia. She has been an active practitioner in the field of international development and democratization particularly in programme management and development, grant solicitation, philanthropy, research and planning, election processes, get-out-to vote campaigns, human rights and reconciliation. With almost twenty years of experience in civil society development, Delić has the knowledge of both non-governmental and governmental sectors in the Balkans as well as the knowledge of international donor strategies, programmes, procedures and operations in CEE and SEE regions.

Ms Delić received her Masters from the Comenius University in Slovakia. She is fluent in Serbian, English and Slovak and she also communicates in Czech, German and Spanish.

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In 2008-2011 he was a Member of the Board of Strategic Advisers to the Prime Minister of Poland. He has been a Visiting Professor in the Martin Luther University of Halle-Wittenberg and Friedrich Schiller University of Jena, a Member of the Transatlantic Forum on Migration and Integration, a Collaborator of the International Labour Organization, European Commission and with the International Organization for Migration.

He has received scholarships granted by the Jean Monnet Project, Carl Duisburg Gesellschaft and the Polish Committee for Scientific Research.

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### **Martin EICHTINGER**

Austrian Ambassador to the United Kingdom

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Martin Eichtinger was born 1961 in Graz, Austria. He completed postgraduate studies at Johns Hopkins University in Bologna and Paris.

He joined the Austrian Foreign Service in 1986 and served as personal secretary to the Foreign Minister. His early diplomatic assignments included Mexico and Washington D.C., where he headed the Austrian Press and Information Service from 1992-1999. Between 1999 and 2007, he was Chief of Cabinet of the Austrian Special Representative for Payments to Former Forced and Slave Labourers of the Nazi-Regime, Director for International Affairs at the Austrian Federation of Industry, manager in a private company, Chief of Staff and later Secretary General of the Austrian Federal Ministry of Economics and Labour.

From 2007 to 2010, he served as Austrian Ambassador to Romania and the Republic of Moldova. From July 2010 to January 2015, he was Director General for Cultural Policy at the Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs.

Since January 2015, he has been Austria's Ambassador to the Court of St James.



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### **Raimund FASTENBAUER**

Secretary General, *Federation of Jewish Communities in Austria*  
Secretary General for Jewish Affairs, *Jewish Community in Vienna*

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Mag Raimund Fastenbauer is the Secretary General of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Austria and the Secretary General for Jewish Affairs of the Jewish Community of Vienna.

He has studied political science and Jewish studies at the University of Vienna, as well as business economics at the Vienna University of Economics, where he graduated in 1975 with the title of Magister of social and economic studies.

After decades of working in the banking sector, in 2006 Raimund Fastenbauer became the Secretary General for Jewish affairs of the Jewish Community of Vienna. Previously he had been a member of the board of the Viennese Jewish community for many years.

He is also a board member of the Documentation Centre of Austrian Resistance (DÖW) and a member of the Austrian Mauthausen Committee (MKÖ).

Through his involvement with B'nei B'rith and the Jewish Community, Raimund Fastenbauer has been actively engaged in media and press work in order to combat old and new forms of Anti-Semitism and agitation against Israel.

## **BIOGRAPHIES**

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### **Andrew FRASER**

Senior Adviser, *Mitsubishi Corporation*

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Since October 2000, Andrew has been the Senior Adviser to Mitsubishi Corporation (Europe and Africa). He has been a Board Director of Mitsubishi Corporation International (Europe) Plc (MCIE) since 2013. He also serves on the Advisory Board for Strategic Communications at FTI Consulting.

For six years, July 1994-September 2000, Andrew served as Chief Executive of Invest UK – the sole Government body marketing the whole of the UK to international investors – during which time the stock of UK inward investment more than doubled.

Prior to joining Invest UK, Andrew enjoyed an extensive career in international advertising as Executive Vice President and Director of Business Development for Saatchi and Saatchi Worldwide, and as CEO for Europe for Dentsu Company.

Andrew's pro bono commitments have included serving as a Trustee for Shakespeare's Globe, the Board of Think London, the Council of Chatham House (Royal Institute of International Affairs) and the Board of the Japan Society (UK) where he continues to chair the Business Group.

## **BIOGRAPHIES**

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### **Eric FREY**

Managing Editor, *Der Standard*

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Eric Frey is the managing editor of the Austrian daily *Der Standard*, a position he has held since 2002.

He received a B.A. and an M.P.A. in International Relations from Princeton University and a Ph.D. in Political Science from the University of Vienna. He worked for AP-Dow Jones News Service in Frankfurt and as foreign editor and business editor for *Der Standard*.

In 2001/2, he held the Marshall Plan Chair in Austrian Studies at the University of New Orleans, where he lectured on European politics and economics. He also teaches international political economy at Webster University in Vienna and has worked as a stringer for the *Financial Times* and *The Economist*.

He is the author of six books on international affairs, US politics and economic issues.

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### **Vladimir GLIGOROV**

Research Economist and country expert for the Balkans,  
*Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies (WIIW)*

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Vladimir Gligorov is Research Economist at the wiiw and country expert for Balkan countries, in particular Serbia, Montenegro and Macedonia. His research focuses on long-term growth in transition countries, macroeconomic analysis and financial markets. He is a lecturer at the University of Vienna. Vladimir Gligorov has been a regular contributor to Oxford Analytica (Oxford and New York). He has contributed opinion pieces to the Wall Street Journal and writes regular columns for several newspapers and weeklies in Southeast Europe.

## **BIOGRAPHIES**

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### **Sasha HAVLICEK**

CEO, *Institute for Strategic Dialogue (ISD)*

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As the co-founding CEO of this London-based ‘think and action tank’, Sasha leads the organisation’s government advisory, research and delivery programmes in the fields of counter-extremism and foreign policy.

Sasha advises a range of Western governments on countering extremism; she chairs the 11-country Policy Planners’ Network on Countering Radicalisation, and co-chaired the EU’s Internet Radicalisation working group from 2012-2015. She is the co-founder of the Women and Extremism Initiative and has spearheaded, among other things, a partnership with Google Ideas to build the first global network of former extremists and their victims (AVE), and the Innovation Hub - a partnership with Facebook, Google and Twitter - that combines tech and marketing expertise with front line networks to counter the internet propaganda machine of the extremists. She recently launched the Online Civil Courage Initiative in Germany with Facebook’s Sheryl Sandberg.

Sasha previously served as Senior Director at the US think-tank, the EastWest Institute (EWI), where she headed the organisation’s conflict resolution work and served on a Task Force of the Stability Pact for South-Eastern Europe. Sasha is a member of the European Council on Foreign Relations, has been invited to testify on extremist recruitment before US Congress and is a regular commentator in the media (CNN, BBC, Channel 4 News and other networks).

## **BIOGRAPHIES**

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### **Sir Charles HOARE**

Managing Governor, *Weidenfeld Fund*

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Sir Charles Hoare Bt. is currently the Managing Governor of The Weidenfeld Fund.

From 1998 to 2012 he was International Secretary, EU Representative, United Nations Representative and International Director at the humanitarian aid organisation, CARE.

Sir Charles was educated at Pimlico School, Greatcoat Hospital School, Durham University (BA History) and the London School of Economics (MSc Social Policy & Voluntary Sector Management).

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### **Krystyna IGLICKA**

Rector, *Łazarski University*; Expert in migration policy

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Krystyna Iglicka is an Economic science professor. She is a chancellor at the Łazarski University, the chair of Faculty of Quantitative Methods in Economy and the president of the Migration and Demographic Centre. She also acts as an expert in migration policy for the Polish government. She is a European Commission expert on mobility of workers from new member states after 2004. She has been a lecturer at several European and American universities.

From 1999-2000, she was a Fulbright scholarship student at the University of Pennsylvania. In the years 1996-1999 she coordinated the Polish Migration Project in the School of Slavonic and East European Studies. She is the author of ten monographs and over 100 publications, including: "Poland's Post War Dynamic of Migration", Ashgate, Aldershot 2001; "In the cycle of migration trap", Warsaw, Scholar 2010; and "Migration contrasts in Poland – transatlantic aspect", Warsaw, Scholar 2008. She is the co-editor of several books, including: "The Challenge of East-West Migration for Poland" (together with Keith Sword), Macmillan, London – New York 1999; "From Homogeneity to Multiculturalism: Minorities Old and New in Poland" (together with F. E. I. Hamilton), UCL Press, London 2000.

She is the author of over 70 scientific papers concerning demography and migrations, issued by prestigious publishers from Poland, Great Britain and the US.

## **BIOGRAPHIES**

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### **Valentin INZKO**

High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina  
Former EU Special Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Dr Valentin Inzko is an Austrian diplomat who served for four years as Ambassador to Slovenia immediately before taking up his appointment as High Representative and EU Special Representative (2009-2011) for Bosnia and Herzegovina in March 2009.

Dr Inzko has been involved in Southeast European diplomacy since 1981, when he joined the Austrian Foreign Ministry and began working for the department responsible for relations with the region. He was assigned to the Austrian Embassy in Belgrade from 1982 to 1986, and in 1992 he headed the OSCE Mission in Sandzak. From 1996 to 1999 Dr Inzko served as the first resident Austrian Ambassador to Bosnia and Herzegovina. In this capacity he was responsible for establishing the Austrian Embassy in Sarajevo. Based in Vienna from 1999 to 2005, Dr Inzko headed the Austrian Foreign Ministry department responsible for Central Eastern and Southeastern Europe as well as Central Asia and the Southern Caucasus.

Before joining the Foreign Ministry, Dr Inzko held senior positions with UN Development Programme missions in Mongolia and Sri Lanka. His other diplomatic postings have included serving as the Austrian Representative at the United Nations, and as the Deputy Director of the UN Disarmament mission.



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### **Michael KARNITSCHNIG**

Chief of Staff to Johannes Hahn, EU Commissioner for Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations

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Michael Karnitschnig is the Chief of Staff of the EU Commissioner for Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement Negotiations, Johannes Hahn. He is the Commissioner's lead adviser on EU policy towards the Western Balkans and Turkey, the Eastern partners from Ukraine to Azerbaijan, and Europe's Southern neighbours from Lebanon to Morocco.

Michael has nearly two decades of experience on all levels of EU foreign policy. He served as adviser on foreign affairs, energy and climate policy (2011-2014) and as foreign policy spokesperson (2010-2011) to Commission President José Manuel Barroso. From 2007-2010, he was a political counsellor to External Relations Commissioner Benita Ferrero-Waldner, and her speechwriter from 2004-2006. In 2006-2007, he was seconded to the German Foreign Office in Berlin.

Michael, who is of Austrian/Dutch origin, started his EU career as Desk Officer for Serbia, Montenegro and Kosovo (2001-04) and as an agricultural trade lawyer (2000-2001). Prior to that, he had worked in the Austrian Foreign (1998-1999) and Defence Ministries (1997-1998). He holds a Master of Laws from the University of Graz and the Free University of Amsterdam and an MA in political science from the College of Europe in Bruges.

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### **Bridget KENDALL**

Chief Diplomatic Correspondent, *BBC*

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Bridget Kendall has been the BBC's award winning Diplomatic Correspondent since 1998, covering major international news for BBC radio, television and online, with a particular interest in Russia and East/West relations. She is also presenter of The Forum for BBC radio, a weekly discussion programme which explores new ideas and research from around the world.

She was educated at Harvard and Moscow universities as well as two Oxford Colleges, Lady Margaret Hall and St Antony's College, both of which have made her an Honorary Fellow.

Among her awards are the James Cameron Award for distinguished journalism and an MBE from Her Majesty the Queen in the 1994 New Year's Honours list.

She is on the Advisory Board of Wilton Park and a visiting professor of Journalism at Lincoln University.

In July 2016 she is due to take up a new position as Master of Peterhouse, Cambridge University's oldest College.

## **BIOGRAPHIES**

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### **Eberhard von KOERBER**

Chairman and CEO, *Eberhard von Koerber AG*

Member of the Steering Group, *Club of Three*

President, *Éliette und Herbert von Karajan Institut, Salzburg*

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Eberhard von Koerber is Co-Founder and Vice President of the Wittenberg Centre for Global Ethics (Germany) and Past Chairman and Member of the Board of the World Scout Foundation, Geneva. He is Past President and member of the Club of Rome. Moreover he is a member of the Clinton Global Initiative, New York, and Ambassador of the New Social Market Economy Initiative (INSM) in Germany.

From 1988 to 1998 Dr von Koerber was Executive Vice President of the Group Executive Committee of ABB Ltd., Zurich. Previously, he served as a member of the Group Management Board of BMW Group in Munich.

Since 1998 he has been Founder and Chairman of Eberhard von Koerber Ltd, an international Investment and Asset Management company in Zurich.

Dr von Koerber has been a non-executive member of boards of international companies (such as Toyota Motor Corporation, RWE, Allianz Insurance, Bank Julius Bär and Körber AG).

He studied law and economics in Heidelberg, Lausanne and Göttingen, and completed his postgraduate education in Berlin.

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### **Katerina KRATZMANN**

Head of Austria Office, *International Organization for Migration (IOM)*

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Dr Katerina Kratzmann has been serving as Head of Office of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Country Office for Austria since October 2011. She has overarching responsibility for the office's activities and supervises the following five departments: Assisted Voluntary Return and Reintegration, Research and Migration Law, Integration, Operations and Administration & Finance.

In addition to her position at IOM, Katerina Kratzmann is a member of the UN Task Force on Measuring Circular Migration as well as of the Expert Council on Integration in Austria. She is also engaged in teaching migration and integration-relevant issues in several fora.

In her previous position she led the research department of IOM Vienna, which mainly consists of the National Contact Point Austria within the European Migration Network (EMN).

Dr Kratzmann graduated in European Ethnology and Cultural Science at the Humboldt University Berlin and wrote her doctoral thesis in European Ethnology at the University of Vienna about Irregular Migration in Austria.

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### **François LAFOND**

Senior Member, *Institute of European Democrats*, Brussels  
Associate Professor, *Sciences Po*, Paris

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François Lafond is a senior member of the Institute of European Democrats (Brussels) and associate professor at Sciences Po Paris (Euro-American campus).

Previously, he was the executive director of EuropaNova (2013-2016), secretary general of the French Aspen Institute (2012-2013), and director of the Paris office of The German Marshall Fund of the US (2008-2011).

François Lafond was a special adviser to the Italian Minister for Regional Affairs (2007-2008) and to the Italian Undersecretary of State for Foreign Affairs (2006-2007) in Rome.

He is also a former Deputy Director of Policy Network in London (2003-2006), researcher of the think tank Notre Europe in Paris (1999-2003) and research associate at the European University Institute's Robert Schuman Centre in Florence (1995-1999).

He is an International consultant for Navigator Ltd (Athens), a member of the Italian think tank Volta (Milan), and a regular contributor on European media (France 24, Challenges, Rai3 Mondo). He has been honoured "Ufficiale dell'ordine della Stella d'Italia".

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### **Stefan LEHNE**

Visiting Scholar, *Carnegie Europe*

Former Director General for Political Affairs, *Austrian Foreign Ministry*

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Stefan Lehne is currently a Visiting Scholar at Carnegie Europe (Brussels) and lecturer at the Diplomatic Academy in Vienna.

His diplomatic career included positions such as Director General for Political Affairs in the Austrian Federal Ministry for Europe and International Affairs and Director for the Balkans and Eastern Europe in the General Secretariat of the Council of the EU.

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### **Sonja LICHT**

President, *Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence (BFPE)*

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Sonja Licht is the President of the Belgrade Fund for Political Excellence. She was part of the Yugoslav dissident movement from the late sixties, and from the mid-eighties founded numerous local and international NGOs. Between 1991 and 1995 she was the co-chair of the international Helsinki Citizens' Assembly. From 1991 to 2003 she was first Executive Director and then President of the Fund for an Open Society (Soros Foundation) in Yugoslavia (later Serbia), a major donor to a vigorous civil society environment.

Ms Licht was the head of the Task Force of the Bratislava Process (established in July 1999, under the auspices of the East-West Institute, to support democratic opposition in Serbia).

In 2010, she participated in the Council of Europe's Group of Eminent Persons that prepared the report 'Living Together: Combining Freedom and Diversity in Europe of 21st Century'.

She has been a member of the boards of outstanding international organisations and has received numerous awards including the Star of Italian Solidarity and the French Legion of Honour. She is a Richard von Weizsäcker Fellow of the Robert Bosch Academy for 2015.

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### **Robert LISKA**

Member of the Board of Directors, *Jewish Community in Vienna*

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Robert Dwight Liska was born in 1953 in Vienna. After attending the Akademisches Gymnasium in Vienna, he graduated with a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science in 1972 and a Juris Doctor degree in 1975 at the City University New York.

In 1975 he joined the family enterprise M. Liska & Co in Vienna. He is a member of the board of directors of the Jewish Community in Vienna and served as their Vice President from 1991 to 1999. He is the initiator of the Mauerbach Auktion which constituted the beginning of art restitution in Austria.



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### **Sylvia LISKA**

Founder and President, *Friends of Secession*, Vienna

Member of the International Council, *Museum of Modern Art (MoMA)*

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Sylvia Rappaport Liska was born in 1955 in New Jersey, USA. After completing school in Munich and Strasbourg with the French Baccalauréat, she studied art history and comparative literature in New York, and cultural management at the University of Music and Performing Arts, Vienna.

She is the president and founder of the Friends of the Secession, Vienna; Member of the International Council of MoMA, NY; Member of the Board of Trustees of the Freunde der Nationalgalerie Berlin; Member of the acquisitions committee of the collection of contemporary art of the Hamburger Bahnhof Museum, Berlin; and Deputy Chair of the Austrian Friends of the Israel Museum, Jerusalem.

Sylvia Liska is also the editor of the book 'The Secession Talks: Exhibits in Conversation 1998-2010' and was, together with Lord Weidenfeld, a jury member for the Holocaust Memorial Judenplatz, Vienna, by Rachel Whiteread.

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### **Ulrike LUNACEK**

Vice-President of the European Parliament, *The Greens/EFA*, Austria; Co-President, *European Parliament LGBTI Intergroup*; Vice-Chair, *Delegation for Relations with Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Kosovo*

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Ulrike Lunacek has been a Member of the European Parliament since 2009, where she is currently serving on the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Delegation for relations with Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Kosovo. In July 2014, Ulrike Lunacek was elected Vice-President of the European Parliament.

Between 1983 and 1995 she was an interpreter, journalist and project coordinator in various NGOs working on development cooperation, and feminist and LGBT policies. From 1996 to 1998 she was Secretary General of the Austrian Greens. She became Member of the Austrian Parliament in 1999, and from 2006 to 2009 she was Co-Chair of the European Green Party.

Ms Lunacek studied English, Spanish and German for a degree in interpretation at the University of Innsbruck, where she graduated with Maga. Phil. (B.A.) in 1983

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### **Michael MACLAY**

Chairman of the Steering Group, *Club of Three*  
Executive Chairman, *Montrose Associates*

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Michael Maclay is Executive Chairman of Montrose Associates, which provides strategic intelligence and advice to governments and international corporations.

Educated at the Universities of Cambridge and Freiburg, he was initially a professional diplomat, serving in West Africa, at the British Mission to the United Nations in New York, and in the Foreign Office. He was then a television producer, director and reporter, and a newspaper journalist and editor. He was subsequently Special Adviser to Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd, dealing mainly with the politics of the European Union and the Balkans. After signature of the Dayton Agreement he worked in Sarajevo with Carl Bildt, International High Representative for Bosnia, as his Special Adviser and Chief Spokesman.

Michael helped Lord Weidenfeld to set up the Club of Three in the mid-1990s and was its first Executive Director. He is now Club of Three Steering Group Chairman. His publications include *Multi-Speed Europe* (Chatham House, 1992), *Maastricht Made Simple* (The European, 1993), and *the Pocket History of the European Union* (Sutton, 1998).

He is also Chairman of the Advisory Board of the British American Project.

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### **Edward MORTIMER**

Distinguished Fellow, *All Souls College Oxford*

Former Chief Programme Officer, *Salzburg Global Seminar*

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Edward Mortimer CMG is a Distinguished Fellow of All Souls College, Oxford.

He was a journalist at The Times (1967-1985) and the Financial Times (1987-1998). From 1998 to 2006 he served as Chief Speechwriter and Director of Communications to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, and from 2007 to 2011 as Chief Programme Officer of the Salzburg Global Seminar.

He is now an activist and consultant on global governance, human rights, the management of diversity in modern Western societies and the politics and history of the Middle East. He is President of the British Association of Former UN Civil Servants, and chairs the UK branches of Independent Diplomat and the Children's Radio Foundation.

He has written, inter alia, "Faith and Power: the Politics of Islam" (1982) and (with Timothy Garton Ash and Kerem Öktem) "Freedom in Diversity (2013)". In 2014-2015 he was an adviser to The Elders on strengthening the United Nations.

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### **Rainer MÜNZ**

Adviser on migration policy, European Political Strategy Centre, *European Commission*

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Rainer Münz is a migration policy expert at the European Political Strategy Centre (EPSC, Brussels), the European Commission's in-house think tank advising its President. He was Head of Research and Knowledge Centre at Erste Group, a retail bank (Vienna). He also worked as Senior Fellow at the European think tank Bruegel (Brussels) and at the Migration Policy Institute (MPI, Washington DC).

Rainer Münz has been teaching at the universities of Bamberg, UC Berkeley, HU Berlin, CEU Budapest, Frankfurt, Jerusalem, Klagenfurt, Vienna and Zurich.

He has worked as a consultant for the OECD and the World Bank. He served as an adviser to several Member States during their EU presidencies. He was member of the German commission on immigration reform (Suessmuth commission) and the EU high level "Reflection Group Horizon 2020-2030" (Gonzales commission).

Currently he is one of the chairs of the World Bank's Global Knowledge Partnership on Migration and Development and co-chair of the International Organization for Migration's (IOM) Migration Advisory Board.

## **BIOGRAPHIES**

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### **Baroness Pauline NEVILLE-JONES**

Former UK Minister for Security and Counter Terrorism  
Former Prime Minister's Special Representative to Business  
on Cyber Security

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From 1963 to 1996, Pauline Neville-Jones was a career diplomat. From 1991 to 1994 she was Deputy Secretary to the Cabinet and Head of the Defence and Overseas Secretariat in the Cabinet Office. Between 1993 and 1994, she was Chairman of the Joint Intelligence Committee. From 1994 she was Political Director in the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, and led the British delegation to the Dayton negotiations on Bosnian peace.

From 1996 to 1998 she was Managing Director for NatWest Markets and Chairman of NatWest Markets France and from 2002-2005, she was the Chairman of Qinetiq Group PLC. In 2006, she was appointed by David Cameron to head the Conservative Party's National and International Security Policy Group. She entered the House of Lords in October 2007 when she was appointed Minister for Security and Counterterrorism. She became a Privy Councillor in May 2010. She stepped down from her Ministerial responsibilities in May 2011 and was named as the Prime Minister's special representative to business on cyber security, a position she held until 2014.

Pauline Neville-Jones is an Honorary Fellow of Lady Margaret Hall, Oxford and Doctor of London University, City University and the Open University.

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### **Milan NIČ**

Managing Director, *Central European Policy Institute (CEPI)*

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Milan Nič is Managing Director at CEPI. His expertise includes political affairs in Central & Eastern Europe, NATO and EU Enlargement, the Western Balkans, Governance and Civil Society.

Previously he worked as Senior Adviser to the State Secretary at the Slovak Foreign Ministry (2010-2012), consultant for the High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina (2007-2009), and analyst for the European Stability Initiatives think tank (2009-2010). From 2009-2010, he was also member of an external advisory council to the Slovak foreign minister.

He started his professional career as journalist at Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (1995-2002), and later was programme director at the Pontis Foundation (2002-2006), where he oversaw development and human rights projects in a variety of difficult countries including Belarus, Cuba and Iraq.

Milan studied international relations and modern European history at the Charles University in Prague, Central European University in Budapest and SAIS Johns Hopkins University (Bologna Center). A recipient of the Karol Rybárik Award for the best young professional in Slovak foreign policy (2004), he co-authored a book of essays on the EU and Slovak foreign policy (Bruselenie valašiek, Kalligram, Bratislava 2010).

## **BIOGRAPHIES**

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### **Eva NOWOTNY**

President, *Austrian Commission for UNESCO*

Chair of the University Board, *University of Vienna*

Former Austrian Ambassador to the United States and  
United Kingdom

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An historian by education, Ambassador Eva Nowotny entered the Austrian Foreign Service in 1973. After postings in Egypt and at the Permanent Austrian Mission to the United Nations she became Foreign Policy Adviser to Austrian Chancellors Dr Fred Sinowatz and Dr Franz Vranitzky.

In 1992 she was appointed Austrian Ambassador to France, where she served until 1997, when she became Ambassador to the Court of St James, a post she held until 1999. Between 2000 and 2003, Ambassador Nowotny was Director General for European Integration in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 2003 until 2008 she served as Austrian Ambassador to the United States.

Since her retirement, Ambassador Nowotny has been President of the Austrian UNESCO Commission and President of the Board of the University of Vienna.



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### **Ewald NOWOTNY**

Governor, *National Bank of Austria (OeNB)*

Member of the Governing Council, *European Central Bank (ECB)*

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Ewald Nowotny is the Governor of the Oesterreichische Nationalbank (OeNB) and a Member of the Governing Council of the European Central Bank (ECB).

Before taking on his current position in September 2008, Ewald Nowotny held a number of high-level positions in financial institutions. He was CEO of the Austrian BAWAG P.S.K. banking group from 2006 to 2007, served as Vice-President and Member of the Management Committee of the European Investment Bank (EIB) in Luxembourg from 1999 to 2003, and, between 1971 and 1979, was first a Member and then President of the Governing Board of Österreichische Postsparkasse (P.S.K.). Moreover, from 1992 to 2008, Ewald Nowotny served on the supervisory boards of several banks and corporations and was a member of the OeNB's General Council from 2007 to 2008.

In 1967, he received his doctorate in law from the University of Vienna. He served as a professor at the University of Linz and at the Vienna University of Economics and Business, where he was also Vice-Rector for Financial Affairs.

Ewald Nowotny was Vice President of the Austrian Economic Association and is a Member of the University Board of the Vienna University of Economics and Business.

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### **Thomas NOWOTNY**

Lecturer on Political Science, *University of Vienna*

Former Austrian Diplomat

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Thomas Nowotny teaches political science at the University of Vienna in Austria. An Austrian career Diplomat, he was private secretary to Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky from 1970 to 1975. He was head of the Foreign Ministry's department for political planning ('Grundsatzabteilung') for ten years between 1983 and 1993. Prior to that, he had been the Austrian Consul General in New York and Counsellor at the Austrian Embassy in Cairo.

From 1997 to 2000 he acted as senior political counsellor to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development and from 1993 to 1996 as consultant to the OECD (Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development). Between 2000 and 2009 he served as a consultant to the major Austrian promotional and development bank, AWS, including a posting in Washington.

He is the author of numerous articles and several books. His most recent books include: 'Strawberries in Winter: On Global Trends and Global Governance', and 'Diplomacy and Global Governance'.

Thomas Nowotny lives in Vienna and is married to Ambassador Eva Nowotny.

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### **Wolfgang PETRITSCH**

President, *Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation*

Former EU Special Envoy for Kosovo and Chief Negotiator at the Kosovo peace talks; Former High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina

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Wolfgang Petritsch is the President of the Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation and Chair of the Herbert Kelman Institute for Interactive Conflict Resolution.

Mr Petritsch was press secretary and deputy chief of cabinet, respectively, to Federal Chancellor Bruno Kreisky; his bestselling biography of Bruno Kreisky was published in 2010. Mr Petritsch was Ambassador to Yugoslavia, the European Union's Special Envoy and Chief Negotiator at the Kosovo peace talks at Rambouillet and Paris. He chaired the International Succession Commission in charge of the distribution of the public assets and liabilities among the successor states to the former Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Mr Petritsch was the International Community's High Representative in Bosnia and Herzegovina from 1999 to 2002. Following his tenure in Bosnia, he was appointed Austria's Permanent Representative to the UN, the WTO and the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva. As President of the UN Mine Ban Treaty, Mr Petritsch chaired the Nairobi Summit for a Mine Free World in 2005. From 2008 to 2013 Mr Petritsch represented Austria at the Paris-based Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

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### **Hella PICK**

Director of the Arts and Culture Programme, *Institute for Strategic Dialogue (ISD)*

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Hella Pick CBE was on the staff of the Guardian from 1961-1997. She worked first as UN correspondent and afterwards became Washington correspondent, East-West Affairs correspondent, Diplomatic Editor, and Associate Foreign Affairs Editor.

She has been a frequent contributor to BBC news programmes and has made regular appearances on German and Austrian TV. She served two terms on the Council of the Royal Institute of International Relations and is the author of “Simon Wiesenthal - A Life in Search of Justice” and “Guilty Victim - Austria from the Holocaust to Haider”, published in 2000. She was awarded a CBE - Commander of the British Empire in 2000.

Hella is a Senior Adviser at ISD and has been largely responsible for developing the Institute for Strategic Dialogue’s Arts and Culture programme. With her media background, she is closely involved in the China-Europe Media exchange programme.

Hella is a graduate of the London School of Economics.

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### **Doron RABINOVICI**

Author and historian

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Doron Rabinovici, a novelist, essayist, and historian, was born in 1961 in Tel Aviv. He has lived in Vienna since 1964.

Mr Rabinovici has written three novels and a collection of short stories as well as important works of non-fiction. His most recent novel, 'Andernorts', was short-listed for the German Book Prize in 2010. His non-fiction study of the Jewish Council in World War II Vienna, 'Instanzen der Ohnmacht', was published by Polity Press in 2011 as 'Eichmann's Jews'.

From 2013 to 2015 Doron Rabinovici and Matthias Hartmann produced the play 'The Last Witnesses'. The production depicted the memory of seven survivors and was set on the main stage of the Viennese Burgtheater.

In 2016 he published, together with Natan Sznaider, 'Herzl Reloaded'.

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### **Sir Malcolm RIFKIND**

Former Chair, *Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament*;  
Former UK Foreign Secretary; Visiting Professor,  
Department of War Studies, *King's College London*

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Sir Malcolm Rifkind began his political career when he was elected as MP for Pentlands in 1974. In 1979 he was appointed a Parliamentary Undersecretary of State in the government of Margaret Thatcher, at first in the Scottish Office and then, at the time of the Falklands War, he was transferred to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office, being promoted to Minister of State in 1983. He became a member of the Cabinet in 1986 as Secretary of State for Scotland. In 1990 he became Secretary of State for Transport and in 1992 Secretary of State for Defence. From 1995-97 he was Foreign Secretary.

In 1997, he was knighted in recognition of his public service. He is a member of the Queen's Bodyguard, the Royal Company of Archers. Sir Malcolm was re-elected as a Member of Parliament in 2005 for Kensington and Chelsea. He was elected as Member of Parliament for Kensington in 2010 and remained in Parliament until 2015.

He served as UK representative on the Commonwealth Eminent Persons Group 2010-11 and as Chairman of the Intelligence and Security Committee of Parliament, which provides oversight of the UK's intelligence agencies, MI6, MI5 and GCHQ, from 2010 until 2015. He is currently a member of the OSCE's Eminent Persons Group.

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### **Albert ROHAN**

Former Deputy Special Envoy of the UN Secretary-General for the Future Status Process for Kosovo; Former Secretary General for Foreign Affairs, *Austrian Federal Ministry for European and International Affairs*

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As an Austrian diplomat, Albert Rohan had assignments in Belgrade, London, Buenos Aires and in the Executive Office of the UN Secretary General in New York.

Since his retirement from the diplomatic service in 2002 he has worked as a lecturer and political commentator for radio, television and print media. In 2002 he was elected Vice-President of the Austrian Association for European Policy. In 2004, he became Rapporteur of the Independent Commission on Turkey. From 2005 to 2008 he was Deputy Special Envoy of the UN Secretary General for the Future Status Talks of Kosovo. In 2007 he became founding member of the European Council on Foreign Relations and in 2008 he was elected President of the Austro-American Society.

Ambassador Rohan is the author of the book “Diplomat on the Fringes of World Politics”, Molden 2002.

## **BIOGRAPHIES**

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### **Martin SAJDIK**

Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in Ukraine; Former President, *UN Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC)*; Former Director General for Economic Affairs and European Integration

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Ambassador Martin Sajdik was appointed Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office in Ukraine by the OSCE Chairperson-in-Office, Serbia's Foreign Minister Ivica Dačić on 22 June 2015.

Prior to this, Sajdik has served as the Permanent Representative of Austria to the United Nations, the People's Republic of China, Mongolia and the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. From 2003 until 2007, Ambassador Sajdik was Director General for Economic Affairs and European Integration. Between postings at the Austrian Embassy in Moscow (1980-1985 and 1989-1991) and with the Executive Secretariat of the Conference on Security and Co-operation in Europe in Vienna (1986-1987), he held executive positions at a major Austrian construction company and an Austrian Bank in Moscow. Earlier in his career, he served at the Permanent Representation of Austria to the United Nations Office at Geneva.

Ambassador Sajdik studied law, international law and international relations in Vienna, Moscow and Bologna, and received his doctorate degree in law in Vienna in 1971. He is the author of several books on the enlargement process of the EU, published in Austria, Germany, USA and most recently in China.



## BIOGRAPHIES

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### **Wolfgang SCHÜSSEL**

Former Federal Chancellor of Austria

Chairman of the Board of Trustees, *Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS)*

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Between 1975 and 1989, Mr Schüssel served as a member of the Austrian Parliament. From 1989 to 1995, he worked as Minister for Economic Affairs and from 1995 to 1999 he was Vice Chancellor and Federal Minister for Foreign Affairs. From July to December 1998, Mr Schüssel played a key role in Austria's EU Presidency of the Council of General and Foreign Affairs. From 1995 to 2007, he also worked as National Chairman of the Austrian People's Party.

Between 2000 and 2007, Mr Schüssel served as Federal Chancellor of Austria where, amongst other things, he strove for the integration of Austria into the European Union. From January to June 2006, Austria held the EU Presidency and, from 2006-2008, Mr Schüssel was Chairman of the Austrian People's Party parliamentary group.

Since 2007 Wolfgang Schüssel has been a member of the Board of Trustees of the Bertelsmann Foundation and, since 2010, member of the Supervisory Board of RWE AG. Since 2008, Mr Schüssel has been an active President of the Foreign Policy and United Nations Association of Austria. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Allensbach Institute, President of United Europe and Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation since October 2015.

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### **Remzie SHAHINI-HOXHAJ**

Assistant Professor, Journalism Department and Founder and Director, Media Institute, *University of Pristina*

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Remzie Shahini-Hoxhaj is an Assistant Professor in the Journalism Department at the University of Pristina, where she has been member of the faculty since 2006. She is a Director and founder of the University's Media Institute.

Remzie completed her PhD in Communication and Journalism at the University of Vienna. She received a double Masters in Intercultural Communication from Viadrina University Frankfurt/Oder and Sant Kliment Ohridski University, Sofia. She finished her undergraduate studies in German Language and Literature at the University of Pristina.

Remzie's research interest is in transitional societies, media, communication culture and the impact of visual media. She has developed a strong sense of devotion for human rights due to her experience in different international projects in Kosovo since 2000. She has lectured and presented in roughly ten international conferences and is Board Member of the European Communication and Culture Society and Kosovar Austrian Society.

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### **Michael SPINDELEGGER**

Director General, *International Centre for Migration Policy Development (ICMPD)*; Former Austrian Minister for Foreign Affairs and former Vice-Chancellor

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Mr Michael Spindelegger was appointed Director General of ICMPD on 1 January 2016.

He has extensive experience in international relations through his work in the Federal Government of the Republic of Austria. In 2000, he was elected as representative of Austria to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe where he led the Austrian delegation from 2002 to 2006. During this period, he represented Austria at conferences on migration issues.

As Minister for European and International Affairs, Mr Spindelegger worked closely with international organisations in the field of migration and contributed to the policy debate during the Third EU-Africa Summit in Tripoli.

After Mr Spindelegger was appointed as Vice-Chancellor of the Republic of Austria, he created a State Secretariat for Integration within the Austrian Federal Ministry of Interior. At this time, he worked closely with the Ministry of Interior on asylum and labour migration issues while also negotiating a readmission agreement with the Afghan Government.

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### **Mihai Răzvan UNGUREANU**

Director, *Foreign Intelligence Service of Romania (SIE)*

Former Prime Minister and former Foreign Minister of Romania

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Mihai-Răzvan Ungureanu was a Professor at the University of Iasi when he was recruited to the diplomatic service in 1998. He subsequently served as State Secretary in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (1998-2000) and was a Vienna-based representative of the Stability Pact for South Eastern Europe (2000-2004).

Mihai-Răzvan Ungureanu was appointed Foreign Minister of Romania in December 2004, a position he held until March 2007. Between March and December 2007, he served as Deputy Coordinator of the South-East European Cooperation Initiative in Vienna. In November 2007, Mr Ungureanu was nominated as Director of Foreign Intelligence Service.

In February 2012, Mr Ungureanu was named Prime Minister of Romania, serving from February 2012 to May 2012. Between December 2012 and July 2015, Mr Ungureanu was elected Senator in the Parliament of Romania.

In July 2015, Mihai-Răzvan Ungureanu was reappointed as Director of the Foreign Intelligence Service.

He is also a professor of modern Romanian history at the University of Bucharest.

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### **Zuzana VATRALOVA**

Head of Slovakia Office, *International Organization for Migration (IOM)*

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Ms Zuzana Vatrlova has served as the Head of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) Office in the Slovak Republic since April 2004. In 2003, she worked at IOM as a coordinator of the public information campaign on Preventing Human Trafficking in Slovakia.

From 1997 to 2002, she worked as a Radio Producer for the BBC World Service in London. Prior to that, she had been a project manager at the National Agency for Development of Small and Medium Enterprises in Slovakia and she had also worked at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic in the Department of Foreign Aid.

She graduated in Journalism from the Comenius University in Bratislava and in International Relations from the Karol Rybarik Institute of International Relations of the Faculty of Law, Comenius University in Bratislava.

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### **Georg WINCKLER**

Chairman of the Supervisory Board, *ERSTE Stiftung*  
Professor of Economics; Former Rector, *University of Vienna*

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Professor Georg Winckler studied economics at Princeton University and at the University of Vienna, receiving his PhD in 1968.

Since 1978 he has been Professor of Economics at the University of Vienna (emeritus since 2011), specialising in Monetary Economics, Macroeconomics and Monetary Integration. He served as Rector of the University of Vienna from 1999 to 2011.

He was President of the Austrian Rectors' Conference (2000-2005), Vice President (2001-2005) and President of the European University Association (EUA, 2005-2009). From 2004 to 2012, he was a member of the European Research Area Board (ERAB) of the European Commission in Brussels. Since 2009, he has been a member of the Board of Trustees of ETS, Princeton, USA, and (since 2013) a member of the University Board of the University of Vienna.

In December 2011, he was elected as chairman of the ERSTE österreichische Spar-Casse Privatstiftung, a position he has held since then. He is deputy chairman of the supervisory board of Erste Bank Österreich.

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### **Hans WINKLER**

Director, *Diplomatic Academy of Vienna*

Former Secretary of State, *Austrian Ministry for European and International Affairs*

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Upon graduation from the University of Vienna (Dr. iuris) and the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna, Hans Winkler began his career in the Austrian foreign ministry in 1970.

He held various positions in Austrian missions, was the permanent representative of Austria at the Council of Europe in the 1990s and in 1996 he became head of the Department for North and South America in the Federal Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Between 1999 and 2005 he was head of the Office of International Law and, from 2002, Deputy Secretary General. On 4 July 2005, Winkler was appointed Secretary of State in the Ministry for European and International Affairs, a position which he held until December 2008.

On 1 April 2009 Mr Winkler was appointed Director of the Diplomatic Academy of Vienna.

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### **Svitlana ZALISHCHUK**

Deputy, *Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine*

Member, *Foreign Affairs Committee*; Chair, *Sub-Committee on European and Euro-Atlantic Relations*

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Svitlana Zalishchuk was elected as a member of the Ukrainian Parliament in October 2014. She is a member of the Committee for Foreign Affairs and chairs the Sub-Committee on European and Euro-Atlantic Relations. Svitlana is also a member of the Ukrainian delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe.

Previously, she worked for 5 years as an Executive Director of Centre UA, a Kiev-based non-governmental organisation.

Svitlana used to be a journalist, activist and initiator of a number of influential civic campaigns in Ukraine. In 2006 she was working in the team of the Chief of Staff to the President of Ukraine.

Svitlana used to work as a journalist at the 5th TV-channel. She graduated from National Taras Shevchenko University and was a fellow of the Stanford University Fellowship in 2011.

Svitlana was an active participant in the EuroMaidan movement in 2013. She is an Officer of the Legion d'Honneur and a Commander of L'Ordine della Stella della Solidarieta Italiana.



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## ADDRESSES AND CONTACT INFORMATION

**Thursday 7 April and Friday 8 April – Venue for the welcome reception and meeting:**

### **Diplomatische Akademie Wien**

Favoritenstraße 15a

1040 Vienna



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**Friday 8 April – Dinner:**

**Ministry for Europe, Integration and Foreign Affairs**

Minoritenplatz 8

1010 Vienna



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