

Battle for and in Ukraine: Debating Global and Regional Security Architecture

When: 20 November 2017

Where: Central European University, Budapest, Nádor utca 15, 103 Tiered Room

Ukraine in many senses is a test case for the current global security architecture. With a full-fledged conventional military conflict unfolding in Donbas, Ukraine also epitomizes other kinds of battles. There is an ongoing battle to maintain resilience in the face of other types of hybrid threats. Reformist efforts in a war-torn country embody the battle for democratic Ukraine. The result of the other battle on Ukrainian soil - for contested notion of sovereignty - predetermines whether revisionism will reign over the world politics for the years to come.

This conference seeks to shed a light on the way Ukraine exercises its security now and copes with numerous security threats it faces. The focus will be on the shift in its security posture in the region and its strategic thinking. This is to be undertaken with the analysis of the policies of the major international actors involved. Is the EU, who has continuously stressed its post-modern facilities, equipped to withstand the traditional military threats on its borders? Is its normative power appealing enough to make difference? What are the limits of the US engagement? Are NATO's responses in strengthening its capabilities on its eastern flank proportionate to the Russian assertiveness on its perimeter? Where are the boundaries of Russian revisionism?

13:40 – 14:00 **Registration**

14:00 – 14:20 **Introductory Address**

Péter Balázs, Director, CEU Center for European Neighborhood Studies (CENS)

Richard Turcsányi, Director, STRATPOL (Slovakia)

Liubov Nepop, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Ukraine to Hungary

14:20 – 15.30 **Panel I: Ukraine as a Hotspot of the Transatlantic Security Complex**

Chair: Maryna Vorotnyuk, researcher, CEU Center for European Neighborhood Studies (CENS)

Volodymyr Dubovyk, Director of the Center for International Studies, Odessa Mechnikov National University

András Rácz, Associate Professor, Pázmány Péter Catholic University, Hungary

Sergiy Korsunsky, Director, Diplomatic Academy of Ukraine

Kálmán Mizsei, former Head of the European Union Advisory Mission for Civilian Security Sector Reform Ukraine, EUAM Ukraine

15:30 – 16.00 **Coffee Break**

16:00 – 17.10 **Panel II: Ukrainian Security Strategy Revisited: Regional Dimension**

Chair: Hennadiy Maksak, Head of the board, Foreign Policy Council “Ukrainian Prism”

Yevgeniya Gaber, Visiting lecturer, Diplomatic Academy of Ukraine

Dániel Bartha, Executive director, Centre for Euro-Atlantic Integration and Democracy (CEID), Budapest

Serhii Glebov, Dean of International Relations Department, Odessa Mechnikov National University

Refreshments

RSVP with Dr. Maryna Vorotnyuk at **VorotnyukM@ceu.edu**