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SPEAKERS’ BIOGRAPHIES

Opening

H.E. Ambassador Lamberto Zannier
OSCE Secretary General

Ambassador Lamberto Zannier of Italy took up the post of OSCE Secretary General on 1 July 2011. Zannier is an Italian career diplomat. From June 2008 to June 2011 he was UN Special Representative for Kosovo and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK). From 2002 to 2006, he was the Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre of the OSCE. Previous senior positions include Permanent Representative of Italy to the Executive Council of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons in The Hague (2000–2002), chairperson of the negotiations on the adaptation of the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (1997–2000) and Head of Disarmament, Arms Control and Cooperative Security at NATO (1991–1997).

H.E. Dr. Thomas Greminger
Head of the Permanent Mission of Switzerland to the OSCE, Chair of the OSCE Permanent Council

Dr. Thomas Greminger has been Ambassador and Permanent Representative of Switzerland to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE), the UN and other international organizations in Vienna since 2010. In 2014, he chairs the OSCE Permanent Council during Switzerland’s Chairmanship. During his long career at the interface of diplomacy and development co-operation he held various leading positions in the areas of conflict management, human rights, humanitarian policy and migration policy at the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs. He is a General Staff Officer of the Swiss Army and holds a Ph.D. in History from the University of Zurich.
Session 1

H.E. Danilo Türk
Former President of the Republic of Slovenia

Holding a Law degree and a Doctorate from the University of Ljubljana and a Master’s degree in Law from the University of Belgrade, Dr. Danilo Türk headed the Institute of International Law and International Relations at the University of Ljubljana from 1983 to 1992 and became Professor of International Law in 1995. Since 1975 he has been actively involved with Amnesty International and has acted as adviser in many cases involving human rights violations in the former Yugoslavia. From 1984 to 1992 he was an independent expert within the UN Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities. After Slovenia's declaration of independence in 1991 Dr. Türk took an active role in its diplomatic activity. In August 1992 he assumed the position of Ambassador of the Republic of Slovenia to the United Nations. He led Slovenia’s campaign for election to the UN Security Council in 1997. During his term on the Security Council (1998–1999) he dealt with the issues of Kosovo, Iraq, Libya, East Timor, Congo among others. He was President of the UN Security Council in August 1998 and in November 1999. Following the successful conclusion of Slovenia’s term as non-permanent member of the Security Council, Dr. Türk was appointed Assistant Secretary-General for Political Affairs.

After returning to Slovenia in 2005, Dr. Türk resumed teaching International Law at the Faculty of Law in Ljubljana. Since May 2006 he has served as Vice-Dean of the Faculty. On 11 November 2007 he was elected President of the Republic of Slovenia and was inaugurated in the National Assembly on 22 December 2007. His term of office ended after five years – on 22 December 2012. At present he has the status of Former President of the Republic of Slovenia.

H.E. SHIN Dong-ik
Deputy Minister for Multilateral and Global Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea

Shin Dong-ik is a career diplomat who joined the Korean Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1981. Since April 2013, he has been the Deputy Minister for Multilateral and Global Affairs in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea. Prior to this position, he was Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative of Korea to the United Nations in New York. From 2010 to 2011 he served as Advisor to the United Nations Foundation and the UN Peacebuilding Office and from 2008 to 2010 he was the Director-General for International Organizations at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 2005 to 2008 he served as Minister-Counsellor at the Korean Permanent Mission to the United Nations in New York. Shin Dong-ik holds an M.A. in Politics from Yonsei University in Seoul and an M.A. in International Relations from the University of Pennsylvania. From 1996 to 1998 he was a Research Fellow at the International Institute for Strategic Studies (IISS) in London.
Session 2

Rick Thompson
Director T-Media

Since April 1997 Mr. Rick Thompson has been the Director of the T-Media broadcast journalism training network, a consultancy specialized in the development of broadcast journalism in Europe. Over the past years, Mr. Thompson has led many training and development missions in Europe, including projects in Poland, Romania, Czech Republic, Portugal, Switzerland, Croatia, Hungary, Slovakia, France, Germany, Greece, Armenia and Serbia. His previous positions include International News Editor for BBC Television and BBC World Service as well as Head of News for the BBC Regions.

H.E. Erkki Tuomioja
Minister of Foreign Affairs of Finland

Erkki Tuomioja has been the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Finland since June 2011 and has served in this function also from 2000 to 2007. Holding a Ph.D. in Political Science and a B.Sc. in Economics, he worked as a journalist before being elected to the Parliament in 1970. He has been Member of Parliament for the Social Democratic Party from 1970 to 1977 and again from 1991 until today. He was also the Vice-Chairman of the SDP Parliamentary group between 1991 and 1996 and Chairman from 1996 to 1999. From 2007 to 2011 he served as Chairman of the Grand Committee of EU Affairs. Erkki Tuomioja is author of 18 books, including “Europe and the Nordic Fringe” published in 1991.

H.E. Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir
Director of UN Women for Europe and Central Asia

Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir has been Regional Director of UN Women for Europe and Central Asia and Country Representative in Turkey since January 2014. From 2011 to 2014 she served as UN Women Representative in Afghanistan. Since 1977 she has been active in the women’s movement and was a founding member of the Women’s Alliance in Iceland, a successful and historical political movement promoting the cause of women. She represented the movement in Reykjavik’s City Council from 1982 to 1988. In 1994 she was elected Mayor of Reykjavik, spearheading a coalition of center and left parties. She was re-elected twice, i.e. in 1998 and 2002 and served as the city’s Mayor until 2003. Ingibjörg Sólrún Gísladóttir was a Member of Parliament for two separate terms, representing the Women’s Alliance from 1991 to 1994 and representing the Social Democratic Alliance from 2005 to 2009. She was the Chair and Leader of the Social Democratic Alliance, the second largest political party in Iceland’s parliament, from 2005 to 2009. From May 2007 to February 2009 she served as Minister of Foreign Affairs of Iceland.
David Harland  
Executive Director of the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue

David Harland, a New Zealand diplomat, was appointed in April 2011 as Executive Director of the Centre for Humanitarian Dialogue, a Geneva-based foundation specialized in conflict prevention and resolution of armed conflicts through dialogue and mediation. Prior to joining the HD Centre, David Harland served as Director of the Europe and Latin America Division within the UN Department of Peacekeeping Operations (2007–2010) and as Acting Deputy Special Representative of the Secretary-General in Haiti (2010), in Pristina (2008), and in East Timor (1999–2000). He also held the positions of Senior Policy Advisor with the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, as well as that of Political Advisor to Commander UN Protection Force and Head of Civil Affairs for the UN in Bosnia and Herzegovina (1993–1998). He published widely on issues of conflict and international relations. He holds a Ph.D. from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy (1994) and a Master’s degree from Harvard University in East Asian studies (1991).

H.E. Adam Kobieracki  
Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre of the OSCE

Ambassador Adam Kobieracki assumed the position of Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre on 1 June 2011. He served in the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs since 1982, most recently as the Director for Security Policy. From 2003 to 2007 he was NATO Assistant Secretary General for Operations in Brussels. Mr. Kobieracki headed the Polish delegation to the OSCE in Vienna from 1997 to 2000 and chaired the Permanent Council in 1998. He was involved in negotiations of the OSCE Vienna Document 1994 and the adaption of the Conventional Armed Forces in Europe Treaty in 1999.

Session 3

Hon. Jane Harman  
Director, President and CEO of the Wilson Center

Jane Harman resigned from Congress on 28 February 2011 to join the Woodrow Wilson Center as its first female Director, President and CEO. Representing the aerospace center of California during nine terms in Congress, she served on all the major security committees: six years on Armed Services, eight years on Intelligence, and eight on Homeland Security. During her long public career, Harman has been recognized as a national expert at the nexus of security and public policy issues. She received the Defense Department Medal for Distinguished Services in 1998, the CIA Seal Medal in 2007, and the CIA Director’s Award and the
Director of National Intelligence Distinguished Public Service Medal in 2011. Jane Harman is a member of the Defense Policy Board, State Department Foreign Policy Board, the Director of National Intelligence’s Senior Advisory Group, and the Homeland Security Advisory Committee. She was also a member of the CIA External Advisory Board from 2011 to 2013.

H.E. Ambassador Knut Vollebæk
International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP)

Knut Vollebæk is a distinguished Norwegian diplomat and politician. He served as the OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities from 2007 to 2013. Prior to that, Mr. Vollebæk served as Ambassador to the United States between 2001 and 2007 and as Foreign Minister of Norway from 1997 to 2000. He was Chairman-in-Office of the OSCE in 1999. Mr. Vollebæk’s diplomatic career includes assignments to New Delhi, Madrid and Harare. He was Norwegian Ambassador to Costa Rica in 1991–1993 and Assistant Secretary General at the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs from 1994 until he became Foreign Minister in 1997. He served as Deputy Co-Chairman of the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia in 1993. He was appointed Primus inter pares of the Panel of Eminent Persons on Strengthening the Effectiveness of the OSCE in 2005. He was Chairman of the Council of the Baltic Sea States in 1999–2000 and Chairman of the Barents Euro-Arctic Council in 1997–1998. Between October 1989 and November 1990, he was the Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Norway. In September 2013 he became a commissioner of the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP).

Elizabeth Spehar
Director, Europe Division, United Nations Department of Political Affairs

Elizabeth Spehar joined the Department of Political Affairs of the UN Secretariat in September 2007 as Director for the Americas and Europe Division. Since 2009 she has headed the newly-formed Europe Division, which is responsible for identifying and developing dialogue and preventive diplomacy initiatives in Eastern Europe and supporting the UN’s efforts on the reunification of Cyprus. Prior to this appointment, she was a senior official with the Organization of American States (OAS) for more than 12 years. From 1995 to 2004, Ms. Spehar served as the Executive co-ordinator of the Unit for the Promotion of Democracy at OAS Headquarters in Washington, D.C. During 2005 and early 2006, she headed the OAS Electoral Support Program in Haiti. In February 2006, Ms. Spehar returned to OAS Headquarters in Washington as Director of the Department for the Promotion of Democracy in the newly created Secretariat for Political Affairs.

Prior to her initial appointment to the OAS, Ms. Spehar served as the Head of the Americas Programme of the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development (ICHRDD) in Montreal, Canada (1990–1994). Earlier in her career, Ms. Spehar worked for a variety of institutions dealing with human rights, democracy and development issues, including MATCH International (Ottawa, Canada), the UNDP Office in Cape Verde, West Africa, and consultancies with the International Development and Research Centre (IDRC), and the Canadian International Development
Agency (CIDA). Ms. Spehar holds a BA Honours Degree from Queen’s University, Canada, a Master of Arts Degree in International Affairs from the Norman Paterson School of International Affairs (NPSIA), Carleton University, Canada, and a Diplôme d’Etudes Supérieures from the University of Pau, France.

**H.E. Ambassador Vladimir Voronkov**  
Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation to the International Organizations in Vienna

Until 2011 Vladimir Voronkov was Director of the Department of European Cooperation at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Russian Federation. In 1975 he graduated from Moscow State University. Since 1989 he has been working in the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, occupying different diplomatic posts in Russia and abroad. In 2000-2002 he was the Minister Counsellor in the Russian Embassy in Poland. In 2002-2005 Vladimir Voronkov worked as Deputy Director of Personnel Department at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In 2005-2008 he performed duties of Deputy Permanent Representative of the Russian Federation in OSCE. Since 2009 he is Advisory Board member of the Russian Center for Policy Studies (PIR Center), an independent non-governmental organization, which carries out research, as well as educational, public awareness and publishing activities and consulting services.

**H.E. Sokol Dervishaj**  
Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Albania

Sokol Dervishaj, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Albania since October 2013, has a long and cross-cutting experience in several central and local governmental institutions. He previously served as Deputy Minister in charge of Energy Affairs in the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Energy (September 2010–April 2013). Mr. Dervishaj also served in different positions in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, such as Desk Officer in the Regional Affairs Department and Head of Security Affairs Section in the Euro-Atlantic Affairs Department (1998–2000), as Advisor to the Minister (2003), and as Chief of Cabinet of the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs (2009–2010). He also served in the Ministry of Defence as Minister’s Chief of Cabinet (2000–2002), and in the Ministry of Interior as Head of International Cooperation Department (1997–1998).

Sokol Dervishaj graduated at the University of Tirana, Faculty of History and Philology, English Literature chair (1992). He holds an MA in International Studies from King’s College London (2003), and he is a graduate of the Royal College of Defense Studies, London. He has also attended the High Level Defense Diplomacy course at the Royal Military College of Sciences (2001), and Harvard University executive course, Kennedy School of Governance (2012).

He was elected as Memorial Marshall Fellow of the German Marshall Fund of United States participating in the Trans-Atlantic relations program (2006), and is alumni of the International Visitors Leadership Program of the State Department (2008). Sokol Dervishaj was elected Chairman.
of Tirana Municipality Council (2007–2011). He is one of the founding members of the Socialist Movement for Integration and has been elected in different positions in the party leading structures.

Ambassador Fred Tanner
Senior Adviser / Liaison to the Swiss OSCE Chairmanship 2014

Ambassador Fred Tanner is the Senior Advisor to the OSCE Secretary General and Liaison for the Swiss OSCE Chairmanship 2014 in Vienna. Prior to this appointment, Fred Tanner was the Director of the Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP) from 2005 to 2013. Previously, he was a Visiting Professor at the Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies (GIIDS/IHEID) and was responsible for its Diplomatic Studies Programme. From 1994 to 1997, on secondment from the Swiss Development Cooperation (SDC), he was Director of the Mediterranean Academy of Diplomatic Studies (MEDAC) in Malta. Over the course of his distinguished academic career, Fred Tanner held teaching and research positions at universities such as Harvard (CFIA), Johns Hopkins (SAIS) and Princeton (CIS). Among other responsibilities, Fred Tanner serves on the Foundation Council of the Gulf Research Center (GRC) in Dubai. He was also a member of the High-level Expert Panel on Early Warning and Rapid Reaction of the Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF) and held a mandate by the OSCE Chairmanship from 1999 to 2001 as the Honorary Chairman of the Committee for Security Studies in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Fred Tanner holds a Ph.D. and a Master's degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, and a Bachelor's degree from the Graduate Institute for International and Development Studies at the University of Geneva.

Session 4

H.E. Vuk Jeremić
Former President of the United Nations General Assembly
Director of the Center for International Relations and Sustainable Development

Vuk Jeremić is President of the Center for International Relations and Sustainable Development (CIRSD). He was President of the 67th session of the UN General Assembly, where he played a leading role in steering the UN towards the establishment of the post-2015 sustainable development agenda. Mr. Jeremić served as Serbia's Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2007 to 2012. In 2007, he chaired the Council of Europe’s Committee of Ministers, representing the Committee before the Council’s Parliamentary Assembly. In 2011 and 2012, he led Serbia’s successful campaign for the Chairmanship-in-Office of the OSCE in 2015. Prior to becoming Foreign Minister, he served as an advisor to the President of Serbia and various government ministries. Before entering public service, he worked in London for Deutsche Bank, Dresdner Kleinwort Benson, and AstraZeneca Pharmaceuticals.

As President of the General Assembly, Mr. Jeremić facilitated the adoption of the breakthrough Arms Trade Treaty, the first legally-binding instrument in UN history to establish common standards for the international transfer of conventional armaments. He initiated several high-level thematic debates in
the UN on critical issues such as climate change, education, social inequality, credit rating agencies, international criminal justice, and the peaceful resolution of conflicts in Africa. Mr. Jeremić holds a Bachelor’s degree in Physics from Cambridge University and a Master’s degree in Public Administration/International Development from Harvard University’s Kennedy School of Government. He was elected President of the Serbian Tennis Federation in 2011 and named a Young Global Leader by the World Economic Forum in 2013. He was also an independent MP in the National Assembly of the Republic of Serbia.

H.E. Ambassador Rüdiger Lüdeking
Head of the Permanent Mission of Germany to the OSCE

Since joining the German Foreign Service in 1980, Ambassador Rüdiger Lüdeking held various positions in the Foreign Office in Bonn and Berlin as well as positions in Vienna, Geneva, Namibia and London. Having a military background, he served as Director for Conventional Arms Control from 2000 to 2001, as Director for Nuclear Arms Control and Non-Proliferation from 2001 to 2005 and as the Deputy Commissioner of the Federal Government for Arms Control and Disarmament from 2005 to 2008. Before becoming Permanent Representative of Germany to the OSCE in July 2012, Ambassador Lüdeking served as Permanent Representative of Germany to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Vienna from 2008 to 2012. Ambassador Lüdeking studied Geography, English and Philosophy at the University of Düsseldorf.

H.E. Ambassador Philip McDonagh
Head of the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the OSCE

Ambassador Philip McDonagh joined the Permanent Mission of Ireland to the OSCE in 2013. Previous posts as Ambassador include the Russian Federation (2009–2013), Finland (2007–2009), the Holy See (2004–2007) and India (1999–2004). From 1994 to 1999 he was Deputy Head of Mission at the Embassy in London, working on the Northern Ireland peace process. From 1986 to 1989 he was Press Officer and from 1991 to 1994 European Correspondent at the Department of Foreign Affairs. Between 1989 and 1991 he was seconded to the European Political Cooperation Secretariat in Brussels. Previous diplomatic posts include the Embassy in Rome, the Permanent Mission to the UN in Geneva as well as the Delegation at the Stockholm Conference dealing with confidence- and security building measures in Europe. Ambassador McDonagh studied classics at Balliol College, Oxford. He published several articles on literature, history and public affairs as well as three poetry collections, reflecting his experiences as diplomat.
H.E. Ambassador Kairat Sarybay
Head of the Permanent Mission of Kazakhstan to the OSCE

Ambassador Kairat Sarybay served as Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs from 2010 to 2014 before becoming Permanent Representative of the Republic of Kazakhstan to the International Organizations in Vienna as well as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Austria in February 2014. He served as Assistant to the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan from 2008 to 2010 and was the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and National Coordinator for interaction with the European Union from 2007 to 2008. Previous posts as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Kazakhstan brought him to Turkey (1999–2003) and to Germany (2003–2007). He started his service at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1991, served as Head of the Presidential Protocol Service from 1996 to 1997 and as Press Secretary to the President of the Republic of Kazakhstan from 1997 to 1998 before he became Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs.

Night Owl Roundtable

Ambassador James Collins
Senior Associate and Diplomat in Residence, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace

Ambassador James F. Collins is an expert on the former Soviet Union, its successor states, and the Middle East. Ambassador Collins was the U.S. Ambassador to the Russian Federation from 1997 to 2001. Prior to joining the Carnegie Endowment, he served as Senior Adviser at the Public Law and Policy Practice Group Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld, LLP. Before his appointment as Ambassador to Russia, he served as Ambassador at large and Special Adviser to the Secretary of State for the newly independent states in the mid-1990s and as deputy chief of mission and chargé d’affaires at the U.S. embassy in Moscow from 1990 to 1993. In addition to three diplomatic postings in Moscow, he also held positions at the U.S. embassy in Amman, Jordan, and the consulate general in Izmir, Turkey. He is the recipient of the Secretary of State’s Award for Distinguished Service; the Department of State’s Distinguished Honor Award; the Secretary of State’s Award for Career Achievement; the Department of Defense Medal for Distinguished Public Service; and the NASA Medal for Distinguished Service.

Ambassador Collins has been active on the boards of non-profit organizations concerned with U.S. foreign policy and U.S. relations with Russia, Eastern Europe, and Eurasia. He has served as a member of the board of the U.S.-Russia Business Council, the American Academy of Diplomacy, the Open World Leadership Center, and American Councils for International Education. He is also a member of the Advisory Board of the Civilian Research and Development Foundation and the Library of Foreign Literature in Moscow. Before joining the State Department, Ambassador Collins taught Russian and European history, American government, and economics at the U.S. Naval Academy.
Matthew Rojansky
Director, Kennan Institute, Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars, Washington D.C., United States

Matthew Rojansky is an expert on U.S. relations with the states of the former Soviet Union, especially Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Moldova. He has advised governments, intergovernmental organizations, and major private actors on conflict resolution and efforts to enhance shared security throughout the Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian region. From 2010 to 2013, he was Deputy Director of the Russia and Eurasia Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. There, he founded Carnegie’s Ukraine Program, led a multi-year project to support U.S.-Russia health cooperation, and created a track-two task force to promote resolution of the Moldova-Transnistria conflict. From 2007 to 2010, Rojansky served as Executive Director of the Partnership for a Secure America (PSA). Founded by former Congressman Lee Hamilton (D-IN) and former Senator Warren Rudman (R-NH) with a group of two dozen former senior leaders from both political parties, PSA seeks to rebuild bipartisan dialogue and productive debate on U.S. national security and foreign policy challenges. While at PSA, Rojansky orchestrated high-level bipartisan initiatives aimed at repairing the U.S.-Russian relationship, strengthening the U.S. commitment to nuclear arms control and non-proliferation, and leveraging global science engagement for diplomacy. Rojansky is an Adjunct Professor at Johns Hopkins SAIS and American University, and a participant in the Dartmouth Dialogues, a track-two U.S.-Russian conflict resolution initiative begun in 1960. He speaks English, Russian, and Hebrew. He is frequently interviewed on TV and radio, and his writing has appeared in the International Herald Tribune, the Washington Post, and Foreign Policy. He is the founding member of the Carnegie Endowment’s Euro-Atlantic Security-Next Generation Initiative (EASI-Next Gen).

Zeynep Alemdar
Professor of Political Science and International Relations, Director of the European Union Research Center, Okan University, Istanbul, Turkey

Zeynep Alemdar is Vice President of the Turkey-EU Association (Turkish Council of the European Movement International), an NGO promoting Turkey’s membership to the EU since 1987, and a member of the Association to Support Women Candidates (KA-DER), an influential women’s NGO working to increase women’s participation in politics. She has given talks on democratization, human rights and women’s rights to diverse audiences in the US and Europe as well as in Brazil and Morocco. She received her Ph.D. degree in Political Science from the University of Kentucky in 2005 and her MA degree in Diplomacy from the Patterson School of Diplomacy and International Commerce from the same university. She holds a BA degree from Galatasaray University. In the summer of 2011, Alemdar was a visiting professor at the Center for Turkish Studies and the Mark O. Hatfield School of Government at Portland State University. She speaks Turkish, English and French. Alemdar is a Hurford Fellow with the Carnegie Endowment’s Euro-Atlantic Security-Next Generation Initiative (EASI-Next Gen). As a Fellow, she specializes in the role of women in foreign policy-making, peace-building and post-
conflict transformation. She discusses how bottom-up approaches to conflict resolution contribute to top-down efforts through changing perceptions of involved parties about the conflict, redefining the problems, and including non-traditional actors in the processes.

Rem Korteweg  
Senior Research Fellow, Centre for European Reform, United Kingdom

Rem Korteweg is a Senior Research Fellow focusing on Foreign, Security and Defence Policy at the Centre for European Reform (CER) in London. In this capacity he advises various national governments and international organizations, and is a regular commentator on foreign policy issues. In 2012, he served as Strategic Policy Adviser to the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Prior to joining CER he worked at the Hague Center for Strategic Studies, a security think-tank in the Netherlands. Between 2006 and 2007, Korteweg was a Fulbright scholar at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University. He holds a doctorate in International Relations from Leiden University. He works on security in Europe; the geopolitics of energy and natural resources; transatlantic relations; and how Europe pursues its interests amidst the rise of non-Western powers. He speaks Dutch, English, French and German. He is a member of the Carnegie Endowment’s Euro-Atlantic Security-Next Generation Initiative (EASI-Next Gen).

Petri Hakkarainen  
Deputy Director for Policy Planning and Research, Ministry for Foreign Affairs, Finland

Petri Hakkarainen is Deputy Director for Policy Planning and Research at the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs (MFA). He joined the MFA in 2006 and served at the Finnish embassy in Berlin from 2007 to 2012. On leave from the Ministry, Hakkarainen worked as a Senior Fellow at the Institute for Advanced Sustainability Studies in Potsdam. He holds a doctorate in Modern History from the University of Oxford and is the author of A State of Peace in Europe: West Germany and the CSCE, 1966–1975 (Berghahn Books 2011), based on the doctoral thesis for which he received the Willy Brandt Prize in 2009. His areas of focus include: foresight in policymaking; energy and security; diplomacy in the digital age; history and reconciliation. He speaks Finnish, English, German, Swedish, French, and Spanish. He is a member of the Carnegie Endowment’s Euro-Atlantic Security-Next Generation Initiative (EASI-Next Gen).
H.E. Ambassador Ismatullo Nasredinov  
*Head of the Delegation of the Republic of Tajikistan to the OSCE*

Ambassador Ismatullo Nasredinov assumed the position as Permanent Representative of Tajikistan to the OSCE, UN and other International Organizations in Vienna in July 2012 and the position of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to Austria in July 2013. After graduating from the Russian Diplomatic Academy in Moscow in 1996, he joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Tajikistan in the Department of International Organizations and became the Chief of the UN Section in 2002. From 2004 to 2008 and from 2011 to 2012 he headed the Department of European and American Countries in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. From 2008 to 2011 he served as First Secretary at the Embassy of Tajikistan to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

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H.E. Ambassador Blanka Jamnišek  
*Head of the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Slovenia to the UN, OSCE and other International Organizations in Vienna*

Ambassador Blanka Jamnišek has served in various capacities with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the course of her career, among them: Minister Plenipotentiary at the Department of the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and Council of Europe (2003–2011); Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Slovenia to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the Western European Union (WEU) (1998–2003); and Desk Officer at the United States, United Kingdom, Canada and Ireland desk (1996–1998). From 1994 to 1996 Ms. Jamnišek held the post of Head of the Public Relations Office in the Ministry of Defence of Slovenia. Ambassador Jamnišek graduated in Psychology at the University of Ljubljana, specializing in International Relations at the Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Ljubljana. She obtained a Master's degree in International Politics from the Centre Européen de Recherches Internationales et Stratégiques (CERIS) in Brussels. Following her university graduation in 1982, Ms. Jamnišek worked in tourist business until 1991. She joined the Government of Slovenia (Ministry of Information) in 1991 after Slovenia's declaration of independence.

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H.E. Ambassador Przemysław Grudziński  
*Head of the Permanent Mission of the Republic of Poland to the OSCE*

Ambassador Przemysław Grudziński has been Head of the Permanent Mission of Poland to the UN and the OSCE since 2009. He holds an M.A. in History from the University of Toruń in Poland and did his Ph.D. as well as his habilitation at the Polish Academy of Sciences in Warsaw, where he became Professor of History in 1976. He was a Visiting Fellow (1979–1980) and Fulbright Fellow (1988) at the University of Princeton as well as Visiting Professor at the Center

H.E. Ambassador Gunaajav Batjargal
Head of the Permanent Mission of Mongolia to the OSCE

A graduate from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations, Ambassador Gunaajav Batjargal entered Mongolia’s Foreign Service in 1991. From 1995 to 1996 he was a Chevening Scholar at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, UK. Ambassador Batjargal served at the Mongolian Embassy in the United Kingdom from 1997 to 2000. He was Economic Affairs Officer and later Deputy Director of the Department of Multilateral Cooperation in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs between 2001 and 2003. From 2004 to 2006 he served as Counsellor at the Permanent Mission of Mongolia to International Organizations in Vienna before returning to the Department of Multilateral Cooperation as Counsellor and later Deputy Director (2007–2008). From 2009 to 2013 Ambassador Batjargal was Director of the Department of Policy Planning and Research.