



# IDU FORUM

2022 BERLIN

AGENDA



# IDU

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# WELCOME



**Dear IDU Members,**

I am pleased to welcome you warmly to Berlin, a city where a wall once stood that cut off people from democracy. When that wall came down, the Soviet Union came down with it and realised the victory of our free values over communism.

However, we have not yet triumphed totally over autocracy. Since last we met, Russian troops violated the sovereignty of Ukraine leaving devastation in their wake. Towns the world had not known of before - Mariupol, Bucha, Kharkiv - are now set in our consciousness as destroyed ruins, obliterated by an uncaring Russian assault. The IDU condemns this invasion in the strongest possible terms, and we stand by the Ukrainian people - we know that, once again, autocracy will fail in the face of freedom and democracy. We have long enjoyed peace in Europe, and have perhaps fallen into a false sense of security regarding the victory first won here in Berlin in 1989. The values the IDU exists to promote, our values of freedom, personal autonomy, democracy, and free markets, have enjoyed prominence in the Western world - Russia reminds us that there are still countries that would have those values wiped away.

This makes our work all the more important. As we gather here in Berlin to share best practices we must keep in mind that doing so is vital to make sure, in each of our countries, the values we espouse remain the norm. We know that democracy and freedom - and all the other important parts of life that fall under those headings - are the best way to allow all people to thrive. We do not believe, as Vladimir Putin would have it, that people should be forced to live their lives according to the whim of one individual.

In Berlin, we can look around us and see the old Soviet architecture as a reminder of the past - so much so that you can usually tell whether you are in the east or west of the city by just looking at the buildings. Our goal is to keep this as just that - a reminder. A reminder of what we have overcome, and how much we have succeeded.

I hope that you have an enjoyable and fruitful IDU Forum. It will, as always, be a pleasure to see both, new and familiar faces of our global family, and I hope you gain a lot from our exciting agenda.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper**

IDU Chairman, 22<sup>nd</sup> Prime Minister of Canada

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## Sunday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dresscode – Smart Casual

During the day	Arrival
5.00 p.m. –	<b>Registration and Accreditation</b>
7.00 p.m.	AXICA Convention Centre – Lobby, Pariser Platz 3, 10117 Berlin
7.00 p.m. –	<b>Reception   Powered by Herbalife Nutrition and SME Global</b>
8.30 p.m.	AXICA Convention Centre – Forum, Pariser Platz 3, 10117 Berlin

## Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> June 2022

Dresscode – Business Attire

9.00 a.m. –	<b>Campaign Managers Meeting – <i>by invitation only</i></b>
12.00 p.m.	CDU Headquarters, Klingelhöferstraße 8, 10785 Berlin
9.00 a.m. –	<b>Meeting of the International Women's Democrat Union IWDU – <i>by invitation only</i></b>
11.00 p.m.	AXICA Convention Centre, Pariser Platz 3, 10117 Berlin
10.00 a.m. –	<b>Board Meeting of the International Young Democrat Union IYDU – <i>by invitation only</i></b>
12.00 p.m.	AXICA Convention Centre, Pariser Platz 3, 10117 Berlin
10.00 a.m. –	<b>SME Global Panel Discussion – <i>by invitation only</i></b>
12.00 p.m.	AXICA Convention Centre, Pariser Platz 3, 10117 Berlin
12.30 p.m. –	<b>Registration and Accreditation</b>
2.00 p.m.	AXICA Convention Centre – Lobby, Pariser Platz 3, 10117 Berlin
2.00 p.m. –	<b>Opening of the IDU Forum 2022</b>
2.10 p.m.	Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, IDU Chairman and 22 <sup>nd</sup> Prime Minister of Canada

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**2.10 p.m. –** **Keynote Speeches by**  
**2.45 p.m.** Petro Poroshenko, Chairman European Solidarity, 5th President of Ukraine  
Yulia Tymoshenko, Chairwoman Batkivshchyna, Former Prime Minister of Ukraine

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**2.45 p.m. –** **Panel 1:**  
**3.30 p.m.** **Youth in War | Powered by IYDU**  
Welcome by Tilman Kuban MP, Chairman Junge Union, Germany  
Falah Hasan, IYDU Vice Chairman, Kurdistan Region  
Dinara Habibullaiev, Chairwoman Solidarna Molod, Ukraine  
Howard Cheng-Hao Shen, Deputy Leader, KMT Youth League of the Republic of China  
Moderation: Michael Dust, IYDU Chairman

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**3.30 p.m. –** **A conversation with Christian Schmidt,**  
**4.00 p.m.** **High Representative for Bosnia and Hercegovina**  
Spotlight on the Western Balkans – Deceptive tranquility in a troubled region

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**4.00 p.m. –** **Break**  
**6.00 p.m.**

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**6.00 p.m. –** **Reception | Powered by Rasmussen Global**  
**7.00 p.m.** Rooftop of the German Reichstag, Platz der Republik 1, 11011 Berlin

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**Dresscode – Business Attire**

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**7.00 p.m. –** **Dinner**  
**9.00 p.m.** **Keynote Speech by IDU Presenting Partner and Platinum Sponsor**  
**Enda Kenny, 13th Taoiseach of the Republic of Ireland, Patron of**  
**Worldwide Support for Development (WSD)**  
Rooftop of the German Reichstag, Platz der Republik 1, 11011 Berlin

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**Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> June 2022**

**Dresscode – Business Attire**

<b>9.00 a.m.</b>	<b>IDU Forum</b> AXICA Convention Centre – Lobby, Pariser Platz 3, 10117 Berlin
<b>9.00 a.m. –</b>	<b>Opening</b>
<b>9.30 a.m.</b>	<b>Keynote Speech by Erna Solberg, Former Prime Minister of Norway, Chairwoman Høyre Party</b>
<b>9.30 a.m. –</b>	<b>Regional Views on the War in Ukraine -</b>
<b>9.50 a.m.</b>	<b>Recent polling by Lord Michael Ashcroft, IDU Honorary Chairman</b>
<b>9.50 a.m. –</b>	<b>Panel 2:</b>
<b>10.50 a.m.</b>	<b>Breach of Civilization – The Russian War Against Ukraine</b> Ivanna Klymush-Tsintsadze, MP, Former Vice Prime Minister of Ukraine Grigory Nemyria, MP, First Deputy Chairman Foreign Affairs Committee, Ukrainian Parliament Tobias Billström, MP, Leader Moderaterna Group in the Parliament, Sweden Moderation: Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, IDU Chairman and 22 <sup>nd</sup> Prime Minister of Canada
<b>10.50 a.m. –</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>11.00 a.m.</b>	
<b>11.00 a.m. –</b>	<b>Panel 3:</b>
<b>12.00 p.m.</b>	<b>Darkness looms over Ukraine's neighborhood – Protecting Freedom and Democracy in Eastern Europe</b> Nika Melia, Chairman United National Movement (UNM), Georgia Igor Grosu, Chairman Party of Action and Solidarity PAS Moldova, President of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova Franak Viačorka, Chief of Staff, Office of Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, Belarus Mirek Topolánek, Former Prime Minister of the Czech Republic, IDU Honorary Advisory Board Member Moderation: Oliver Rolofs, Co-Founder and Director Austrian Institute for Strategic Studies and International Cooperation (AISSIC)

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<b>12.00 p.m. –</b>	<b>Lunch Discussion:</b>
<b>1.30 p.m.</b>	<b>Zeitenwende – Can the EU become a credible geopolitical actor?   Powered by Hanns Seidel Foundation</b>  Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper in conversation with Markus Ferber MEP, Chairman Hanns Seidel Foundation
<b>1.30 p.m. –</b>	<b>Panel 4:</b>
<b>2.30 p.m.</b>	<b>The Supply Crisis – How the Covid Pandemic and the War in Ukraine are disrupting global supply chains</b>  Olav Syversen, Vice-President Political and Public Affairs, Equinor Thomas Erndl, Member of the German Bundestag Michael Wurmser, Founder, Norge Mining  Moderation: Hon. Tony Clement, Former IDU Deputy Chairman, Founder TC International
<b>2.30 p.m. –</b>	<b>The International Work of the Konrad-Adenauer Foundation (KAS)</b>
<b>2.35 p.m.</b>	Peter Fischer-Bollin, Head of Division Analysis and Consulting, KAS
<b>2.35 p.m. –</b>	<b>Panel 5:</b>
<b>3.15 p.m.</b>	<b>Between commerce and geopolitics – Is there a grand strategy towards the expansion of China?   Powered by Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung</b>  Mike Conaway, Former Member House of Representatives Peter Kiely, Chair of the Partys Rules Committee and General Counsel, National Party of New Zealand  Lord Daniel Hannan, International Ambassador UK Conservatives  Moderation: Peter Hefele, Political Director, Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, Brussels
<b>3.15 p.m. –</b>	<b>Coffee Break</b>
<b>3.30 p.m.</b>	

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3.30 p.m. –

**Panel 6:**

4.30 p.m.

**The Collision of Systems – Defending Freedom, Democracy and Western Values / Powered by IDU Presenting Partner Worldwide Support for Development (WSD)**

Enda Kenny, 13th Taoiseach of the Republic of Ireland, Patron of WSD

The Hon. Candice Bergen, Leader of the Opposition and of the Conservative Party of Canada

Tundu Lissu, Former Presidential Candidate and Vice-Chairman Chadema, Tanzania

Michael Schudrich, Chief Rabbi of Poland and Member of the Standing Committee of the Conference of European Rabbis

Sofia Brambilla, Member of Parliament, Argentina

Moderation: Rt. Hon. Stephen Harper, IDU Chairman and 22<sup>nd</sup> Prime Minister of Canada

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7.00 p.m.

**Gala Dinner**

**Dresscode – Semi Formal**

**Presentation of the Bush-Thatcher Award for Freedom**

Bode Museum, Museumsinsel, Am Kupfergraben, 10117 Berlin

**Welcome from Presenting Partner:**

Lord Michael Ashcroft, IDU Honorary Chairman, U.K.

**Keynote Speech:**

David McAllister, Member of the European Parliament and Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee in the European Parliament, IDU Vice Chairman

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# AGENDA

**Wednesday, 29th June 2022**

**Dresscode – Business Attire**

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**9.00 a.m.**

**IDU Executive Meeting – *IDU Members Only***

AXICA Convention Centre – Plenum, Pariser Platz 3, 10117 Berlin

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**12.00 p.m.**

**Lunch – *IDU Members Only***

AXICA Convention Centre – Sky Lobby, Pariser Platz 3, 10117 Berlin

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**1.30 p.m.**

**IDU Summit – *IDU Members Only***

AXICA Convention Centre – Plenum, Pariser Platz 3, 10117 Berlin

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# FEATURED SPEAKERS



**Lord Michael Ashcroft**  
**IDU Honorary Chairman**

Lord Michael Ashcroft KCMG PC is an international businessman, philanthropist, author and pollster. He was knighted and made a member of the House of Lords in 2000, while serving as Treasurer of the Conservative Party. He later served as Deputy Chairman of the party. In 2012, Lord Ashcroft was appointed to the Privy Council and was made the Prime Minister's Special Representative for Veterans' Transition, working with all departments to ensure military personnel receive the support they need when making the transition back to civilian life. Lord Ashcroft gave up his seat in the House of Lords in 2015 to concentrate on other areas of his life and resigned as the Prime Minister's Special Representative for Veterans' Transition in 2018. Lord Ashcroft is Honorary Chairman of the International Democratic Union (IDU), having previously served the group as Treasurer. He is also one of Britain's leading experts on polling, making the results of his research available on his website, in books and in pamphlets.

# FEATURED SPEAKERS



## **The Hon. Candice Bergen** **Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada**

The Hon. Candice Bergen is the Leader of the Conservative Party of Canada and the Official Opposition. Candice Bergen began her political career as a Conservative organizer in Manitoba before deciding to seek election. She proudly serves the people of Portage-Lisgar as their Member of Parliament, and has been re-elected five times. Candice served Canadians in a number of crucial roles, including Parliamentary Secretary for the Minister of Public Safety and Minister of State for Social Development where she worked to improve Canada's efforts to fight homelessness and ensure more support to those living with disabilities. She also served as the Opposition House Leader and as Deputy Leader of the Conservative Party. Candice was born and raised in Morden, Manitoba. She is married to her husband, Michael, and the proud mother of Luke, Delaney and Parker.



**Tobias Billström MP**  
**Leader of the Moderate Party Parliamentary Group**

Billström is a member of the Royal Advisory Council on Foreign Affairs and the War Delegation. Mr Billström was Minister for Migration and Asylum Policy 2006-2014 and Minister for Employment 2010. He was First Deputy Speaker of the Swedish Parliament 2014-2017. He is a board member of the Jarl Hjalmarson Foundation, and he was Vice President of the EPP 2012-2015. Mr Billström holds a MA in History from Lund University and a Master of Philosophy in Historical Studies from Cambridge University.

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**Sofia Brambilla**  
**National Deputy for Corrientes, Argentina**

Sofia Brambilla is serving her second mandate as National Deputy for Corrientes, Argentina (2017-2021 and 2021-2025). She is also National Secretary of Women of Propuesta Republicana Party (PRO). She has a long-term career in non-governmental organizations. Among others, she worked for fifteen years at 'Alianza NEA', a NGO founded by her. In the public service, Sofia also worked at the National Administration of Social Security (ANSES) for two years (2016-2017). At the Honorable National Deputies Chamber, she is currently vice president of the Economy and Regional Development Commission. She also is member of several other commissions: Social Action and Public Health, Agriculture and Livestock, Women and Diversity, Small and Medium Business, Natural Resources and Human Environment Conservation and Tourism. In the international field, Sofia is co-founder of the Women's Network at Latin American Party Union (Red de Mujeres UPLA). She is also Vice Chairwoman of the International Women's Democratic Union (IWDU).



## **Hon. Tony Clement** **Founder TC International**

The Honourable Tony Clement is a former Minister in the Harper Government federally, and Harris Government in the Province of Ontario. During his time in the House of Commons, Mr. Clement served as both Minister of Health and Minister of Industry, playing a lead role in getting Canada's economy back on track after the most significant global economic recession since the 1930s. On May 2, 2011, Mr. Clement was re-elected for a third consecutive time. Shortly after his re-election, he was asked by the Prime Minister to take on the responsibilities of President of the Treasury Board. In this capacity, Mr. Clement lead the development and implementation of a cross-government spending review—looking at transformational ways to support and deliver services to taxpayers in the most effective and efficient means possible. This follows through on the Government of Canada's commitment to eliminate the deficit and continue to strengthen the economy. Within the federal government, Mr. Clement chaired five different committees of Cabinet and served on the Cabinet Committee on Priorities and Planning, chaired by the Prime Minister. Mr. Clement's dedication to public service spans three decades. During his eight years as an Ontario MPP, he held prominent Cabinet positions in the Ontario government, including Minister of Health and Minister of the Environment.

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**Dr. Michael Dust**  
**IYDU Chairman**

Dr. Michael Dust studied law in Münster. After completing a master's degree in business and tax law at the Ruhr University in Bochum, he wrote his doctoral thesis on interest in tax debt law. Subsequently he completed his legal clerkship in Düsseldorf with stations in Amsterdam and at the German Embassy in New Delhi. He currently works as a lawyer in the Düsseldorf office of a major American law firm. In 2021 Michael was elected IYDU Chairman.





**Thomas Erndl MP**  
**Deputy Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee in the**  
**German Bundestag**

Thomas Erndl MP (CSU) is the Deputy Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee in the German Bundestag and a member of the Bundestag's Defense Committee. Mr. Erndl is also the Spokesman for International Politics and Security of the CSU Parliamentary Group in the Bundestag. Before his first election to Parliament in 2017, he worked in the semiconductor industry. Since November 2019, Erndl has been the deputy president of the German Armed Forces Reservist Association (VdRBw). He served in the German military and was part of the 1st German IFOR Contingent in Bosnia-Herzegovina in 1996. Mr. Erndl has three children and lives with his family in Lower Bavaria.

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**Markus Feber**  
**MEP, Chairman Hanns-Seidel Foundation**

Born in Augsburg in 1965, Markus Feber initially worked as a development and sales engineer in the fields of microelectronics and environmental technology before being elected to the European Parliament in 1994 to represent Swabia. There, he was spokesman for the Young Group of the EPP until 1999, and from 1996 to 1999 he was the parliamentary manager of the CDU/CSU Group in the EP. From 1999 to 2014 he was chairman of the CSU group, spokesman of the parliamentary group of small and medium-sized businesses from 2013, from 2014 to 2018 first vice-chairman of the Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs, and coordinator of the EPP group of this committee in the EP from 2018. Feber is also a substitute member of the Committee on Transport and Tourism. In addition, he is district chairman of the CSU Swabia and was state chairman of the Europa Union Bayern from 2000 until 2021. For six years, he was Vice Chairman of the Hanns Seidel Foundation, and since January 1 2020, he has been its first Chairman.



## **Igor Grosu** **President of the Parliament of Moldova**

Igor Grosu (born 30 November 1972) is a Moldovan politician who serves as the President of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova since 29 July 2021. Mr. Grosu has been a member of the Moldovan Parliament since March 2019 and the leader of the Party of Action and Solidarity (PAS) since May 2022. Igor Grosu has a degree in History studies. He became the Deputy Minister of Education and contributed to the fundamental reform in the education sector of Moldova. In 2015-2016, Mr. Grosu joined as a founder-member of the PAS party and became the party's General Secretary. In the 2019 parliamentary elections, he was elected as member of Parliament. He also is the co- founder of a few NGOs, such as: Amnesty International Moldova, National Assistance, the Non-Gov Organizations Information Center of Moldova CONTACT, Pro-Democracy Association, National Youth Council of Moldova, and the Analysis and Evaluation Center of Reform. He ran in 2021 parliamentary elections and on July 29, was voted by 64 MPs the President of the Moldovan Parliament.

# FEATURED SPEAKERS



**Dinara Habibullaieva**  
**Member of Kyiv City Council**

Dinara Habibullaieva is a member of Kyiv city council and deputy head of the Commission on local self-government, international and regional relations. She holds the position of the member of the presidium of the central council of the European Solidarity political party. Additionally, she is a chairwoman of Solidarna Molod NGO, the youth organisation of the party. Dinara is alumna of several international programs for political education: European Parliament Internship, “Young Leaders 2016-2017” of the Robert Schuman Institute and Leadership Academy of the International Republican Institute etc. Since 2017, she has been working in Party’s HQ, the range of her responsibilities include youth politics, public activities, and international communications. Dinara holds a MA in political science and law from Oles Honchar Dnipropetrovsk National University, (Dnipro City, Ukraine).



## **Lord Daniel Hannan** **International Ambassador UK Conservatives**

Lord Hannan of Kingsclere is an author and columnist. He serves on the UK Board of Trade and is a Vice-Chairman of the Conservative Party responsible for its international relations. He teaches at the University of Buckingham and the University of Francisco Marroquín. He has written nine books, including the New York Times bestseller *Inventing Freedom: How the English-Speaking Peoples Made the Modern World*. He sat as a Conservative MEP for 21 years, and was a founder of Vote Leave. He writes regular columns for, among others, *The Sunday Telegraph*, *The Washington Examiner* and *Conservative Home*.

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**Falah Hasan**  
**IYDU Vice Chairman**

Falah Hasan is the President of Kurdish Youth Congress, Board Member of Kurdistan Democratic Party. (Kurdistan Region) and IYDU & DEMYC Vice Chairman.



**Dr. Peter Hefele**  
**Policy Director of the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies**

Dr. Peter Hefele graduated in Economics and Economic History from the Catholic University of Eichstätt-Ingolstadt in 1997. He worked as an economic researcher at the Institute for Economy and Society/Bonn and joined the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung (KAS) in 2003 as Head of the Economic Policy/Political Education Department. In 2006, he became Head of the China, Southeast Asia, India Department in the Asia and Pacific Team of the KAS in Berlin. From December 2010 to February 2015, he worked as Head of the China Office of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung in Shanghai. From March 2015 to April 2019, he was Head of the Regional Project “Energy Security and Climate Change” (RECAP), based in Hong Kong SAR/PR China. Between May 2019 and December 2020, he was the Director Asia and Pacific of KAS in Berlin. Since January 2022, he has been Policy Director of the Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies, the think tank of the European People’s Party EPP, in Brussels. His work focuses on foreign and security policy, economic policy, international development cooperation and energy/climate policy. He is also an expert on political, economic and social developments in Asia and China. He is fluent in German, English and Hungarian, has good knowledge of French and Italian and basic knowledge of Chinese.

# FEATURED SPEAKERS



**Enda Kenny**  
**Former Taoiseach of Ireland, Patron of Worldwide Support  
for Development**

Enda Kenny is an Irish politician of the Fine Gael party who served as Ireland's Taoiseach (Prime Minister) from 2011 to 2017, following a historic victory at the 2011 general election with his party becoming the largest in the state for the first time. During his two terms in office, he led Ireland from its worst recession to a period of unprecedented prosperity with Ireland becoming the fastest growing European economy in the last three years. He counts a number of successes under his leadership: Ireland gained full access to the financial markets in 2013; unemployment more than halved; borrowing rates plummeted; and Ireland became the first country to allow for same sex marriages via public referendum. He also changed the relationship between the Irish Government and the Catholic Church with an uncompromising condemnation of a series of scandals exposed within the Church. In 2013 he conducted the Presidency of the EU and oversaw the agreement of its budget of €960 billion. He is the longest-serving TD currently in Dáil Éireann, which makes him the incumbent Father of the Dáil.





**Ivanna Klympush-Tsintsadze**  
**Member of Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Chair of the Committee of**  
**Ukraine's integration into the European Union**

Deputy Prime Minister for European and Euro-Atlantic Integration of Ukraine (2016 – 2019). Member of the Ukrainian Parliament, First Deputy Chairperson of Foreign Affairs Committee, Ukraine's Parliamentary Delegation to NATO PA leader (2014-2016). Ivanna entered politics after the Revolution of Dignity in 2014. Prior to that, she worked in civil society and journalism sector. In 2007-2011, Ms. Klympush-Tsintsadze chaired International Charity Organization "Open Ukraine Foundation". Between 2011 and 2014 she was heading Yalta European Strategy network. For 5 years (2002-2007) Ivanna was Radio BBC Ukrainian Service correspondent in the USA (Washington D.C.) and in the Caucasus (Tbilisi). Prior to that, Ivanna worked in the East-West Institute's Kyiv Center (1998 to 2002). She began her career in 1993 with the Ukrainian Center for Independent Political Research (UCIPR). Mrs. Klympush-Tsintsadze is co-editor of the book: "Black Sea Region: Cooperation and Security Building".

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**Tilman Kuban**  
**Chairman of the Junge Union Deutschland**

Tilman was born on May 26, 1987, and grew up in Barsinghausen, Lower Saxony. Having graduated from High School, he spent a year in New Zealand. Both the time at the Wellington Business School and the voluntary service with the national park have had a tremendous personal impact on him. Tilman holds a law degree from the University of Osnabrück and previously worked for the MEP Burkhard Balz.

As early as 2005, he joined the Junge Union (JU) and was elected chairman of the Hanover-Land district, the third-largest district association in Lower Saxony, in 2009. In 2012, Tilman was elected regional chairman and held the state chairman position in Lower Saxony by 2014. The Promotion of progressive, forward-looking ideas and the continuous support of young leaders have always been at the centre of Tilman's political work. Numerous seminars on local and municipal campaigns and the renowned "A-Team" campaign during the state election are examples of his relentless efforts to promote ideas and get young people involved in politics. In 2019, Tilman was elected national chairman of Junge Union Deutschland, the largest political youth organization in Europe, and is a member of the CDU's national executive committee. Since the last federal election in 2021, he has represented his home constituency in the Bundestag as a member of parliament.



**Tundu Lissu**  
**Vice-Chairman Chadema, Tanzania**

Tundu Antiphas Lissu, 54, is the Vice Chairman of CHADEMA, Tanzania's main opposition party. He's CHADEMA's presidential candidate in the 2020 general elections marred by violence and fraud. He's also past President of the Tanganyika Law Society, Mainland Tanzania's national bar association. A survivor of an unresolved assassination attempt in September 2017, Mr. Lissu has since January 2018 lived in exile in the Flemish town of Tienen in Belgium.

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**Nick Melia**  
**Chair of the United National Movement**

Since 2020, Mr. Melia is a Chair of the United National Movement, the largest opposition party in Georgia. During 2017 – 2020, Mr. Melia was the Chair of UNM Political Council. Mr. Melia was the UNM candidate for Tbilisi Mayor in 2014 and a unified opposition candidate in 2021; was two times Member of the Parliament of Georgia. In 2019, following the June 20th massive public protest against the visit of a Russian Communist DUMA member Sergei Gavrilov in Tbilisi, which was brutally dispersed by the government, the politically motivated charges were brought against Nick Melia, leading first to his house arrest, later termination of his parliamentary mandate by the ruling Georgian Dream, and his ensuing arrest in February 2020 through storming the UNM party headquarters by hundreds of police and special forces. Mr. Melia was released on bail posted by the European Union. Nick Melia was born in Tbilisi in 1979. He has graduated from Oxford Brookes University. He has wife and a son.



**Hryhoriy Nemyria**  
**First Deputy Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee**  
**of the Parliament of Ukraine**

Hryhoriy Nemyria is the First Deputy Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Parliament of Ukraine and Deputy Chairman of the Batkivshchyna Party. In the previous Rada convocations, Dr. Nemyria chaired the Committees on European Integration and on Human Rights. He served as Deputy Prime Minister in the government of Prime Minister Tymoshenko (2007- 2010). He was Governor from Ukraine in the World Bank and Co-Chairman of the Ukraine-China Intergovernmental Commission on Trade and Economic Cooperation. From 2006-2007, Dr. Nemyria was the Deputy Head of the Parliamentary Delegation to the PACE and the Ukrainian delegation to the Committee on Parliamentary Cooperation between Ukraine and the EU. In Ms. Tymoshenko's first government (2005), he served as her Foreign Policy Advisor. Dr. Nemyria comes from Donetsk where he began his academic career. He has an MA in History from Donetsk University and a Ph.D. from Kyiv Shevchenko University. He became Vice-Rector of the National University of Kyiv Mohyla Academy and chaired the European Integration Department of the National Academy of Public Administration. He is also a graduate of the National Security Program at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard.

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## **Petro Poroshenko** **Fifth President of Ukraine, Chairman European Solidarity**

Petro Poroshenko is the Chairman of the Political Party “European Solidarity”, the co-Chairman of the parliamentary group of «European Solidarity», the member of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine (the Parliament of Ukraine) and the 5th President of Ukraine (2014-2019). Petro Poroshenko was born in the city of Bolhrad, Odesa region, on September 26, 1965. From 1982 to 1989, he studied at Taras Shevchenko National University at the Faculty of International Relations and International Law from which he graduated with a Diploma in International Economic Relations. From 1989 to 1992, he worked as a postgraduate student assistant of the Department of International Economic Relations at Taras Shevchenko National University of Kyiv. From 1993 to 1998, Petro Poroshenko served as CEO of corporation group “Ukrprominvest”. In 1998, he started his political career with election as a Member of the Parliament of Ukraine. In 2000, he became Deputy Head of the National Bank Council of Ukraine, and later he was Head of the Committee on Budget Issues of the Parliament. In 2005, Petro Poroshenko served as Secretary of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine. In 2006 he was elected as Member of the Parliament of Ukraine and, from 2006 to 2007, chaired the Committee on Finance and Banking Activity of the Parliament of Ukraine. In 2009, he was the Minister of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine and in 2012 - the Minister of Economic Development and Trade of Ukraine. The same year, Petro Poroshenko served as Member of the Parliament and Co-Head of the Committee on Parliamentary Cooperation between Ukraine and the EU. In November 2013-February 2014 he was one of the key leaders of the Revolution of Dignity and strong promoters of the European and Euro-Atlantic integration course of Ukraine. In May 2014 Petro Poroshenko won in the first round of the early presidential elections and became the 5th President of Ukraine. The conclusion and entry into force of Ukraine-EU Association Agreement, intro-

duction of visa-free regime between the EU and Ukraine, creation of new modernized NATO-standard Ukrainian Armed Forces, as well as consolidation of international unity and solidarity with Ukraine against Russian aggression are among the key achievements of his presidency. After defeat in 2019 presidential elections, in May 2019 Petro Poroshenko was elected as the Chairman of the Political Party “European Solidarity” and led the party to the new Parliament of Ukraine following early parliamentary elections in July 2019. Petro Poroshenko is honored economist of Ukraine, laureate of the State Prize of Ukraine in the sphere of science and technology, laureate of P. Orlyk international prize, holder of the Grand Cross Order of Civil Merit of the Kingdom of Spain. In 1998, Mr. Poroshenko established a signature Charity Fund which carries out charity projects in various spheres of social life. He is married to Maryna Poroshenko. They have 4 children: sons - Oleksiy (1985) and Mykhailo (2001), daughters - Yevheniya and Oleksandra (2000).

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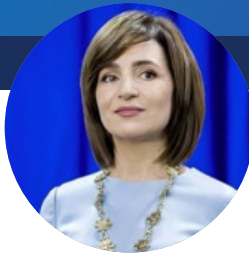


**Oliver Rolofs**

**Co-Founder and Director Austrian Institute for Strategic Studies and International Cooperation AISSIC**

Oliver Rolofs is a security expert and runs an owner-managed communications and strategy consultancy based in Munich, Germany. He is also director of the Vienna-based Austrian Institute for Strategic Studies and International Co-operation (AISSIC). Prior to this, he worked as Global Head of Media Relations for the strategy consultancy firm Roland Berger. He was also the long-serving Head of Communications for the internationally renowned Munich Security Conference where he also established the cybersecurity and energy security programs. Furthermore, he is co-founder of the annual Munich Cyber Security Conference (MCSC) and a regular moderator of events. He studied political science, international law and sociology and graduated with a master's degree from the Ludwig Maximilian University of Munich. In addition to that he serves as a Reserve Officer in the German Army and holds the rank of Lieutenant Colonel (Res.). In this capacity he completed several assignments as a Press Officer in NATO and EU peacekeeping missions in former Yugoslavia.





## **Maia Sandu** **President of Moldova**

President Maia Sandu assumed office on December 20, 2020, becoming Moldova's first female president. President Sandu's political career started in 2012, when she became the Minister of Education - a role she held until 2015. In 2015, Sandu started a platform that evolved into the political party known as the Partidul Acțiune și Solidaritate (Party of Action and Solidarity). In 2019, Sandu was elected to serve as Prime Minister of Moldova. Prior to her political career, Sandu worked as an Adviser to the Executive Director of the World Bank from 2010 to 2012. Sandu attended school at the Academy of Economic Studies of Moldova (ASEM) from 1989 to 1994, the Academy of Public Administration (AAP) in Chișinău from 1995 to 1998, and graduated from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 2010.

# FEATURED SPEAKERS



**Christian Schmidt**  
**High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina**

Christian Schmidt is the High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina, a position he has held since 2021. From 1990-2021 he was a Member of the German Bundestag, during which time he was Federal Minister of Food and Agriculture from 2014 to 2018, Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development from 2013 to 2014, and Parliamentary State Secretary at the Federal Ministry of Defence from 2005 to 2013. He has been President of the German Atlantic Association since 2006, Vice-Chair of the Hanns-Seidel-Foundation since 2018, and Co-Chair of the Advisory Board of the German-Czech Discussion Forum since 2013. Schmidt is a lawyer by profession, having studied in Erlangen and Lausanne. Born in 1957 in Obernzenn (Franconia) he is a married father of two children.



## **Rabbi Michael Schudrich** **Chief Rabbi of Poland**

Michael Schudrich was born in New York City in 1955. Educated in Jewish Day Schools in the NY area, he graduated from SUNY at Stony Brook in 1997 with Religious Studies major. Schudrich received smicha through Yeshiva University and received an MA in history from Columbia in 1982. Schudrich served as rabbi of the Jewish Community of Japan from 1983-89. He was also concerned with the recognition of the heroism of Consul Sugihara. As a student in the 1970's, Schudrich began his travels to East Europe by leading Jewish groups to those countries and meeting with the remnants of the Jewish communities. In 1990, Schudrich began working for the Ronald S. Lauder Foundation and spent 1992-98 residing in Warsaw, Poland. In June 2000, Rabbi Schudrich returned to Poland as the Rabbi of Warsaw and Lodz and in December 2004 was appointed Chief Rabbi of Poland. Rabbi Schudrich is the recipient of several awards and medals. Rabbi Schudrich has one daughter, Arianna.

# FEATURED SPEAKERS



**Erna Solberg**  
**Former Prime Minister of Norway**

Erna Solberg is former Prime Minister of Norway. She was elected in 2013 and held the position to 2021, and was Norway's second female Prime Minister. Ms. Solberg was born and educated in Bergen. In 1986, she graduated with her degree in sociology, political science, statistics and economics from the University of Bergen. Ms. Solberg became politically active during her years at upper secondary school, in Young Conservatives and student organisations. During her university years, she had elected posts in Bergen City Council, Bergen and Hordaland Young Conservatives and the Bergen Conservative Students' Association. In 1989, Ms. Solberg was elected to the Parliament (Stortinget), a post she has held since – except her period as Minister of Local Government and Regional Development (2001-2005) and Prime Minister (2013-2021). She has been leader of the Conservative Party since 2004. Ms. Solberg was re-elected to the Parliament in 2021, and is current member of The Standing Committee on Foreign Affairs and Defence. Since 2014, she has co-chaired the UN Secretary General's Advocacy group for global goals – the Millennium Development Goals, followed by the Sustainable Development Goals. Among the goals, she takes a particular interest in ensuring quality education for girls and children, and in combating climate change and its impacts.



**Olav Syversen**  
**Vice President Political & Public Affairs, Head of EU Affairs, and**  
**Country Manager for Belgium at Equinor**

Olav Aamlid Syversen is currently Vice President Political & Public Affairs, Head of EU Affairs, and Country Manager for Belgium at Equinor, as well as Chair of the European Committee of the International Oil and Gas Association (IOGP). He joined Equinor in 2005 and has held several EU policy and regulatory advisory roles, including leading Equinor's Gas Regulatory Affairs team. Prior to joining Equinor he was head of commodity analysis in the Risk Asset and Liability Management team of Electrabel SA/NV now part of the Engie Group. He has a degree in economics from the University of Neuchâtel, Switzerland and a master in European economics from the College of Europe, Bruges, Belgium.

# FEATURED SPEAKERS



**Mirek Topolánek**  
**Former Prime Minister of the Czech Republic**

Mirek Topolánek was born May 15 1956 in Vsetín in the Czech Republic. He has a permanent residence in Prague, he is married, and he has 4 children and 7 grandchildren. Mirek Topolánek was graduated from the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering at the Technical University in Brno. In 1996 he started his political career as Member of Czech Parliament. From 2006 to 2009 he was the Prime Minister of the Czech Republic. In 2009 he was President of the European Council. In this year he was actively involved in solving the gas crisis in Ukraine and had organized 1th Southern Corridor Summit and hosted 1th Eastern Partnership Summit. After leaving high politics he has been active in energy business, journalistic and educational activities. In 2010 he was a candidate of Czech Republic to International Energy Agency in Paris. In 2018 he was causable unsuccessful in the presidential election. He is a member of Honorary Advisory Board of the International Democrat Union now.



## **Yulia Tymoshenko** **Former Prime Minister of Ukraine**

Yulia Tymoshenko is the Leader of the oldest Ukrainian parliamentary party Batkivshchyna, Chairwoman of its Rada (Parliament) Faction, and former Prime Minister of Ukraine. In 1996, Tymoshenko became MP for the first time. In 1999, she founded and chaired the Batkivshchyna party, and was appointed as the Deputy Prime Minister of fuel and energy. In November 2004, Yulia Tymoshenko became one of the leaders of the Orange Revolution, a democratic popular uprising in Ukraine that broke out as a protest against rigged presidential elections. She was the Prime Minister of Ukraine in 2005 and 2007-2010. In the 2010 presidential elections, she narrowly lost to Viktor Yanukovich and immediately afterward the Yanukovich government launched a number of trumped-up politically motivated investigations against her. In August 2011, she was sentenced to seven years in prison and in February 2014 she was released from prison following the overthrow of the Yanukovich regime. After the 2014 parliamentary election, she chaired the Batkivshchyna faction in the Parliament. She was 3rd on the list of the most influential world (women) leaders. In 2007 she received a special award of the International Politique for Political Courage.

# FEATURED SPEAKERS



**Franak Viacorka**  
**Chief of Staff to Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya**

Franak Viačorka is Senior Advisor to Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, non-resident fellow at the Atlantic Council's Eurasia Center, and a journalist from Belarus. He previously worked as a research media analyst for the US Agency for Global Media as a contractor focusing on Eurasia's digital markets. His research focused on Russian and Chinese efforts to control the global media space, spread disinformation, and build the sovereign internet infrastructure. He has served as a creative director for the Belarus service of Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty (RFE/RL), vice-president for the Digital Communication Network, consultant for Freedom House, and the Broadcasting Board of Governors. Viačorka is a frequent speaker and advocate for democracy and personal freedom. For his activism and journalism work in Belarus, he was jailed multiple times by the Belarusian government. Viačorka's activism in Belarus has been chronicled by documentary filmmakers and recognized by many international organizations, including the National Endowment for Democracy, Freedom House, and Open Society Foundations. He was the first Václav Havel Fellow at RFE/RL under Havel's personal recommendation. He graduated with an MA from American University in Washington DC and a BA from Warsaw University in Poland. He also studied at Belarus State University, Georgetown University, and European Humanities University.





## **Michael Wurmser** **Founder of Norge Mining**

Michael is an astute economist, strategist and entrepreneur. He founded Norge Mining in 2018. After his studies and graduation at the Swiss Business School in Zurich Michael started his career in the trading floors of Citibank Zurich and has held a prestigious array of senior positions at multinational financial institutions in New York and Frankfurt. In the early 2000s Michael held mandates by various governments, finance ministries and state banks to help structure and settling sovereign debts in Easter Europe and Asia. Over the years, Michael has advised on structure financing for companies in particular in the natural resources, commodities and mining sectors across the Middle East the US, in Mongolia to name a few. As a founder of Norge Mining, he is responsible to implement and shape strategies of Norge Mining across various Industries on its path to becoming a global significant supplier and provider of critical raw materials.

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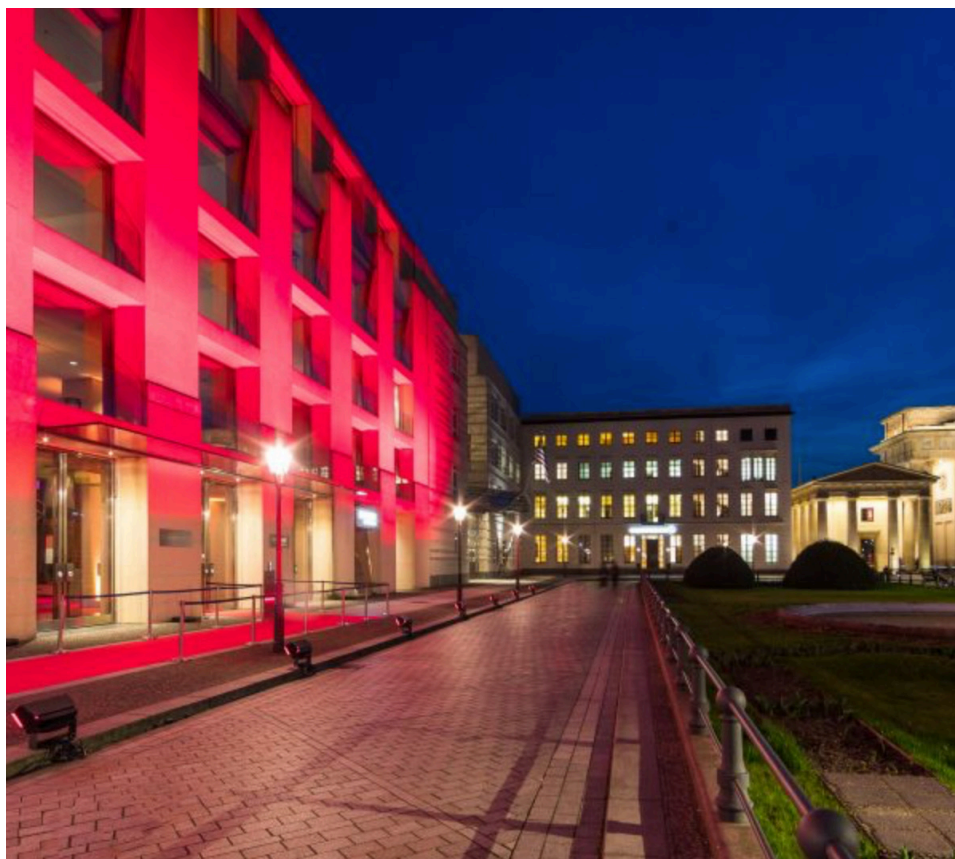


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