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The Honourable *A. Raynell Andreychuk* is a lawyer, former judge, former Associate Deputy Minister of Social Services for the Province of Saskatchewan, and former Chancellor of the University of Regina. Hon. Andreychuk was named Canada's High Commissioner to Kenya and Uganda as well as Ambassador to Somalia, the Comoros, and Portugal. During the course of her diplomatic appointments, she also served as Canada's representative to the United Nations Human Rights Commission and to the United Nations Environment Program and Habitat. Called to the Senate in 1993, Hon. Andreychuk became the first female senator to represent the province of Saskatchewan. She Chaired the Standing Senate Committee on Foreign Affairs and International Trade, and the Standing Senate Committee on Ethics and Conflict of Interest for Senators. Hon. Andreychuk has served on many Senate committees, including the Standing Senate Committee on Legal and Constitutional Affairs; the Special Committee on Security and Intelligence; the Special Senate Committee on Anti-Terrorism; the Special Committee on Terrorism and Public Safety; and the Standing Senate Committee on National Finance. Notably, Hon. Andreychuk played an instrumental role in establishing the Standing Senate Committee on Human Rights, serving as Chair from 2001 to 2009. She also co-founded and Co-Chaired the Canada-Africa Parliamentary Association. As a part of her international commitments, Hon. Andreychuk served as Co-Chair of the Ukraine-NATO Inter-parliamentary Council (UNIC) of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly, and as chair and Rapporteur of the Political Committee. She also served as the Rapporteur of the Subcommittee on NATO Partnerships of the Political Committee of the NATO Parliamentary Assembly.



Ian Anthony, the Programme Director for European Security at SIPRI since February 2014, has a doctorate in War Studies awarded by the University of London. The programme currently focuses on some specific challenges facing Europe. Dr. Anthony has published numerous books on issues related to arms control, disarmament and export control. He previously served as Research Coordinator at SIPRI and the Director of the SIPRI Programme on Arms Control, Disarmament and Non-proliferation, Project Leader of European Arms

Export Control Project and Project Leader of SIPRI's Arms Transfer Project. His current activities include the role of nuclear weapons in NATO, Russia and next steps in nuclear arms control, European and Chinese perspectives on nuclear security and European Union approaches to non-proliferation and threat reduction.

Ambassador *Ivan Antonovich* is a former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus (1997-1998). He is a Belarusian sociologist, linguist, political scientist, philosopher, diplomat, and politician. Ivan Antonovich is a Doctor of Philosophy (1973) and Professor (1977). He is the founder of the Republican Party of Labour and Justice. In 1969, Mr. Antonovich was working at the Secretariat in the United Nations in the UNESCO. In 1977, he was the Head Secretary of Minsk City CPB and later was the Head of Culture and Department of Communist Party of Belarus.



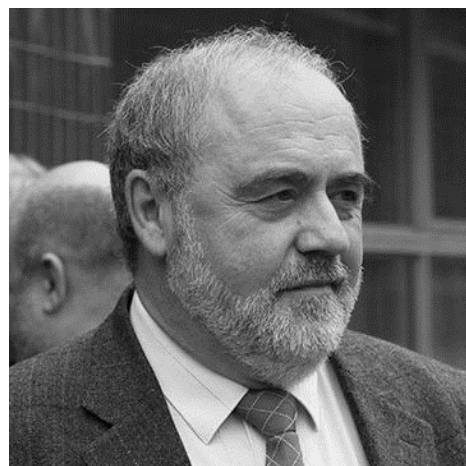
From 1990 to 1991 he served as Deputy Head of the Department of the Central Committee of links with social and political organizations. From 1990 to 1991 he was a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of the RSFSR. From 1990 to 1991, he was the Secretary of the Communist Party of the RSFSR Relations socio-political organizations. From 1991 to 1993 he worked in the international non-governmental research and educational organization "Rau-Corporation". He served as the Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus from 1996 to 1997. In 1995-1997, he was also Chairman of the National Commission of the Republic of Belarus for UNESCO, and between 1996-2000 he was a member of the UN Committee on Economic and Social Rights.



Baroness *Catherine Ashton* serves as a chair of the Wilson Center's revitalized Global Europe Program. She previously was the European Union's first High Representative for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy from 2009 to 2014. She earned wide praise as a negotiator, leading the P5+1 talks on Iran's nuclear program and galvanizing agreement between Serbia and Kosovo. Previously, Baroness Ashton served as the first woman Commissioner for Trade in the European Commission and the first woman British European Commissioner. A Life Peer in the British House of Lords,

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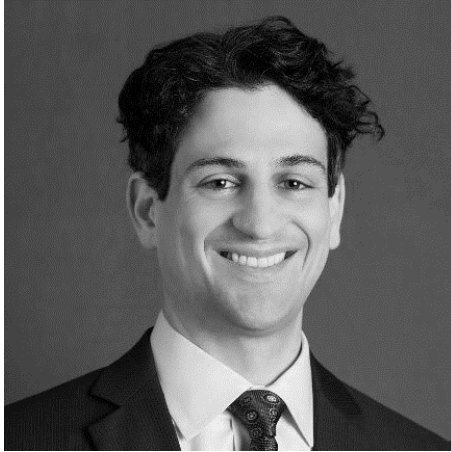


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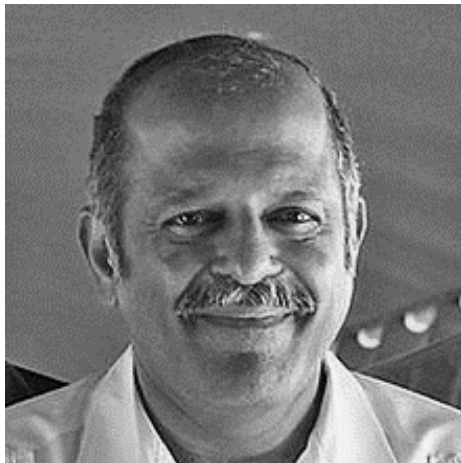
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Ambassador **Lazar Comanescu** was twice minister of foreign affairs of Romania (April- December 2008 respectively November 2015-January 2017). From February to November 2015 he was foreign policy adviser of the President of Romania. He was Ambassador to NATO(March 1998-May 2001), EU(May 2001-April 2008) and Germany(May 2009- February 2015). From December 1995 to March 1998 he was State Secretary and prior to that director general for European affairs (December 1994-December 1995) in MFA and deputy head of the Mission of Romania to the European Communities (May 1990-November 1994). Ambassador Comanescu is a PhD in international economics with the Bucharest Academy of Economic Studies where he was a lecturer professor. He is currently: senior adviser (foreign relations) to the President of the Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Romania; member of the Scientific Board of the New Strategy Center and member of the Consultative Board of the Romanian European Institute.



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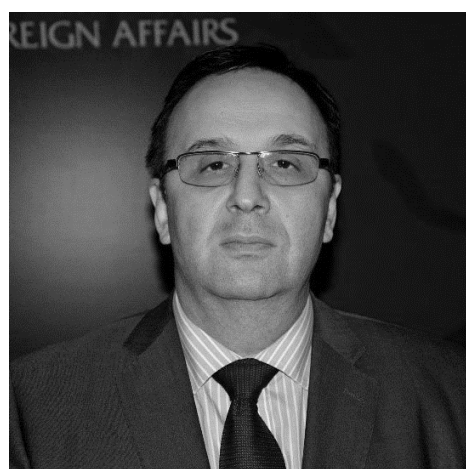
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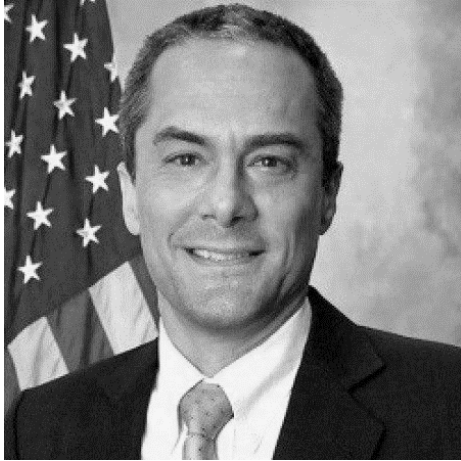
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Univ. Prof. **Dr. Heinz Gärtner** is lecturer in the Department of Political Science at the University of Vienna and at Danube University. He was academic director of the Austrian Institute for International Affairs. He has held various Fulbright Fellowships and the Austrian Chair at Stanford University. He was Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation Fellow at the Johns Hopkins University in Washington DC. Among other things, he chairs the Strategy and Security advisory board of the Austrian Armed Forces, is a political analyst at the International Institute for Peace in Vienna, and an expert for EU and Euratom programmes at the European Commission. Heinz Gärtner is editor (together with Mitra Shahmoradi) of the book “Iran in the International System: Iran between Great Powers and Great Ideas” (Routledge, January 2020).





Thomas E. Graham is a distinguished fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations. He is also currently a managing director at Kissinger Associates, Inc., where he focuses on Russian and Eurasian affairs. He is a co-founder of the Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies Program at Yale University and sits on its faculty steering committee. Graham was Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Russia on the National Security Council staff from 2004 to 2007, during which he oversaw a White House-Kremlin strategic dialogue. He

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Frederick Benjamin "Ben" Hodges - a native of Quincy, Florida, Lieutenant General (Retired) Frederick Benjamin "Ben" Hodges graduated from the United States Military Academy in May 1980 and was commissioned in the Infantry. After his first assignment as an Infantry Lieutenant in Germany, he commanded Infantry units at the Company, Battalion and Brigade levels as the 101st Airborne Division and in Operation IRAQI FREEDOM. He also served in an operational

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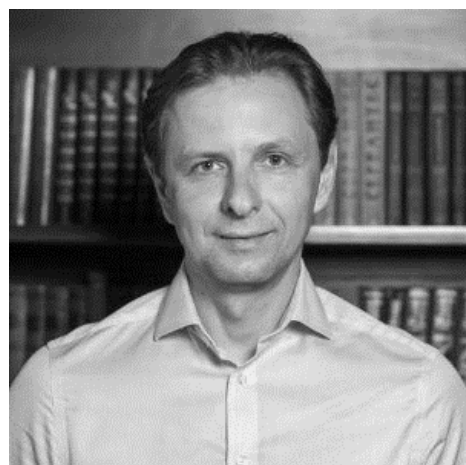
Roderich Kiesewetter has been special representative for foreign affairs of the CDU/CSU-caucussince since 2014, since 2009 directly elected MP, 2006-2009 Head of the Chief of Staff's office at NATO Headquarters ACO SHAPE, various command and staff positions, including the EU Council, NATO HQ (Brussels and Mons).

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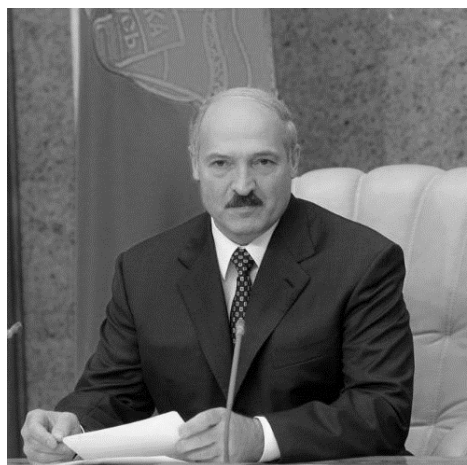
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Vladislav Kulminksi is an expert in strategic and political analysis and planning, public administration and conflict resolution. He is currently Foreign policy and Strategic Planning adviser to the Prime Minister of Moldova. He worked on public administration reforms at the World Bank. Vladislav was Senior Adviser to Moldova's Prime Minister when Moldova signed the Association agreement with the EU, leading a strategic analysis unit. Vladislav developed and ran conflict resolution programs in the region, including confidence-building programs, and

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Alexander Lukashenko is the President of the Republic of Belarus. He graduated from the Mogilev State Pedagogical University named after A.A. Kuleshov in 1975, the Belarusian Agricultural Academy in 1985. Historian, economist. In 1975-1977 Aleksandr Lukashenko worked as a political instructor of the Western Border District. In 1977–1978 he worked as the secretary of the Komsomol committee of the food trade department of Mogilev, instructor of the Oktyabrsky District Executive Committee of Mogilev. In 1978-1990 Aleksandr Lukashenko was the executive secretary of the

Znaniye Association of the town of Shklov, deputy commanding officer for political work in an army unit, deputy director of the agricultural enterprise Udarnik in Shklov District, deputy director of the construction materials factory in Shklov, secretary of the Communist Party committee of the state farm named after V.I. Lenin, director of the agricultural enterprise Gorodets, Shklov District. In 1990 he was elected member of the parliament of the Republic of Belarus. He led the the Supreme Council of the Republic of Belarus commission for examining the operation of commercial entities established under the

auspices of state administration bodies. On 10 July 1994 Aleksandr Lukashenko was elected President of the Republic of Belarus. In 2001, 2006, 2010 and 2015 Aleksandr Lukashenko was re-elected President of the Republic of Belarus. The Commander-in-Chief of the Armed Forces of the Republic of Belarus, Head of the Security Council of the Republic of Belarus. The President of the National Olympic Committee of Belarus. In 1997 he was elected Chairman of the Supreme Council of the Union of Belarus and Russia. In January 2000 he became Chairman of the Supreme State Council of the Union State. In 2005-2006 and in 2008 he was the Chairman of the Interstate Council of the Eurasian Economic Community.

James H. Mackey is Head of the Office of Euro-Atlantic and Global Partnership in the Political Affairs and Security Policy Division at NATO Headquarters. In this capacity, he is responsible for overseeing NATO's relationship with partner countries in Western Europe, the Western Balkans, the South Caucasus, Central Asia, the Asia Pacific, Africa, and Latin America. Before assuming this position in 2011, Mr. Mackey served for seven years as an officer in the Political Affairs and Security Policy Division at NATO, where he was responsible for NATO's bilateral relations with a number of partner countries, including Georgia, Serbia, Moldova, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, and Kyrgyzstan. In 2010, he was detailed to the Private Office of the Secretary General to conduct a reform of the NATO intelligence-sharing process. Mr. Mackey is a former Luce Scholar, and spent 2000-2001 teaching international relations theory at the Beijing Foreign Affairs College. He holds a Bachelor of Arts in Politics from Princeton University and a Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy.

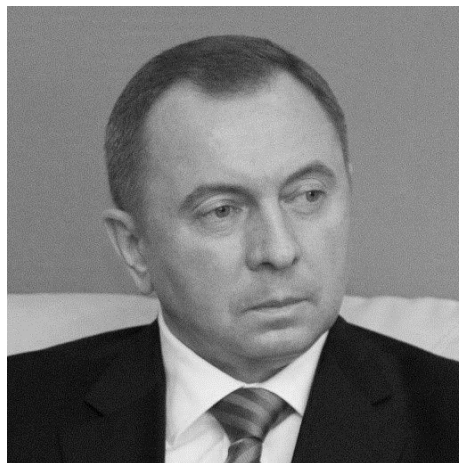




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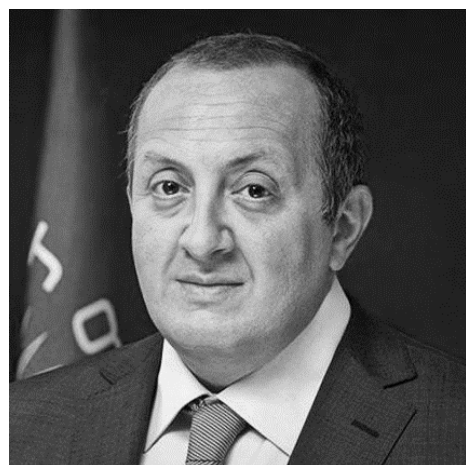
Department of the State Secretariat of the Security Council of the Republic of Belarus. Area of expertise: international law, information law, information security, theory of national security of the Republic of Belarus, analytics. Author of numerous scientific publications, including publications abroad, as well as monographs and textbooks. Member of the scientific expert group under the State Secretariat of the Security Council of the Republic of Belarus; the Interdepartmental Commission on information security under the State Secretariat of the Security Council of the Republic of Belarus; the Expert Advisory Council under the Council of the CSTO parliamentary Assembly; the United Nations Open-ended Working Group on Cyberspace (OEWG), approved by UN General Assembly resolution 73/27. Member of the expert Council of the Higher Attestation Commission of the Republic of Belarus on legal Sciences; Council for the defense of dissertations in Juridical Science to 07.02.01 at the National center for legislation and legal studies of the Republic of Belarus. One of the creators of the Concept of information security of the Republic of Belarus, The strategy of information security of the CIS member States; model laws of the CIS member States «On information, Informatization and information security», «On critical objects of information and communication infrastructure».

Vladimir Makei has served as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus since August 2012. In 1993 he graduated from the Austrian Diplomatic Academy. He then served at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as Secretary of several departments (Information and Humanitarian Cooperation, Analysis and Forecast, Office of the Minister, State Protocol Service) prior to becoming Deputy Head of the State Protocol Service in 1995. From 1996 to 1999, Vladimir Makei served as Counselor of the Embassy of the Republic of Belarus in the French Republic and represented Belarus in the Council of Europe concurrently. In 2000-2008 he was an Assistant to the President of the Republic of Belarus and from 2008 to 2012 served as the Head of the Administration of the President of the Republic of Belarus.



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Giorgi Margvelashvili was the President of Georgia from 2013 to 2018. He ran in the 2013 Presidential elections and won with 62% of the votes. Giorgi Margvelashvili graduated from Tbilisi State University with a bachelor degree in philosophy. In 1993-1994 he continued his postgraduate education at Central European University in Budapest, Hungary. In 1998 he obtained a doctor's degree in philosophy from the Tbilisi State University. Before joining politics he was involved in academic and served as the Rector of Georgian Institute of Public Affairs (GIPA) from 2000 to 2006 and again from 2010 to 2012. In 2012 he became the first minister of education and science of Georgia, who carried out reform for free school books and in 2013 - the first deputy prime minister before he was named as presidential candidate.

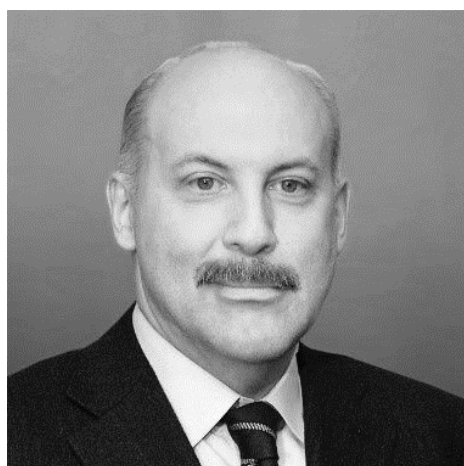
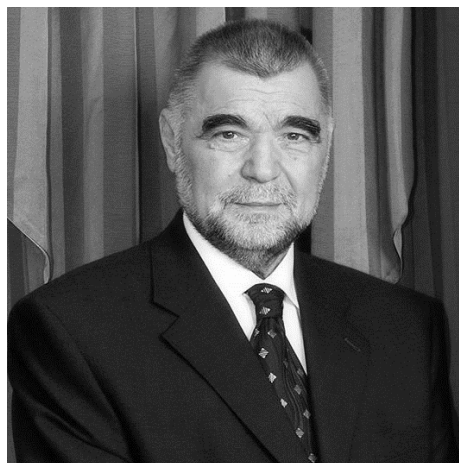
Sergey Markedonov is a Leading Researcher at the Euro-Atlantic Security Center of the MGIMO Institute for International Studies. He is an expert on the Caucasus, as well as the Black Sea region, regional security, nationalism, interethnic/ethno-political conflicts and de-facto states in the post-Soviet area. His publications include several books and reports, about 150 academic articles, and more than 1000 media pieces. From 2001 to 2010, he worked as head of the Interethnic Relations Group and deputy director at the Institute for Political and Military Analysis in Moscow. From May 2010 till October 2013 he was a visiting fellow in the CSIS Russia and Eurasia Program based in Washington, DC, USA. In 2013-2018 he was an Associate Professor at the Russian State University for the Humanities. In April-May 2015 he was a Visiting Fellow in the Russia and Central Asia Program at Fudan University, Shanghai, China. In January-February 2016 he was a Visiting Lecturer at the Center of Central Eurasian Studies at the University of Mumbai, India and in August-September – at the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), Berlin.



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Stjepan Mesić graduated from the Faculty of Law at the University of Zagreb in 1961. Entered the political scene as a member of Parliament in the Socialist Republic of Croatia (Sabor). In the early 1990s entered the HDZ /Croatian Democratic Union/ movement (later party). Since 1990 Secretary of the HDZ and later Chairman of its Executive Committee. After the first multi-party and free elections appointed the first Prime Minister of the Republic of Croatia (May 1990 - August 1990) and pursuant to the resolution of the Parliament of the Republic of Croatia became Croatia's member in the Presidency of the Socialist Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (August 1990 - May 1991). In 1992, in the independent Croatian state elected Speaker of the Parliament of the Republic of Croatia. Remained in office until 1994 when he was removed after leaving the HDZ and founding a new political party - the Independent Croatian Democrats (HND). In 1997 after a split in the HND party entered the Croatian People's Party (HNS) and held the post of Executive Vice-President of the HNS party and Chairman of the municipal organization of the same party in the city of Zagreb. On 7 February 2000 elected President of the Republic of Croatia and subsequently left the party wanting to be the President of all the citizens of Croatia. On 16 January 2005 reelected for the President of the Republic of Croatia. Immediately after H.E. President Mesić 2nd mandate in 2010. Republic of Croatia joined NATO alliance. Alongside his political engagement H.E. succeeded to author four books.



Dmitri Mezentsev is the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Russian Federation to the Republic of Belarus. Dr. Mezentsev graduated from the Leningrad Institute of Railway Engineering with PhD in Psychology; Assistant Professor. At various times, Dr. Mezentsev has been Peoples' deputy of Leningrad City Council, head of the Leningrad City Council Press Center, Chairman of Committee on Publishing and Media at St. Petersburg City Hall, and Deputy Chairman of Russian Federation State Committee for Publishing. From 1999 to 2002, he served as President of Center for Strategic Research. In 2002, he was elected to the Federation Council, later appointed Deputy Chairman of the Federation

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Ambassador **Maira Mora** serves as Director General of the permanent Secretariat of the Council of the Baltic Sea States with its seat in Stockholm, Sweden. From 2011 to 2015, she was Head of the EU Delegation in Belarus within the European External Action Service. Before this, she has held the position of Ambassador at Large, Head of the Policy Planning Unit at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Latvia from 2010 to 2011. Prior to this, she has been Ambassador of the Republic of Latvia to Belarus from 2004 to 2010 and to Lithuania from 2000 to 2004.

Within the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Latvia, she worked as Counsellor and Acting Head of the Policy Planning Group after working for two years in Vienna as the Deputy Head of Latvian Delegation to the OSCE.

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Jacqueline Perkins is the Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland to the Republic of Belarus. Prior to this she was Deputy Ambassador at the British Embassy in Kuwait. Jacqueline joined the FCO in 1989. She has had overseas postings to Abu Dhabi, Cairo and Bahrain, as well as spending a year in Egypt on Arabic language training. At the FCO in London she has worked on Germany, the EU and the Middle East. Jacqueline studied Modern Languages (German and Russian) at the University of Cambridge and has an MA in International Relations from the University of Notre Dame in the USA.





Ambassador *Marcel Peško* assumed the position of Director of the Conflict Prevention Centre and Deputy Head of the OSCE Secretariat on 1 September 2015 Prior to that he held the position of Director/Office of the OSCE Secretary General from 2012 Prior to joining the OSCE Secretariat, he was Head of the Permanent Mission of Slovakia to the International Organizations, including the OSCE in Vienna. As a career diplomat he also held various senior posts in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Slovak Republic, including the Secretary General of

the Ministry, Chief of the Minister's Office and Director of the UN Department and Head of the UN Security Council Coordination Unit during Slovakia's non-permanent membership the Council. In the beginning of his career Ambassador Peško served in the Slovak Permanent Mission to the CSCE/OSCE, later he was in charge of the Slovak Embassy in Dublin. From 2003 to 2005 he worked as Executive Officer in the Office of the OSCE Secretary General.

Maciej Pisarski is Director of the Department of Foreign Policy Strategy at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland. Previous to this post, he served in several capacities over the years for the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs, including as the Deputy Chief of Mission for the Embassy of Poland in Washington D.C., the Head and Deputy Director of the Department of Strategy and Foreign Policy Planning and the Deputy Director of the Department of Americas. He wrote his master thesis at the University of Warsaw Department of History, co-authored studies on history and culture of Jews in Poland after 1945, and published the „Yearbook of the Polish Foreign Policy”.





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2016, he served as Chairman of the Committee on International Affairs of the State Duma. Published more than 400 papers and analytical articles on foreign policy.



Sergey Rakhmanov is the Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Council of the Republic of the National Assembly of the Republic of Belarus for Foreign Affairs and National Security. Doctor of Chemistry, Professor, Corresponding Member of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus. Started his professional career as a junior research associate of the Chair of Inorganic Chemistry of the Belarusian State University. Worked as a junior research associate of the Laboratory of the Chemistry of Photoprocess of the Research Institute of Physical Chemical Problems, senior scientist of the Chair

of Inorganic Chemistry of the Department of Chemistry, head of the Laboratory of the Chemistry of Photoprocess, deputy director, director of the Research Institute of Physical Chemical Problems, vice-rector for science, first vice-rector of the Belarusian State University named after V.Lenin, deputy academician-secretary of the Department of Chemistry and Earth Sciences of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus, of the State Republican Scientific and Industrial Unitary Enterprise the “Institute of Oil and Chemistry” of the Belarusian State Concern for Oil and Chemistry, the vice chairman of the Presidium of the National Academy of Sciences of Belarus. Served as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Belarus to Japan.

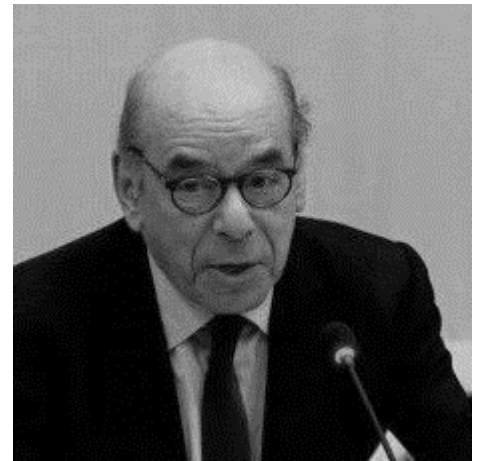
Nilufar Rakhmatullaeva is a PhD student at the University of World Economy and Diplomacy (Tashkent, Uzbekistan). Her research interest focuses on Central Asian studies in France. Prior to this, she taught at the International Relations faculty of the UWED and worked at the Office for International Cooperation of the Academy of Public Administration under the President of the Republic of Uzbekistan.





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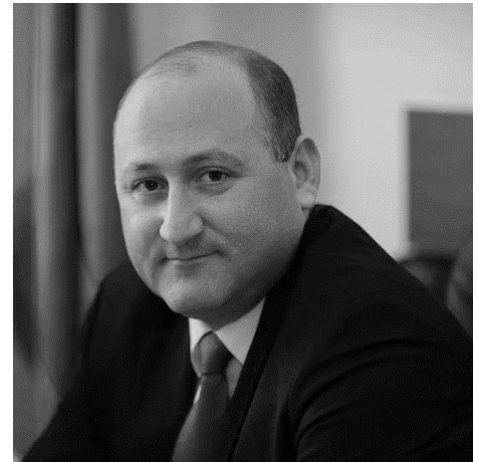




Sergey Rogov is a Member of the Russian Academy of Sciences Academic director of the Institute for the U.S. and Canadian Studies (since 2015). He was Director of ISKRAN from 1995 to 2015. Joined the Institute staff in 1971. Dean of the School of World Politics and International Security of the State Academic University for the Humanities, Chairman of the International Security Commission of the Scientific Council of the Security Council of the Russian Federation, Member of the Advisory Council of the Foreign Ministry of the Russian

Federation, Honorary Chairman of Russian Association for Canadian Studies, Vice Chair of the Russian Pugwash Committee under the Presidium of the Russian Academy of Sciences, Member of the Board of the Russian Foreign Policy Association, Member of the Russian International Affairs Council. Author of more than 500 articles, 20 monographs and text books.

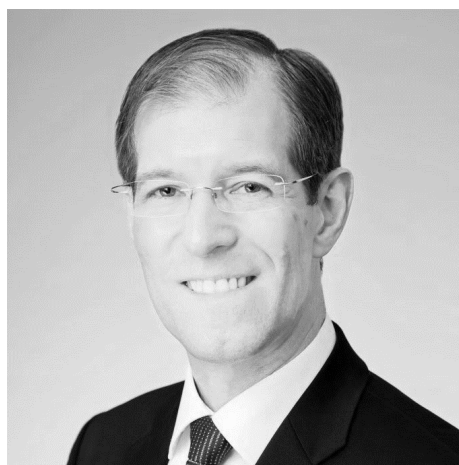
Suren Sargsyan is a former adviser to the Prime Minister of Armenia, and former adviser to the Speaker of the Parliament of Armenia. He is holding a BA and MA degree from Yerevan State University Department of Law, LL.M degree from the American University of Armenia and Master of Laws in International Law degree from Fletcher School at Tufts University, USA. Currently Suren Sargsyan is a President at the Armenian Center for American Studies, a think tank based in Yerevan, Armenia.





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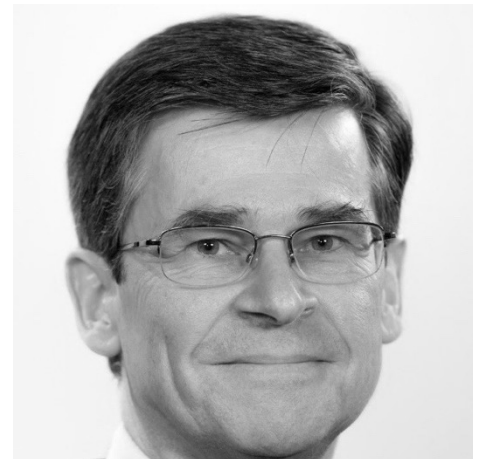




Lord Robin Teverson chairs the House of Lords EU sub-committee for Energy and Environment which also covers food, farming and fishing issues. Robin Teverson was Member of the European Parliament for Cornwall and West Plymouth between 1994 and 1999, becoming one of the first two Liberal Democrats to be elected to the European Parliament. In Europe he spoke on marine, transport and regional policy issues. Following his period as MEP, he was chief executive of a regional business finance fund in the south west, and is a fellow of the

Chartered Institute of Securities and Investment. He joined the Liberal Democrat group in the House of Lords in 2006, and his main focus in the Chamber is climate change and energy issues. As part of this work he has chaired both the House of Lords EU select sub-committee on External Affairs, and its ad-hoc select committee on the Arctic. Robin has previously sat on the Liberal Democrat Federal Executive and has also chaired the Party's national finance committee. From 2009 to 2013 he was a member of Cornwall Council. He is currently a board member of the Marine Management Organisation, and chairs a regional commercial development company.

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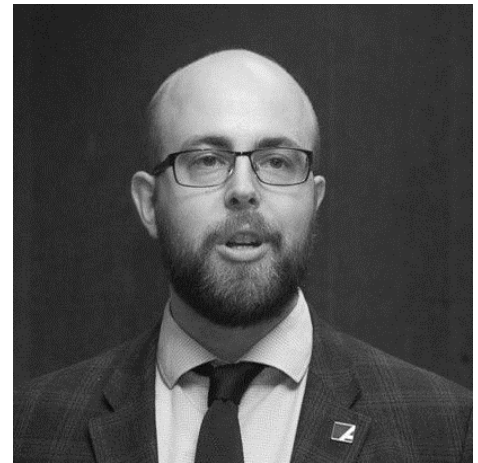
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