

# **Open Ukraine in the Transatlantic Space Recommendations for Action**

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# Programme

## Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>

### Venue:

**U.S. Senate Foreign Relations Committee, United States Capitol,  
SVC 201-00, United States Capitol**

### Opening Session:

16:30

**Presentation of Open Ukraine - Changing  
Course Towards a European Future  
Report and Recommendations**

**Jeanne Shaheen**, U.S. Senator, Chair, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Subcommittee on European Affairs, USA

**Borys Tarasyuk**, Chairman of the Committee on European Integration, Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine

### Venue:

**Embassy of the Republic of Poland in Washington, D.C.**  
(upon invitation)

### Opening Dinner:

18:30

**Ukraine and the Transatlantic Space:  
Common Challenges, Common Solutions**

## Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>

### Venue:

**Kenney Auditorium, Johns Hopkins University - Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, 1740 Massachusetts Ave., NW**

**9:30 - 10:00 COFFEE AND REGISTRATION**

**10:00 - 11:15**

### **An Open Ukraine - How can Ukraine Steer a Course towards a Better Future?**

#### **Moderator:**

**Kurt Volker**, Managing Director, Center for Transatlantic Relations at SAIS, Johns Hopkins University, USA

Summary Policy Recommendations from

#### **Open Ukraine: Changing Course towards a European Future**

**Daniel Hamilton**, Executive Director of the Center for Transatlantic Relations, Johns Hopkins University, USA

**Taras Kuzio**, Non-Resident Fellow, Center for Transatlantic Relations at SAIS, John Hopkins University, USA, Center for Transatlantic Relations and Slavic Research, Hokkaido University, Japan

#### **Speakers:**

**Paula Dobriansky**, Senior Vice President and Global Head of Government and Regulatory Affairs, Thomson Reuters, USA

**Denis MacShane**, Member of Parliament, House of Commons, United Kingdom

**Serhii Soboliev**, Vice Chairman of BYuT Fraction, Verkhovna Rada, Head of the Shadow Cabinet, Ukraine

**Borys Tarasyuk**, Chairman of the Committee on European Integration, Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine

11:15 - 12:15

**Ukrainian Political Reform - Status and Prospects****Moderator:**

**Taras Kuzio**, Non-Resident Fellow, Center for Transatlantic Relations at SAIS, John Hopkins University, USA, Center for Transatlantic Relations and Slavic Research, Hokkaido University, Japan

**Speakers:**

**Urban Ahlin**, Foreign Policy Spokesperson Social Democratic Party, Riksdag, Sweden

**Vadym Kolesnichenko**, Vice Chairman, Party of Regions Fraction, Member of the Parliamentary Committee on Justice, Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine

**Bohdan Vitvitsky**, Legal Adviser, Department of Justice, USA

**Lubomir Zaoralek**, Deputy Speaker, Chamber of Deputies, Czech Republic

**Commentator:**

**Serhiy Kudelia**, Visiting Scholar, George Washington University, USA

12:15 - 13:00

**U.S. Policy Towards Ukraine**

**Daniel A. Russel**, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, USA

13:00 - 14:00 LUNCH

14:00 - 15:00

**Ukrainian Economic Reforms: How Much Has Been Achieved, How Much Is To Be Done?****Moderator:**

**Jana Grittersova**, Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation Fellow, Johns Hopkins University SAIS Center for Transatlantic Relations, USA

**Speakers:**

**Anders Aslund**, Senior Fellow, Peterson Institute for International Economics, USA

**Valeriy Konovalyuk**, Vice Chairman, Party of Regions Fraction, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Planning for Budgetary Programs, Verkhovna Rada, Ukraine

**Petro Poroshenko**, Head of the Council, National Bank, Ukraine

**Commentator:**

**Morgan Williams**, President, US-Ukraine Business Council, USA

15:00 - 16:30

**Ukraine and Europe's Energy Future****Moderator:****Luis Fraga**, Former Senator (1993 - 2011), Spain**Speakers:****Richard Morningstar**, Ambassador, Special Envoy for Eurasian Energy, Department of State, USA**Vladimir Rakhmanin**, Deputy Secretary General, Energy Charter Secretariat, Russia**Frank Umbach**, Senior Associate at CESS and Associate Director at EUCERS in London, Centre for European Security Strategies (CESS), Germany**16:30 CONCLUSION****Venue:****Embassy of the Czech Republic in Washington, D.C.****Closing Session:**

17:00 - 18:30

**Ukraine, European and Euroatlantic Integration****Moderator:****Daniel Hamilton**, Executive Director of the Center for Transatlantic Relations, Johns Hopkins University, USA**Speakers:****Valeriy Chalyi**, Deputy Director General, Razumkov Centre, Former Deputy Foreign Minister, Ukraine**Joe Costello**, Chairman, Joint Oireachtas Committee on European Union Affairs, Ireland**Pavlo Klimkin**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ukraine**Steven Pifer**, Senior Fellow, Brookings Institution, Former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine**18:30 CLOSING RECEPTION**

# Speakers



## **Urban Ahlin**

Sweden

Foreign Policy Spokesperson Social Democratic Party  
Riksdag

Member of the Social Democratic Party. Before he got involved in politics he lectured mathematics. In Parliament from 1994, he was Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the Swedish Parliament for 12 years till SD lost elections. Now, he is a Vice Chairman. He has been working in the field of foreign policy and international solidarity for many years: as a Spokesperson and as a Deputy Secretary General of the Social Democratic Party. He is also a Member of the Swedish Parliamentary Delegation to the Plenary Session in NATO.



## **Anders Aslund**

USA

Senior Fellow  
Peterson Institute for International Economics

Economist with a particular interest in economic transition from centrally planned to market economies. Served as an Economic Adviser to the governments of Russia and Ukraine and since 2003 has been a Director of the Russian and Eurasian Program at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Worked as an Advisor to the Russian economy following the end of communism. He has been a Senior Fellow at the Washington based Peterson Institute since 2006. He is also the Co-Chair of the Kyiv School of Economics Board of Trustees.

## **Valeriy Chalyi**

Ukraine

Deputy Director General  
Razumkov Centre

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs (2009-2010). In 2000-2009, he served as the Deputy Director General and International Programs Director of the Razumkov Centre. Since 2000 he is the Freelance Consultant to the Foreign Relations Committee of the Parliament of Ukraine. He was a Chairman of the Expert Council with the EU-Ukraine Cooperation Committee. He previously has served as a Senior Consultant of the Assistant and Referent Group under the President of Ukraine. He has also been an Assistant to the Deputy Secretary of Ukraine's National Security and Defense Council.



## **Joe Costello**

Ireland

Chairman  
Joint Oireachtas Committee on European Union Affairs

Irish Labour Party politician, from 2011: Chairman of the Joint Oireachtas Committee on European Union Affairs. He joined the Labour Party in 1985, and in 1989 he was elected to the 19th Seanad Éireann on the Administrative Panel. He remained there until the 1992 general election when he was elected to Dáil Éireann. Costello was re-elected to the Dáil at the 2002 and 2007 general elections. His wife Emer Costello is a member of Dublin City Council since 2003 representing the North Inner City electoral area in his Dáil constituency and was elected Lord Mayor of Dublin in June 2009.



## **Paula Dobriansky**

USA

Senior Vice President and Global Head of Government and  
Regulatory Affairs  
Thomson Reuters

Adjunct Senior Fellow, Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs. She served as Under Secretary of State for Democracy and Global Affairs from May 2001 to January 2009. She also served as a Senior Vice President and Director of the Washington Office of the Council on Foreign Relations. She received a B.S.F.S. summa cum laude in international politics from Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and an MA and PhD in Soviet political and military affairs from Harvard University.





## Luis Fraga

Spain

Former Senator (1993-2011), Partido Polpular

Elected for the first time as a Member of the Spanish Senate in 1989. Re-elected since then in every election (1993, 1996, 2000, 2004 and 2008). Mr Fraga has been until recently a Member of the following Committees in the Senate: Defence, Foreign Affairs (Vice President), Culture and also the Vice President of the Spanish Delegation in the IPU- the International Parliamentary Union. Mr Fraga holds two university degrees (Law and Business Administration) by the Universidad Pontificia de Comillas-ICADE and he also studied political science in Germany. As a Foreign Policy commentator he has published articles in several Spanish and German newspapers and magazines.



## Jana Grittersova

USA

Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation Fellow  
Johns Hopkins University SAIS Center for Transatlantic Relations

Jana Grittersova is an Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation Fellow at the Johns Hopkins University SAIS Center for Transatlantic Relations, and Assistant Professor at the University of California Riverside. She received a PhD in Government from Cornell University, a PhD in Economics from the University of Economics in Bratislava, and a Master in Arts in International Relations from the University of Kent (Canterbury). She has also taught at the University of California, Berkeley and Stanford University, and has worked at the European Commission in Brussels and the central bank of Slovakia. She is currently writing a book examining the role of state-owned, private domestic, and foreign banks in macroeconomic policies and financial stability in transition economies.



## Henry Hale

USA

Assistant Professor  
George Washington University

Director, Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies. He holds a PhD in political science at Harvard University (1998). Associate Professor of Political Science and International Affairs. He is also Director of Eurasian Studies (IERES), its Petrach Program on Ukraine, and the Program on New Approaches to Research and Security in Eurasia (PONARS Eurasia). His articles have appeared in a variety of journals, with his piece "Divided We Stand" (World Politics, 2003) winning the APSA's Qualitative Methods Section's Alexander George Award.

## Daniel Hamilton

USA

Executive Director of the Center for Transatlantic Relations  
Johns Hopkins University

Executive Director of the Center for Transatlantic Relations, Executive Director of the American Consortium on EU Studies as well as the Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation Research Professor. He holds a PhD from Johns Hopkins University. He is the former deputy assistant to Secretary of State for European Affairs as well as the US Special Coordinator for Southeast European Stabilization. He also served as Associate Director of the Policy Planning Staff for two Secretaries of State.



## Pavlo Klimkin

Ukraine

Deputy Minister  
Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine (since April 2010), diplomatic rank of Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary. He started his diplomatic career at the Ministry in 1993, at the Directorate General for Arms Control and Disarmament. In 1997-2000 he served in the Embassy of Ukraine to the Federal Republic of Germany. In 2000 he returned to Ukraine and worked in the Department for Economic Cooperation, in 2002 he was appointed as a Head of Division for Economic and Sectoral Cooperation with the EU, Department for European Integration. In 2004-2008 he acted as Minister-Counselor, Deputy Head of Mission, Embassy of Ukraine to the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland. In March 2008 – April 2010 he held the position of a Director of the EU Department, MFA.



## Vadym Kolesnichenko

Ukraine

Vice Chairman, Party of Regions Fraction  
Verkhovna Rada

Born on 21 March 1964 in Uman, Ukraine. Lawyer, PhD (in law), Associate Professor, honored jurist of Ukraine. Deputy of the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine, Member of the Parliament Committee on Justice, Vice Chairman, Party of Regions Fraction, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. Head of Council NGO "Human Rights Movement "Russian-Speaking Ukraine", Co-Chair of International Organization "International Antifascists Front".  
More - <http://www.r-u.org.ua/en/vadym-kolesnichenko-biography-.html>.





### **Valeriy Konovalyuk**

Ukraine

Vice Chairman, Party of Regions Fraction  
Verkhovna Rada

Born on August 31, 1966 in Donetsk. In 1989 he graduated from the Moscow Higher Command School. In 1993 he graduated from the German Finance Academy (Munich) with the degree of economist. Doctor of Economics. Scholar of the Academy of Economic Sciences of Ukraine. Honored economist of Ukraine. He was awarded the Orders of Merit of second and third degrees.

Ukrainian MP of the III, IV and VI convocations. He is the Chairman of the Subcommittee on Planning of Budget Programs and of Control of Budget Funds Use in the Health Committee on Health Protection. A Member of the Political Council Presidium of the Party of Regions. He is the author of 20 scientific papers and 150 bills.



### **Serhiy Kudelia**

USA

Visiting Scholar  
George Washington University

Visiting Scholar at the George Washington University and a Professorial Lecturer at Johns Hopkins University/SAIS. Earlier he was an Assistant Professor of political science at the National University "Kyiv-Mohyla Academy" and taught at the University of Toronto. Dr Kudelia also worked as an Advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister of Ukraine in 2008-2009.

He holds PhD in international relations from Johns Hopkins University and MA in political science from Stanford. His articles appeared in the "Journal of Communist Studies and Transition Politics" and in an edited volume of "Orange Revolution and Aftermath: Mobilization, Apathy and the State in Ukraine" (2010). He also co-authored a book "The Strategy of Campaigning: Lessons from Ronald Reagan and Boris Yeltsin" (2007) with Kiron Skinner, Bruce Bueno de Mesquita and Condoleezza Rice.



### **Taras Kuzio**

USA

Non-Resident Fellow  
Center for Transatlantic Relations at SAIS, Johns Hopkins University

Visiting Professor  
Slavic Research Center, Hokkaido University

Austrian Marshall Plan Foundation Visiting Fellow. He has served in the Ukrainian Government, and his consulting firm has contracts with United States agencies. He has been a Visiting Professor at the Institute for European, Russian and Eurasian Studies, Elliott School of International Affairs, George Washington University. He is a Senior Research Fellow in the Centre for Russian and East European Studies at the University of Birmingham, where he holds a PhD in political science. Taras Kuzio has also served as Head of Mission of the NATO Information and Documentation Centre in Kyiv, Ukraine.

## Denis MacShane

United Kingdom

Member of Parliament  
House of Commons

UK politician, who has been a Member of Parliament (MP) for Rotherham since the 1994 by-election and served as the Minister for Europe from 2002 until 2005, as well as being a current Policy Council Member for Labour Friends of Israel. Chairman of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Georgia. He was made a Privy Councillor in 2005 and now represents the UK on the Council of Europe. He is a current Chairman of the UK Parliament All-Party Group on Georgia as well as the Vice Chairman of the All-Party European Union Group.



## Richard Morningstar

USA

Special Envoy for Eurasian Energy  
Department of State

Special Envoy of the United States Secretary of State for Eurasian Energy. Since June 1993, served as a Senior Vice President for Policy and Investment Development at the Overseas Private Investment Corporation. In April 1995, Morningstar was posted as a Special Advisor to the President and Secretary of State on Assistance to the New Independent States of the Former Soviet Union. In July 1998, he was assigned as a Special Advisor to the President and the Secretary of State for Caspian Basin Energy Diplomacy. In 1999-2001, Morningstar served as the United States Ambassador to the European Union.



## Steven Pifer

USA

Senior Fellow, Foreign Policy, Center on the United States and Europe  
Director, Arms Control Initiative

Steven Pifer is director of the Brookings Arms Control Initiative. A former ambassador to Ukraine, Pifer's career as a Foreign Service officer centered on Europe, the former Soviet Union and arms control. In addition to Kyiv, Pifer had postings in London, Moscow, Geneva and Warsaw, as well as on the National Security Council. At Brookings, Pifer focuses on arms control, Ukraine and Russia issues.





## **Petro Poroshenko**

Ukraine

Head of the Council  
National Bank of Ukraine

Honorary Professor at the University of Banking of National Bank. Former Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine (2009 – 2010) and Secretary of the National Security and Defence Council of Ukraine (2005). From 1998 to 2007, Member of the Parliament of Ukraine (Head of the Budget Committee and Head of Finance and Banking Committee). Since 1999 Member of the Council of the National Bank of Ukraine.



## **Vladimir Rakhmanin**

Russia

Deputy Secretary General  
Energy Charter Secretariat

Deputy Secretary General in the Energy Charter Secretariat in Brussels. Between 2002 and 2006 he was a Russian President's Chief of Protocol' in Moscow. Between 2002 and 2006 he was an Ambassador of the Russian Federation in Dublin, Ireland. Between 2007 and 2008 he served as an Ambassador for the Special Issues in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Moscow.



## **Daniel A. Russel**

USA

Deputy Assistant Secretary  
Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs

Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, responsible for relations with Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, Belarus and for international security and arms control issues in the Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs. A career member of the Foreign Service, Mr. Russell served as Chief of Staff to Under Secretary of State for Political Affairs Bill Burns from 2008 to 2009, as Deputy Chief of Mission in Moscow, Russia from 2005 to 2008, and as Deputy Chief of Mission in Almaty, Kazakhstan from 2000 to 2003. Mr. Russell has an M.A. in International Affairs from George Washington University and a B.A. in Political Science from the University of Maine. He has received the Presidential Meritorious Service Award for his work at the U.S. Embassy in Moscow, as well as numerous Department of State awards.

## Jeanne Shaheen

USA

Chair

Senate Foreign Relations Committee Subcommittee  
on European Affairs

American politician, a member of the Democratic Party, and the Senior United States Senator from New Hampshire. A first woman in US history to be elected as both Governor and US Senator, she was the first woman to be elected Governor of New Hampshire, serving from 1997 to 2003.

She served as Director of the Harvard Institute of Politics, before resigning to run again for the US Senate in the 2008 election. Jeanne Shaheen is the first Democratic Senator from NH since John A. Durkin.



## Serhii Soboliev

Ukraine

Vice Chairman of Yulia Tymoshenko Block Fraction  
Verkhovna Rada

Currently he is a Chairman of the Shadow Government of Ukraine, one of the leaders of Yulia Tymoshenko Block, and a Head of the Subcommittee on the interaction with state bodies, local authorities, enterprises, institutions and organizations. He was elected as a People's Deputy of Ukraine of the I, II, IV and VI convocations. Since 1998 he acts as a Head of the "Central European Agency" Expert Group. In 2000 - 2001 he held the post of Adviser to the Prime Minister, in 2005 - a Representative of the President in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. Since 2007 he is a member of BYuT Fraction. In 2010 he became a leader of the Reforms and Order Party.



## Borys Tarasyuk

Ukraine

Chairman of the Committee on European Integration  
Verkhovna Rada

Ukrainian politician. Co-President of the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly. He served twice as Minister for Foreign Affairs of Ukraine (1998 - 2000, 2005 - 2007). Member of the National Security and Defense Council of Ukraine (2005-2007). Since 2003, Chairman of the political party "People's Movement (Rukh) of Ukraine". Member of the Parliament (2002 - 2005, 2006, 2007 - these days). Since 2007, Chairman of the Committee on European Integration.





### **Frank Umbach**

Germany

Senior Associate at CESS and Associate Director at EUCERS, London  
Centre for European Security Strategies (CESS)

PhD Senior Associate and Head of the Programme "International Energy Security" at the Centre for European Security Strategies (CESS) GmbH, Munich-Berlin (since 2008) & Associate Director of European Centre for Energy and Resource Security (EUCERS), King's College London (since 2010); previously he worked at the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP) in Bonn and Berlin (1996-2007), at the Federal Institute of East European and International Affairs (BIOst) in Cologne (1991-1994), at the Japan Institute for International Affairs (1995-96) and the Office of the Secretary General of NATO (1992). He's an Energy Security expert with a regional expertise on Russia, the Caspian Region, Asia-Pacific (i.e. China and Japan), EU and Germany – i.e. energy (supply) security, energy foreign policy, geopolitical risks, global energy challenges and unconventional gas.



### **Bohdan Vitvitsky**

USA

Legal Adviser  
Department of Justice

US Federal Prosecutor, a Legal Adviser of the US Department of Justice in Ukraine. He has written and lectured on law, philosophy and history. Founder of the Ukrainian American Professionals and Business persons Association of New York and New Jersey. In 2007–09 – a Resident Legal Advisor at the US Embassy in Kyiv working on a large anti-corruption project. He holds a Juris Doctor and a PhD in philosophy from Columbia University.



### **Kurt Volker**

USA

Managing Director  
Center for Transatlantic Relations at SAIS, John Hopkins University

Managing Director and Senior Fellow of the Center for Transatlantic Relations. In 1988, Volker joined the United States Department of State as a Foreign Service Officer. In 1998, Volker became First Secretary of the US mission to NATO. Volker then became an Acting Director for European and Eurasian Affairs for the National Security Council. In July 2005, Volker became the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Eurasian Affairs, serving in that position until he was appointed the United States Permanent Representative to NATO in July 2008 by President George W. Bush.

## **Morgan Williams**

USA

President

US-Ukraine Business Council

President of the US-Ukraine Business Council as well as a Director of Government Affairs at the Sigma Bleyzer Emerging Markets Private Equity Investment Group. Additionally, Mr. Williams edits and publishes the Action Ukraine Report, an indispensable informational tool for all those who cover issues related to Ukraine.



## **Victor Yushchenko**

Ukraine

President

The Institute of the President Viktor Yushchenko

President of Ukraine (2005 - 2010). In 1993 - 1999 he was a Chairman of the National Bank of Ukraine. In 1999 - 2001 he acted as a Prime Minister of Ukraine. In 2001 - 2002 he was a Director of the Boris Yeltsin Ukrainian-Russian Institute of Management and Business. In 2002 - January 2005 he was elected as a Member of Parliament, Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine and Chairman of parliamentary fraction "Our Ukraine" in the Verkhovna Rada of Ukraine. After his presidency in 2005 - 2010 he became a leader of a political party "Our Ukraine", the Head of the President's Viktor Yushchenko Institute.



## **Lubomir Zaoralek**

Czech Republic

Deputy Speaker

Chamber of Deputies

Graduated philosophy and economics at University in Brno. He was Member of the Czechoslovak Socialist Party (1986 - 1989). He was one of the founding members of the Civic Forum in Ostrava in 1989, elected to the municipal council in Ostrava in 1990, since 1996 Member of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament of the Czech Republic as the representative of the ČSSD (Czech Social Democratic Party). He acted as the Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee, Chairman of the Chamber of Deputies, Head of the Czech Republic's Parliamentary Delegation for the Central European Initiative. After the elections in 2010 he was elected as Vice President of the Chamber of Deputies of the Parliament and at the same time he was appointed by ČSSD as the Shadow Foreign Minister.

