



## Europe – Whole and Free? Two Decades Since the End of the Warsaw Pact

Prague, June 27 – 28, 2011

### June 27

8.30 - 9.30

**Registration of participants**

9.30 - 10.30

**Opening of the Conference**

at the Seat of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic - Czernin Palace

**Welcome Addresses**

**Mr. Karel Schwarzenberg**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

**Mr. Alexandr Vondra**, Minister of Defense of the Czech Republic

**Opening Addresses**

**Mr. Mikhail Gorbachev**, Head of State of the Soviet Union (1988 - 1991)\* (video)

**Mr. George H. W. Bush**, President of the United States of America (1989 - 1993)\* (video)

**Mr. Václav Havel**, President of Czechoslovakia (1989 - 1992) and President of the Czech Republic (1993 - 2003)

**Tribute to Mr. Ronald D. Asmus**, late U.S. Diplomat and Political Analyst, instrumental figure in the expansion of NATO to include former members of the Warsaw Pact

10.30 - 10.50

*Coffee Break*

10.50 - 12.30

**Panel 1**

**Dissolving the Warsaw Pact and Filling in the Vacuum**

**Mr. Alexander Bessmertnykh**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Soviet Union (1991)

**Mr. Jean-Pierre Chevènement**, Minister of Defense of France (1988 - 1991)

**Mr. Paul Wolfowitz**, Undersecretary of Defense for Policy (1989 - 1993) and Deputy Secretary of Defense of the U.S.A. (2001 - 2005)

**Mr. Mirosław Jasiński**, Co-Founder of Polish - Czechoslovak Solidarity

Moderated by **Mr. Michael Žantovský**, Spokesman and Advisor to President of Czechoslovakia (1990 - 1992) and Ambassador of Czechoslovakia and the Czech Republic to the U.S.A. (1992 - 1997)

Discussion

12.30 - 14.00

*Buffet lunch*

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14.00 - 15.30

### Panel 2 Unfinished Agenda I: Past and Future of Enlargement

**Mr. Malcolm Rifkind** - Foreign Secretary (1995 - 1997) and Defense Secretary of the United Kingdom (1992 - 1995)

**Mr. Władysław Bartoszewski**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Poland (1995, 2000 - 2001)

**Mr. Géza Jeszenszky**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Hungary (1990 - 1994)

**Mr. Jaroslav Šedivý**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic (1997 - 1998)

Moderated by **Mr. Jiří Schneider**, First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

Discussion

15.30 - 15.45

*Coffee break*

15.45 - 17.15

### Panel 3 Unfinished Agenda II: Integrating Russia

**Ms. Vaira Vīķe-Freiberga**, President of Latvia (1999 - 2007)

**Mr. Luboš Dobrovský**, Minister of Defense of Czechoslovakia (1990 - 1992) and Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Russia (1996 - 2000)

**Mr. František Mikloško**, President of the Slovak National Council (1990 - 1992)

Moderated by **Mr. Petr Luňák**, NATO Public Diplomacy Division

Discussion

18.30 - 20.30

### Evening Reception

in the garden of the Wallenstein Palace - Seat of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic featuring the opening of an exhibition of photographs co-produced by the Military History Institute and the non-governmental organization Opona, o.p.s.

### Opening remarks

**Mr. Přemysl Sobotka**, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President of the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic

**Mr. Karel Schwarzenberg**, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

**Mr. Alexandr Vondra**, Minister of Defense of the Czech Republic

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June 28

9.00 - 10.30

### Panel 4 Deployments of Soviet Troops on the Territory of Warsaw Pact Members and their Departure

**Mr. Michael Kocáb**, Member of the Federal Assembly of Czechoslovakia and Chairman of its Commission for the withdrawal of Soviet troops (1989 - 1991)

**Mr. Vladimír Lobov**, Army General, Chief of Staff of the Unified Armed Forces of the Warsaw Pact (1989 - 1991)\*

**Mr. Svetozár Naďovič**, Major General, coordinating the withdrawal of Soviet troops from Czechoslovakia

**Mr. Oliver Bange**, Military History Research Institute, Germany

Discussion

10.30 - 10.45

*Coffee break*

10.45 - 12.15

### Panel 5 Warsaw Treaty Organization from the Prague Spring till its Demise

**Mr. Douglas Selvage**, Office of the Federal Commissioner for the Records of the State Security Service of the former German Democratic Republic

**Mr. Vojtěch Mastný**, National Security Archive in Washington, D.C., U.S.A.

**Mr. Alex Pravda**, Russian and Eurasian Studies Centre, St. Antony's College, Oxford, United Kingdom

**Mr. Jordan Baev**, Coordinator of the Cold War Research Group, Bulgaria

Moderated by **Mr. Oldřich Tůma**, Director of the Institute for Contemporary History, Czech Academy of Science\*

Discussion

12.15

*Buffet lunch*



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