

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2021
Venue: Hotel Splendid, Budva, Montenegro

19.00 – **RECEPTION** *Venue: Pool Area, Hotel Splendid tbc*
21.00

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2021
Venue: Hotel Splendid, Budva, Montenegro

11.00 – **Scene Setters**
11.15
Led by:
Jasmina KOS, Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans
Josip ŠARIĆ, TV Reporter

11.15 – **Opening**
11.45
Savo KENTERA, President of the Atlantic Council of Montenegro (*on site*)
Judy RISING REINKE, Ambassador, U.S. Embassy in Montenegro (*on site*)
Intro: Josip ŠARIĆ, TV Reporter

11.45 – **Conversation with the President of Montenegro**
12.15
Milo ĐUKANOVIĆ, President of Montenegro (*on site*)
Moderator:
Savo KENTERA, President of the Atlantic Council of Montenegro (*on site*)
Intro: Jasmina KOS, Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans

12.15 – **Conversation with the Prime Minister of Montenegro**
12.45
Zdravko KRIVOKAPIĆ, Prime Minister of Montenegro (*on site*)
Moderator:
Savo KENTERA, President of the Atlantic Council of Montenegro (*on site*)
Intro: Jasmina KOS, Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans

12.45 – **Keynote Address**
13.00
Mircea GEOANĂ, Deputy Secretary General, NATO (*Zoom*)
Intro: Jasmina KOS, Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans

13.00 – **COFFEE BREAK**
13.30

13.30 – **Montenegro as the Fuse of the Western Balkans Powder Keg**
14.15
Speakers:
Vladimir BILČIK, MEP and Chair of the Delegation to the EU-Montenegro Stabilisation and Association Parliamentary Committee, European Parliament (*Zoom*)
Donika GĚRVALLA-SCHWARZ, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and Diaspora, Kosovo (*on site*)
Đorđe RADULOVIĆ, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Montenegro (*on site*)
Moderator: Josip ŠARIĆ, TV Reporter (*on site*)

14.15 – **NATO 2030 Agenda and Strategic Concept for the New Decade**
15.00
Speakers:
Bruno LÉTÉ, Senior Fellow, The German Marshall Fund of the United States (*on site*)
Matej TONIN, Minister of Defence, Slovenia (*on site*)
Valbona ZENELI, Chair, Strategic Initiatives Department, George C. Marshall European Center for Security Studies (*on site*)
Moderator: Jasmina KOS, Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans (*on site*)

15.00 – **LUNCH**
16.30

16.30 – **Conversation: "What is the Future of U.S. Policy in the Western Balkans?"**
17.00
Gabriel ESCOBAR, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of European and Eurasian Affairs, U.S. State Department (*Zoom*)
Moderator: Josip ŠARIĆ, TV Reporter (*on site*)

17.00 – **Challenges for the U.S. Foreign Policy in Restoring Equilibrium in a New Geopolitical Landscape?**
17.30
Speakers:
Charles A. KUPCHAN, Senior Fellow, Council on Foreign Relations (*Zoom*)
Milica PEJANOVIĆ-ĐURIŠIĆ, Atlantic Council of Montenegro (*on site*)
Moderator: Josip ŠARIĆ, TV Reporter (*on site*)

17.30 – **China: the Silent Giant Stepping up its Game**
18.15
Speakers:
Dimitar BECHEV, Non-resident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council (*Zoom*)
Ian JOHNSON, Stephen A. Schwarzman Senior Fellow for China Studies, Council on Foreign Relations (*Zoom*)
Philippe LE CORRE, Senior Research Fellow, Harvard Kennedy School (*Zoom*)

Reid STANDISH, Correspondent and author of the China in Eurasia briefing, RFE/RL
(Zoom)

Moderator: Jasmina KOS, Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans (on-site)

18.15 – **COFFEE BREAK**
18.45

18.45 – **Russia Setting Sails for a New Turbulent Era of**
19.30 **International Relations?**

Speakers:

Ivana STRADNER, Jeane Kirkpatrick Visiting Fellow, American Enterprise Institute
(Zoom)

Dmitry SUSLOV, Deputy Director, Centre for Comprehensive European and
International Studies, HSE University (Zoom)

Mark VOYGER, Senior Fellow, Center for European Policy Analysis (on-site)

Moderator: Josip ŠARIĆ, TV Reporter (on-site)

19.30 – **Countering Disinformation - Sifting Through the**
20.00 **Lies and Tracing Digital Breadcrumbs**

Speakers:

Vuk MARAŠ, Executive Director, Media Association of South-East Europe (on-site)

Brian WHITMORE, Professor of Practice, University of Texas-Arlington, McDowell
Center for Global Studies and a Nonresident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council (Zoom)

Moderator: Jasmina KOS, Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans

20.00 – **Conversation with the Deputy Prime Minister of**
20.25 **Montenegro**

Dritan ABAZOVIĆ, Deputy Prime Minister of Montenegro (on site) **tbc**

Moderator: tbc

Intro: Josip ŠARIĆ, TV Reporter (on-site)

20.25 – **Closing Remarks**
20.30

**The names in the panels are listed alphabetically*