

## THURSDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2024

Venue: Conference Area, III floor, Hotel Splendid

19.00 –  
21.00 **RECEPTION**

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10.00 –  
10.05 **Scene Setters**

*Led by:*

**Jasmina KOS**, Presenter and Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans  
**Adnan RONDIC**, Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans

10.05 –  
10.30 **Opening**

**Milica PEJANOVIĆ-ĐURIŠIĆ**, Chairwoman, Atlantic Council of Montenegro  
**Judy RISING REINKE**, Ambassador, U.S. Embassy in Montenegro

10.30 –  
11.00 **In the Spotlight: Conversation with the President of Montenegro**

**Jakov MILATOVIĆ**, President of Montenegro  
*Moderator: Adnan RONDIC*, Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans

11.00 –  
11.30 **2BS Forum Chat - Priorities and Challenges for the Western Balkans**

*Speakers:*

**Dragan KRAPOVIĆ**, Minister of Defence, Montenegro  
**Miroslav LAJČÁK**, EU Special Representative for the Belgrade-Pristina Dialogue and other Western Balkan regional issues  
*Moderator: Jasmina KOS*, Presenter and Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans

11.30 –  
11.40 **NATO Address**

**Rebecca OBSTLER**, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary General for Public Diplomacy, NATO  
*online*

11.40 –  
12.10 **COFFEE BREAK**

12.10 –  
12.50 **Fractured World: Battleground Echoes**

*Speakers:*

**Reinhold LOPATKA**, MEP, European Parliament  
**James SHERR OBE**, Honorary Fellow, ICDS and Associate Fellow, Chatham House  
**Martin SKLENÁR**, Distinguished Fellow, GLOBSEC, and Former Minister of Defence of the Slovak Republic  
**Victoria VDOVYCHENKO**, Program Director for Security Studies, Center for Defence Strategies  
*Moderator: Jasmina KOS*, Presenter and Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans

12.50 –  
13.05 **Navigating Bosnia and Herzegovina's Future Amid Regional Challenges**

*Speakers:*

**Christian SCHMIDT**, High Representative, Office of the High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina  
*Moderator: Adnan RONDIC*, Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans

13.05 –  
13.45 **Balkan World: Building Future and Security Posture Amid Geopolitical Challenges**

*Speakers:*

**Peter GRK**, National Coordinator for the Western Balkans at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Slovenia and Secretary General of the Bled Strategic Forum  
**Nikola LUNIĆ**, Executive Director, Council for Strategic Policy  
**Kurt VOLKER**, Advisory Board Co-Chair, BGR Group

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13.45 –  
15.00 **LUNCH**

15.00 –  
15.20 **In the Spotlight: Conversation with the NATO Military High Official**

**Lieutenant General Andrew M. ROHLING**, Deputy Chair of the NATO Military Committee  
*Moderator: Jasmina KOS*, Presenter and Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans

15.20 –  
15.50 **Looking Back, Looking Ahead – Future of the Region**

*Speakers:*

**Borut PAHOR**, Former President, Slovenia  
**Milo ĐUKANOVIĆ**, Former President, Montenegro  
*Moderator: Adnan RONDIC*, Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans

15.50 –  
16.30 **Allied World: Guiding Strategic Resilience in the Face of Uncertainties**

*Speakers:*

**Werner FASSLABEND**, President, AIES and Vice President of the Board, ATA  
**Tomas JERMALAVIČIUS**, Head of Studies/Research Fellow, ICDS  
**Tomáš POJAR**, National Security Advisor, Government of the Czech Republic  
**Fritz RADEMACHER**, Professor, Regional Security Studies, George C. Marshall European Center For Security Studies

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16.30 – **US World: Europe's Strategy Redux in a Post-Election Landscape?**

*Speakers:*

**Steven ERLANGER**, Chief Diplomatic Correspondent in Europe, The New York Times  
**Rachel TAUSENDFREUND**, DGAP  
**Klaus WELLE**, Academic Council Chairman, Wilfried Martens Centre for European Studies

*Moderator:* **Jasmina KOS**, Presenter and Reporter, Al Jazeera Balkans

17.00 – **Closing Remarks**

17.10 – **2BSecure Aperol Aperitivo**

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*Please Note: Slight schedule changes are possible. More names to be added. If this occurs, the 2BS Forum team will provide timely updates.*