

Platform for advanced studies 2-15 July 2017 Villa Decius, Krakow www.visegradsummerschool.org

PROGRAMME

Sunday, 2 July

Arrival

7.00-17.30	Reception at the hotel
18.00	Organisational meeting at Villa Decius

Monday, 3 July

Inauguration

10.00	Press conference	Dominika Kasprowicz
10.30	Opening of the 16. edition of the Visegrad Summer School	Ryszard Tadeusiewicz Andrzej Kulig Jacek Krupa
11.00	In Memoriam. Some remarks on the origins and values of Villa Decius	Zdzisław Mach
12.00	Visegrad Four in new political contexts – V4 Diplomats' panel debate	V4 consular corps: H.E. Jakub Karfík A drienne Körmendy A drián Kromka Jacek Czaputowicz M oderator: Krzysztof Bobiński
15.00-18.00	Integration workshop	Joanna Pająk

Tuesday, 4 July

Creation, innovation, synergy

10.00-10.30	What is Villa Decius?	Dominika Kasprowicz
10.30-12.00	Introduction to Central Europe	Michal Vašečka
12.30-13.30	Creation, innovation, synergy – introduction for all	Dominika Kasprowicz and Tutors:
	From an idea to knowledge dissemination. How to make your research meaningful	Marta Warat, Agnieszka Król
	Disruptive innovation in the era of sharing economy	A leksandra Przegalińska
	The Museum Pudding or how Europe exhibits itself	Łucja Piekarska-Duraj
15.00-18.00	Labs, day1 <u>Training and coaching in working groups</u>	
	Academia (Creating and communicating knowledge/ research)	Marta Warat, Agnieszka Król
	Business (Startups in the era of sharing economy)	A leksandra Przegalińska
	Culture (Management of cultural cooperation projects)	Łucja Piekarska-Duraj

Wednesday, 5 July

Creation, innovation, synergy

19.30	Exhibition: Images of the unseen	Omar Marques
15.00-16.30	Labs, day 2: Academia, Business and Culture	Tutors
12.00-13.30	Labs, day 2: Academia, Business and Culture	Tutors
10.00-11.30	Post-communism and the road to liberalism	Viera Žúborová

Thursday, 6 July

Design thinking... of the region

12.00-13.30	Introduction	Danuta Glondys
	World Heritage at Risk	Mohamed Ewangaye Didane
15.00-16.30	Scholars at Risk	Sinead O'Gorman
18.00-21.00	multiCOOLtural garden party	VSS Students

Friday, 7 July

PL_CZ_Forum

10.00–11.30	Message of Charter '77 – 40 years later	Jan Lityński, Martin Palouš, Michael Žantovský
12.00-13.30	Movie: Vaclav Havel - A life in Freedom	
14.30–16.30	Communication and promotion of international projects - workshop	Joanna Pająk
16.30	Vaclav Havel in a Nutshell	Exhibition
17.00	Zarebski Piano Duo	Piotr Różycki, Grzegorz Mania

Saturday - Sunday, 8 - 9 July

In search of common cultural heritage

Study visits in Krakow and Malopolska

Monday, 10 July

Crisis of trust

10.00-11.30	Wind of change - V4 looking East	Jan Piekło
12.00-13.30	Artes Liberales? Role of the University in the (ill)liberal Democracies	László Rajk
15.00–18.00	ResPublica I: Has the Visegrad Group Killed Central Europe? ResPublica II: New Europe 100	Wojciech Przybylski Danuta Dobrzyńska-Schimmer Petra Dzurovčinová A dela Zábražná Jan Dobrovský

Tuesday, 11 July

Approaching the past

10.00-11.30	The future of Holocaust memorialisation – lecture	Andrea Petö
11.30-18.00	Study visit to Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial and Museum	Andrea Petö

Wednesday, 12 July

Facing the global challenges

10.00-11.30	Being Mediterranean	A. Monem Mahjoub
12.00-13.30	Media in the post-truth era	Karol Szyndzielorz, Michał Bukowski
15.00-18.00	Labs, day 3: Academia, Business and Culture	Tutors

Thursday, 13 July

Creation, innovation, synergy - continued

10.00-13.30	Labs day 4: Academia, Business and Culture	Tutors
15.00-18.00	Labs day 4: Academia, Business and Culture	Tutors
Friday, 14 July		
Future of V4		
10.00-11.30	Future of Visegrad cooperation - closing lecture	Beata Jaczewska
11.45-14.00	Closing session:	
	Labs – final presentations and discussion	VSS students, Tutors
	Evaluation session	
	Presenting of Visegrad Summer School Certificates	Dominika Kasprowicz
Evening	Krakow by night	

Saturday, 15 July

Departure

^{7 July 2017} Message of Charter '77 – 40 years later



"The Charter's ambition is to act in accordance with its own conscience and convictions and thereby indicate to others that this opportunity is also available to them: to remind them of their own dignity; to remind them of the truth."

Václav Havel: On the Meaning of Charter 77, 1986

With the written declaration of Charter 77 the informal civic initiative of the same name came into existence in communist Czechoslovakia on 1 January 1977. It demanded that the totalitarian state authorities adhere to the human rights and civil liberties that Czechoslovakia itself had committed to with the signature of the Final Act of the Conference on Security and Cooperation

in Helsinki. It was active from 1977 on, winding its activities up two years after the fall of the Iron Curtain in 1992.

"It was an authentic response by the citizen to the situation of general demoralisation. It stemmed from a yearning to reset the demoralising pressure of the times, to reject the enforced state of schizophrenia, to break out of the narrow confines of private interest and personal fear, to leave the shelter of one's privacy and claim a role in public affairs, to stop praising the naked king's clothes and instead start speaking the truth out loud – in a nutshell: to act in accordance with one's own conscience, and quite simply, to straighten up as a human being once more. After being humiliated, gagged, lied to and manipulated, it was an effort by people to raise their heads, speak out, reject the lies and act freely. It was an endeavour by those involved

to exercise their legitimate rights, to retrieve their human dignity and integrity and to regain their self-respect once more."

Václav Havel: On the Meaning of Charter 77, 1986

The signatories comprised "a loose, informal and open association of people... united by the will to strive individually and collectively for respect for human and civil rights in our country and throughout the 77 *world*." Charter was not an organisation, it did not have any statutes or permanent bodies and did not create "a basis for any oppositional political activity". This meant it did not contravene Czechoslovak law. which banned organised opposition.

"Charter 77's aims do not envisage bringing down the government or destroying the existing social order. Nor, therefore, do they constitute an attack on the existing legal system. On the contrary, the Charter is striving for a renewal of citizenship by *demanding that laws really be put into practice* and respected, by drawing attention to the regime's arbitrary interpretation of legislation, and by demanding that rights should not merely remain on paper but should be respected and implemented in practise. In the case of those laws which it regards as bad, it takes legal means to demand their amendment. This is turn determines the sort of relationship it has with the powers that be: it is its unbroken practice to address and dispatch its documents to the state authorities, in spite of its being cold-shouldered by the regime and regardless of the fact its documents are not (officially) discussed. (...) Charter 77 was not created out of a desire to set up a political or ideological programme in opposition to the existing one. It had no intention of becoming a political force in competition with the government. It is not putting itself forward as a better alternative to those in power. It is true that its signatories also include former politicians, and many of them make political statements. There are even some of them who would be capable of participating in political power, in the unlikely event that a change in circumstances offered them the opportunity to do so. This does nothing to alter the fact, though, that the Charter – in terms, at least, of its inner motivation – does not constitute an attempt to offer political solutions to the crisis."

Václav Havel: On the Meaning of Charter 77, 1986

The Charter was always represented by three spokespeople, the first of which were the philosopher Jan Patočka, the former politician and diplomat Jiří Hájek and the writer Václav Havel. One of the initial three spokespeople, Professor Jan Patočka, was also the first victim of the Communist regime's crackdown on the Charter, when on 13 March 1977 he died after an interrogation of many hours. His funeral became a significant event for the anticommunist resistance.

"The Charter was the first major assertion of citizenship in the Husák era. It united writers, and ex-politicians, Communists and non-Communists, Catholics and Protestants, intellectuals and manual workers, university professors and the nonconformist youth. They did not come together on political grounds, but out of deeper consideration. Their concern was more for people than politics. And their common motivation was above all moral."

Václav Havel: On the Meaning of Charter 77, 1986

The Communist regime reacted hysterically to the declaration of Charter 77, which circulated in samizdat and was published unabridged in a number of renowned international newspapers but never in Czechoslovakia. The official press described the manifesto as an *"anti-state,* anti-socialist and demagogic, abusive piece of writing" and the individual signatories as "losers and usurpers", "loyal servants and agents of imperialism", "bankrupt politicians" and "international adventurers". They also suffered widespread repression. Some were thrown out of their jobs, their children were barred from studying, they lost their driving licenses, were forced to emigrate or had their citizenship revoked. Some were also arrested by the StB secret beaten, police. tortured, tried and imprisoned. In some cases their property was expropriated and several signatories were even forced to collaborate with the StB. These repressive measures were aimed at isolating, intimidating and silencing signatories, even forcing them out of the country, and preventing the initiative from acquiring a greater influence in society. As the best-known Czechoslovak opposition movement, Charter 77 won a great deal of support abroad and Václav Havel, previously renowned as a writer and successful playwright, became its best-known representative.

The Charter stood out in large part thanks to its intellectual activities and,

amid difficult conditions for opposition, issued during its existence close to 600 documents on pressing social and political issues that circulated among people in duplicated form. Though the number of signatories was small (the original figure of 242 had risen to 1,883 by January 1990), Charter 77 is regarded as one of the most important acts of resistance during Czechoslovak normalisation. This refers to the period of the 1970s and 1980s after a short spell of political liberalisation that was ended by force with the invasion of Czechoslovakia by the armies of Warsaw Pact countries in August 1968.

Admittedly the Charter never received such mass support as Poland's Solidarity. However, during Czechoslovakia's "Velvet Revolution" in November and December 1989 it capitalised on its potential and extraordinary renown in society to negotiate the peaceful handover of power with the Communist nomenclature.

Václav Havel was elected president on 29 December 1989.





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2-15 July 2017 Charter '77 Europeans behind the Iron Curtain

Exhibition



I regard the information blocade by which they surround young people at the key age of 16-19 as one of the greatest crimes of current establishment. The aim of the underground in our country is to create a second culture. A culture that will be independent of official communication channels and social evaluation and the hierarchy of values by which the establishment rules.

Iw an Martin Jirous

Panel exhibition memorializes one of the most important anniversaries for Czech Republic in 2017. Exhibition presents information on activities of crucial figures connected to Charta '77. It brings closer the most influential documents from perspective of opposition to the communist regime. Exhibition is organized in partnership with the Czech Centre in Warsaw.



7 July 2017, 10.00 Message of Charter '77 - 40 years later Panel debate



Jan Lityński

Participant of the students' manifestations in March 1968, for which he was sentenced to two and a half years in prison. In 1976, he became co-founder of the "Information Bulletin", the first uncensored Polish magazine. In 1977, he was a coeditor of "The Worker", an independent magazine advocating the formation of free trade unions. A member of the Committee for Social Self-Defence of the Workers'

Defence Committee, he cooperated with the Intervention Office of the Committee for Social Self-Defence of the Workers' Defence Committee. In 1980, he was an advisor for the "Solidarity" Independent and Self-Governing Trade Union. In 1981, when the martial law was in force, he was arrested. After having escaped from prison, he joined the "Solidarity" underground movement, and during 1984 he became a member of the Regional Executive Committee of the "Solidarity" Independent and Self-Governing Trade Union, Mazowsze Region. Between 1989 and 2001 he was a deputy to the Sejm, as well as the chairman of the Social Policy Committee and the Intelligence Committee. He is since 1990 in the Citizens' Movement for Democratic Action (ROAD). He also worked in the Democratic Union and the Freedom Union (vice-chairman). He has been published in both the Polish and foreign press - "The Criticism", "Plus", "Mazowsze Weekly", "Res Publica" and other uncensored magazines before 1989. He was published in the Polish and foreign press after 1989 -just to mention a few, "Gazeta Wyborcza", "Rzeczpospolita", "Dziennik", "Polityka", "Newsweek", "Zeszyty Literackie". Book publications include, among others: "The Polish Peasants' Party 1945-47 – a resistance model", "Solidarity – problems, question marks". He was honored with the Commodore's Cross of the Order of Polonia Restituta and the Commodore's Cross with the Star.



Michael Žantovský

is the Executive Director of Vaclav Havel Library in Prague and former President of Aspen Institute Central Europe (2012-2015). Previously he was the Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the United Kingdom (2009-2015), to Israel (2003- 2009) and to the United States (1992-1997). In 1989 he was a founding member of the Czech chapter of P.E.N., the international organization of writers and translators that was banned in Czechoslovakia during the

Communist era. In November 1989 he was a founding member of the Civic Forum, an umbrella organization that coordinated the overthrow of the Communist regime. In January 1990 he became the Spokesman and Press Secretary for President Václav Havel. In 1996 he was elected to the Senate of the Parliament of the Czech Republic and served as the chairman of its Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defense and Security. Žantovský studied psychology at Charles University in Prague and at McGill University in Montreal, Canada and worked as a research psychologist. Beginning in 1980. He was a contributor to the samizdat press and the Prague correspondent for Reuters. In 2003 he co-founded the new Prague-based think tank Program of Atlantic Security Studies (PASS) and served as its first Executive Director. In 2014 he published to wide acclaim the biography of the former president Havel: A Life in English, Czech and several other languages.

Martin Palouš

Was one of the first signatories of Charter 77, a document criticizing the Communist government of Czechoslovakia for not respecting human rights and later served as the group's spokesman. He is also a founding member of CivicFORUM, a dissident movement that helped to overthrow the Communist government in Czechoslovakia. He was elected to the Federal Assembly where he joined the Foreign Affairs Committee and later became deputy minister of Foreign Affairs. In 2002, he was appointed Ambassador for the Czech Republic to the United States, and in 2006, became the ambassador of the



Czech Republic to the United Nations. Currently Mr. Palouš is the Director of the Vaclav Havel Program for Human Rights and Diplomacy at the Florida International University. The Program studies and explores the politics of human rights, the processes of democratization in societies that were once under autocratic governments, and the experiences of societies currently in transition around the world. Mr. Palouš focuses on the process of negotiation of a new bilateral treaty between the European Union and Cuba, and campaigns and advocates human rights requiring the participation of representatives of independent Cuban civil society in all the stages of this process. As a Senior Fellow at School of International and Public Affairs at FIU, he teaches classes on democratization, human rights, Europe, and the European Union.

7 July 2017, 12.00 Vaclav Havel – A life in Freedom

Movie screening



In film, Andrea Sedlácková maps the life of Václav Havel using period recordings, photographs and other historical materials. The film paints an elegant portrait of the playwright, dissident and president of the Czech Republic, whose life was rich in paradoxes and meant so much to the director's generation and Havel's country.

Original Title:	Život podle Václava Havla
Release Year:	2014
Runtime:	70 min.
Country:	Czech Republic
Language:	Czech with English subtitles
Director:	Andrea Sedlácková
Cinematographer:	David Cysar
Screenwriter:	Andrea Sedlácková

7 July 2017, 16.30 Vaclav Havel in a Nutshell

Exhibition



The Václav Havel Library's *Havel In A Nutshell* gives the audience an insight into life and times of Václav Havel through collages of photographs and quotations. The dozen of photos exposed in Krakow represent a selection of the whole exposition reflecting the family, theatre, dissent and presidency chapters of Vaclav Havel's life. The exhibition includes photos by leading Czech photographers and people close to Václav Havel – Oldřich Škácha, Bohdan Holomíček, Alan Pajer, Tomki Němec or Karel Cudlín.

The wider version of the exhibition is exposed permanently in Vaclav Havel Library in Prague (Czech Republic) – for further info see www.vaclavhavel-library.org.

7 July 2017, 17.00 Concert

Zarebski Piano Duo

Piotr Różański, Grzegorz Mania

Polish Chamber Musicians' Association www.spmk.com.pl

Programme:

A. Dvorak – Slavonic Dances op. 46 (selection)

J. Zarębski – Galician Dances op. 2

E. Grieg – Waltz-Caprices op. 37

J. Brahms – Hungarian Dances (selection)



Piotr Różański

Studied piano with Katarzyna Popowa-Zydron and Ewa Bukojemska at the Academy of Music in Krakow (Poland), where he is currently an assistant piano professor. He holds also a PhD title. Piotr performs regularly as a soloist and in various chamber ensembles. He performed in Poland, USA, Switzerland, Germany, France, Latvia. He played with Kaja Danczowska, Robert Kabara, Piotr Reichert, Marcin Zdunik. Together with Maria Slawek (violin) they recorded two CDs with violin sonatas by Schumann, Prokofiev and Weinberg. Piotr is a laureate of numerous piano and chamber competitions, including the 1st Prize at the 4th EPTA Piano Competition (Krakow 2003), the 2nd Prize at the Carl Czerny Piano Competition (Prague 2003), the 1st Prize at the 38th Polish National Chopin Piano Competition (Warsaw 2006), and many other awards at solo and chamber competitions (Lodz 2010, Kiev 2010, just to name few).



Grzegorz Mania

Graduated with distinction from the Music Academy in Krakow. He is also a graduate (with distinction) of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama where he was tutored by Martin Roscoe, Charles Owen and Caroline Palmer. He is also a graduate of the Jagiellonian University, where he lectured on law and recently obtained a PhD. Grzegorz works as a soloist, with orchestras, as an accompanist and chamber musician. He is a member of the Extra Sounds Ensemble, a group that has recently recorded a CD for Solo Musica, Munchen. Grzegorz played in many important halls and during many national and international festivals in Poland and abroad – Great Britain, France, Austria, Italy, Norway, Iceland, Israel, Vietnam. Grzegorz attended many solo and chamber workshops and master-classes with the most eminent artists. He was also a finalist in a significant number of international solo and chamber competitions.

5 July 2017, 19.30 Images of the unseen

Exhibition



Between 2015-2017 Omar Marques documented the faces of the migration crisis, weaving in and out of both official and illegal camps for refugees, meeting hundreds of people affected by the war in numerous places of apparent refuge. Amongst thousands of photographs, we chose a few dozen, those which were in contrast to the familiar images of photo- reportage. The images underwent a specific modification contrary to the principles of traditional photo-journalism – the people in them have been erased, they are unseen. The photographs are a striking witness to the presence of refugees, yet the refugees themselves are no longer present. In this way, the distorted reportage transports us into a different sphere of contemplation – we are left only with the traces of hundreds of thousands of people. Omar's photo exhibition presents and brings to the fore the question of the presence/ absence of the millions of refugees who are in Europe, alongside us but strangely absent.



Omar Marques

Omar Marques is a Portuguese freelance photojournalist from the northwest of Portugal. Photographing wild twin pandas in the Austrian Alps or the biggest and most evil ice maze in the world located next to the Polish Himalayas, were some of the most dangerous assignments he ever faced. Omar works as a freelance photojournalist for several news agencies on editorial and commercial assignments and has his own studio in the Polish Siberia, KRAKOW. Besides providing news coverage around Central and Eastern Europe and the Wild Balkans, he works on personal long term projects. Since 2015, he has been working on a project regarding the refugee crisis in Europe. Some of Omar pictures have been published in Times, The New York Times, CNBC, Foreign Policy, The Guardian, Paris Match, Le Point, Newsweek Poland, Peninsula Qatar, La Croix among others.



Natalia Wiernik

Natalia Wiernik is a multimedia artist based in Krakow, Poland. She was a student at the Faculty of Graphic Arts at the Jan Matejko Academy of Fine Arts in Krakow (ASP) between 2008 – 2013. Since 2015, Wiernik has been pursuing her doctoral studies at the Department of Animation, Photography and Digital Media at ASP and also works there as a lecturer. She has received a number of prizes, including the Sony World Photography Awards.

8 July 2017 Goetz-Palace – Okocim Brewery – Bochnia Salt Mine Study visit

- The Goetz-Okocimskich Palace in Brzesko is one of the most interesting monuments in the Malopolska region. The palace was built in the Neo-baroque and Neo-rococo styles, between 1898-1900, by the *brewery 'king' John Albin Okocimski-Goetz* and his wife Sophie of the Sumiński Counts' family. It is surrounded by an English garden.
- The Okocim brewery was established in 1845 by Johann Evangelist Götz (1815-1893), a German beer maker together with Joseph Neumann, from Austria-Hungary, and local Polish noble, Julian Kodrębski. At the turn of the 20th century, the Okocim brewery was the largest brewery in the lands of the former *Polish-Lithuanian Commonwealth*.
- The Bochnia Salt Mine is one of the oldest salt mines in the world. The mine was established between the 12th and 13th centuries. The mine shafts measure 4.5km in length at about 330–468m in depth below the surface. In 2013 the mine was added to the UNESCO World Heritage List..



Programme:

08.00 - 08.45	breakfast at hotel "Krakowiak"
08.50	departure from hotel
10.00 - 10.40	visiting Goetz Palace
11.00 - 13.00	visiting Okocim brewery
13.30 - 14.45	lunch in Okocim
15.00	departure from Okocim
15.55 - 19.00	visiting Bochnia Salt Mine
19:15	late dinner at Bochnia
21:00 - 21:15	return to Kraków

9 July 2017 Krakow Macabre

Study visit

In the this route you will get to know unique and gloomy stories of the past centuries.

Such as:

- The death of Samuel Zborowski, 1573. A bloody battle in the courtyard of Wawel Castle,
- Dark tales of the Thief Tower and its inhabitants,
- The story about the rebellion of Cracovian abecedarians and their escape from Kraków in XVI,
- Serial killer Karol Kot in Cracow Planty turbulent vampire story from Cracow,
- Dungeons and torture chamber in the Town Hall Tower,
- Bartolomeo Berrecci's murder The tragic death of an Italian artist and many other stories.



Programme:

08:30 - 09:15	breakfast at hotel "Krakowiak"
10:00 - 12:00	route around Krakow, start at "Brama Floriańska'
12:00 - 18:00	free time
18:00 - 20:00	late lunch at "Bezogródek" ul. Piastowska 20

EXPERTS



Krzysztof Bobiński

Is the President of Unia & Polska, a pro-European organisation. He worked as Warsaw Correspondent of the Financial Times from 1976 to 2000 and later published Unia & Polska, a magazine devoted to EU issues. He writes for openDemocracy and is associate editor on the Europe section of Europe's World. He is the co-chair of Steering Committee of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum. He studied modern history at Magdalen College, Oxford. He is a Commander (II class) of the Stella della Solidarieta' Italiana.



Michał Bukowski

Michał M. Bukowski (PhD) works in the Institute of Journalism, Media and Social Communication at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków. He specializes in political communication with particular emphasis on political economy of local communication in a worldsystems perspective. Books he has authored and coauthored several books include "The ruling and the opposition parties in 2014 local elections in Małopolska" "Keywords (2016),in governmental political communication: an international perspective" (2015), "A party or a person?: party-based politics versus personalization in municipal elections" (2011). He is a member of the Polish Political Science Association (PTNP) and the Polish Communication Science Association (PTKS).



Krzysztof Jacek Czaputowicz

Professor of social sciences, university lecturer, director of the Diplomatic Academy of the Foreign Ministry, former director of the National School of Public Administration, and civil servant. In the 1970s and 1980s, Jacek Czaputowicz was active in the democratic opposition (Workers' Defence Committee). He was also one of the leaders of the Independent Students' Association and the Movement "Freedom and Peace." In 1987-1990 he was an adviser to Lech Walesa and a member of the Civic Committee to the Chairman of the "Solidarity". Professor at the Institute of European Studies of Warsaw, Head of

the European Research Methodology Department. Jacek Czaputowicz completed postgraduate studies at foreign universities (including the University of Oxford). Author of publications on international issues, including "Sovereignty", "International Security. Modern concepts", "Theories of international relations. Criticism and systematization". Awarded the Officer's Cross of the Order of the Rebirth of Polish, Officer's Cross of the Order of Merit of the Republic of Hungary and the Cross of Freedom and Solidarity. He is a member of the Association of Free Speech.



Jan Dobrovský is the Head of the Strategy and Business Support Unit of the Prague City Hall. He is in charge of coordinating business support and innovations within the City of Prague, including foreign trade. He is also responsible for providing assistance to investors, coming to Prague and is the Secretary of the Council of Economic and Social Cooperation of the City of Prague. Currently, he is as well taking up the coordination of activities within the Smart City concept, which is closely related to business and innovations.

Danuta Dobrzyńska-Schimmer

Works in two areas: management and communication. She leads the New Europe 100 project supported by Res Publica Foundation, Google and Financial Times. The New Europe 100 list published each year is about individuals from the CEE region who are changing the world and improving people's lives with ideas that scale up in the digital world. NE100 seeks and brings together personalities whose actions drive them and societies to a better future. Previously Danuta has been working as a journalist - anchor of the main tv news programs, editorin-chief of the Foreign news desk in Polish Public Television and reporter. She leads media trainings for students, managers, PR specialists.







Petra Dzurovčinová

Petra Dzurovčinová was born and bred as an entrepreneur, whose passion lies in finding smart solutions to existing problems. Ms. Dzurovčinová has lead and grown the Slovak Alliance for the Internet Economy (SAPIE) since its inception in 2014. SAPIE acts as an industry body for innovative companies throughout Slovakia, creates regional and EU-wide partnerships, promotes entrepreneurship and connects the private and public sphere. As part of her role she works with government representatives as well as the office representing the President of Slovakia. She further works with the innovation ecosystem in Slovakia and prepares papers and recommendations for policies that help improve the digital economy in Slovakia.



Mohamed Ewangaye Didane

Obtained a Master degree in Culture and Society from University of Stanford and a Master degree in African General History from UCLA. He is researching the Nilotic and Abyssynian prescence in the Tuareg civilization for his PhD. He currently works as a technical adviser to the Peace Building High Authority (Niger Republic Presidency) During the armed civil conflict in Niger, he formed part of the forces that demanded an independent state in the Western Sahara. Later, he became one of founding members of the Indigenous Peoples of Africa Coordinating Committee and since February 2017 he serves as the Vice President of the organization. Since 2006, he has worked on research project on the history of of Indigenous peoples, notably the keltamachakh (Touareg), in the Sahelo-Saharan region of Africa and the Arabian Peninsula.



Danuta Glondys

She holds a PhD degree in the Humanities, MA in English Philology and in Political Studies. In the period 1993-1999, she was director of the Cultural Department of the Municipality of Krakow and following it, the Regional Director of the USAID programme in Poland. She is the European Commission expert in the European Capitals of Culture programme selecting and monitoring all ECOC since 2009. Director of the Villa Decius Association in 2001-2016, she is now the Plenipotentiary of the Board for International Affairs, responsible for its initiating and implementing programmes which advocate international cultural and intellectual cooperation and promotion of intercultural dialogue and human rights. Lecturer at the Jagiellonian University and the Humanistic Studies Department of the University of Technology in Krakow. Her research field covers relations between culture and politics and European integration. Author of numerous articles and publications. An avid traveler.



Beata Jaczewska

Executive director of International Visegrad Fund. Firstly, she obtained her MA at the Philosophy/ Sociology Faculty in Culture studies and then graduated at the Faculty of Law and Administration at Warsaw University. Later she went to the University of Cambridge to obtain diploma in English and European Union Law. She has worked for the Ministry of Economy of Poland as deputy director (2006-2009) then as director (2009-2011). Since 2014 she has been a ministerial advisor of the Ministry of Economy (2014-2015), later of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland (2015).



Jakub Karfík

Czech Ambassador to Poland since February 2014. During his 20 year career at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs he has been working as Director General for Section of Bilateral Relations and Director General for Section of Non-European Countries and Development Cooperation. He served as Ambassador of the Czech Republic to Pakistan (1995-1999), Egypt (2002-2006) and Slovakia (2009-2013).



Dominika Kasprowicz

PhD in Social Sciences, associate professor at the Institute of Journalism, Media and Social Communication of the University, Jagiellonian Poland. Analyst and commentator on the politics of CEE, author of numerous articles. Her research area includes populist radical right movements, party politics in the CEE region, electoral behaviour and social innovations in politics. Recently coauthored volumes: Politics, Society and the Economy in Contemporary Poland. An Introduction, Warsaw 2016; SPACE - socio-political Alternatives in Central Europe, Warsaw 2014. Coordinator of SPACE and Barometr Wyborczy projects. Since October 2016 director of the Villa Decius.



Adrienne Körmendy

Graduated from the Eötvös Lóránd University in Budapest. Defended her PhD thesis in History and in 1986 obtained habilitated doctor degree at the History Institute of Warsaw University. She is the Laureate of the Alexander von Humboldt Professorship Award in 1988-89. Her research focuses on studying Settlement History in Central Europe in the idle Ages specializing in German Settlement and German Law. She worked for the Hungarian Diplomatic Service in Warsaw, Poland. Lectured on Hungarian History and International relations at the Department of Hungarian Studies of Warsaw University and Pułtusk Aleksandr Gieysztor Academy of Humanities. Appointed Hungarian Consul General in Krakow in 2004.



Adrían Kromka

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Marshall of Małopolska Region since 2015. He is a Politician and economist. He studied at the Faculty of Management and Marketing at the Economic Academy in Krakow. In 1981, he was a member of Solidarity – he chaired the factory commission in Nowa Huta. During his political career he was a Mayor of the city of Skawina (1990-1998), Deputy chief of the Krakow country, Chief of the Krakow country (2002-2005) and Member of Polish Parliament (2005-2011). Since November of 2011, he was deputy chairman of Krakow Technology Park (KTP).



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Republic and the Bolyai Prize by the Hungarian Academy of Sciences in 2006. Presently Prof. Petö is working on gendered memory of WWII and political extremisms. Her recent book is co-edited with Ayse Gül Altinay: *Gendered Wars, Gendered Memories. Feminist Conversations on War, Genocide and Political Violence,* (Ashgate, 2016).



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Joanna Słowińska

One of the most impressive voices at Polish ethno music stage as well as an artist frequently awarded, eg. Grand Prix by Polish Radio Folk Festival "New Tradition", Audience Award "New Tradition", Polish TV Song Competition 'Opole' and many others; vocalist and violinist well known for her folk/ ethno music inspired by Polish and Slavonic traditional music. Joanna co-creates an excellent Polish ethno group Muzykanci as well as performs with Krakow's scene's outstanding musicians. JOANNA SLOWINSKA's project's based on the Polish and Slavonic traditional songs and tunes. With her solo concerts and projects as well as with the band Muzykanci Joanna has played concerts at prestigious world music festivals, among others: WOMAD Chile 2016, WOMAD Chile 2017. WOMEX 2015 Budapest, EtnoKraków/ Crossroads Festival 2015, EtnoPortPoznan, Sounds Like Poland/ Crossculture Festival Warsaw, KazkazJazz Festival Tbilisi (Georgia), Ulsan World Music Festival, Intl. Jeonju Festival (South Korea), New York

Dream Festival @ Broadway Symphony Space, Chicago Cultural Center (USA). Her first solo album: "Live in Alchemia" and "You Can Be" has been awarded with "Folk Album of the Year" at Polish Radio's prestigious festival 'New Tradition' in Warsaw. She's been nominated and awarded in most important Polish competitions and festivals, inter alia: Grand Prix of Polish Radio 'New Tradition' Folk Festival, PolishTV Song Festival 'Opole', Song Festival Wroclaw and others. In 2013 awarded by the Polish Minister of Culture and National Heritage medal: "Gloria Artis - Cultural Merit".



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Graduated from the Warsaw University (Dep. Of Journalism, MA Specialization in International Relations). He began his career in 1957 at the Życie Warszawy daily as a reporter. He worked also as a foreign correspondent and TV commentator. He did post graduate work in Socials Sciences and Political Sciences as a Ford Foundation grantee at Cornell University and Stanford University. During 1977 and 1978 he was the first Polish Nieman Fellow at Harvard University. Since 1979 he has been the co-editor of the Global Paper One World published by the UN system. This publication and Życie Warszawy were both suspended under the material law in 1981. He then moved to the Polish Newsweek as foreign editor (1985-1991). In 1989, he was spokesman of the Round Table debates in Warsaw. Founder and editorin-chief of the financial daily Nowa Europa (1991). In 1994, he became deputy CEO and member of the board of Zasada Group (Mercedes Polska). Founded and owned the company Media Group in 1996. Currently he is the advisor of the Executive Board of Siemens Polska.



Ryszard Tadeusiewicz

Since April 1971 he performed research in the areas of bio-cybernetics, automatic control engineering, and computer science. In 1975 he was awarded the Ph.D. degree, and in 1981 the degree of Doctor of Sciences (Doctor Habilitatus). In 1986 he became Associate Professor and in 1991 Full Professor at the AGH University of Science and Technology. He has written over 600 scientific papers, published in prestigious Polish and foreign scientific journals, as well as numerous conference presentations both national and international. Prof. Tadeusiewicz has also written over 80 scientific monographs and books, among them several highly popular textbooks, which were adopted by dozens of Polish universities and had many editions. Detail and most up-to-date information is available at website www.Tadeusiewicz.pl.



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Dr. Michal Vašečka (1972) is sociologist by background and he operates at the Faculty of Social Studies of Masaryk University in Brno since 2002 and at the Bratislava International School of Liberal Arts since 2015. He focuses his interests on issues of ethnicity, race, and migration studies. As a visiting scholar he operated at the New School University in New York (1996-1997) and at the University of London (1998), in 2008-2009 he lectured at the Georgetown University in Washington, DC, in 2015 at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor, in 2016 he was a scholar-in-residence in the ISGAP at Oxford University. Michal Vašečka is a founder of the Center for the Research of Ethnicity and Culture, he served a director of the CVEK in the period from January 2006 to May 2012. In 1998-2005 he operated at the Slovak thinktank Institute of Public Affairs as a program director on expert analysis of the Slovak transformation process with a focus on national minorities and the state of civil society in Slovakia. He has been a consultant for the World Bank in 2000-2008 and in 2011-2012. Since 2012 Michal Vašečka serves as a representative of the Slovak republic in Commission Racism the European against and Intolerance (ECRI), human rights body of the Council of Europe. Since 2010 Michal Vašečka is a chairman of the Board of the Fulbright Commission in Slovakia. Dr. Vašečka serves as a non-resident research associate at the European Centre for Minority Issues in Flensburg.

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Dr. Viera Žúborová (1984) is political scientist by background. She operated at the Faculty of Social Sciences of University of St. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava since 2008. During these years she operated at the faculty also as the vice-dean from research and strategic project, and leaded the Department of political science and European studies. She also works as managing editor of Slovak Journal of Political science. Since 2016 she operates as senior research fellow at the think- tank Centre for European and North Atlantic Affairs (CENAA). She focuses on issues of political communication, and migration discourse, tranzitology and question on postcommunism. As a visiting PhD scholar, she operated at the The Université libre de Bruxelles (2010). Viera Žúborová is the co-founder of non-profit organization Trnavska alternativa, and also the co-founder of nonprofit organization Mladá Archa, she served there as director from 2015. Both non-profit organization focus on organising the various educational and creative activities supporting critical thinking of the students and youth, including realization of project that are focusing on the development of public space and active participation at the local level. Viera Žúborová is also from 2015 regular columnist at the online newspapers Aktulity.sk.

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I am professional in urban design, urban planning, architectural theory, and urban studies, trained at a variety of European institutions, finishing at Aalborg University. At the heart of my professional voyage is an inherently spatial, design and praxis oriented research in anthropology: understanding humanity by looking at their systems of living together. In my spare time, I read early 20th century literature like there is no tomorrow, grab onto every opportunity to see the world, and once every month, I gather with my closest friends for an allnight party at Budapest's famous soviet ship-club. My most precious hobby however, is writing miniature impressions of landscapes, spaces, environments.



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I graduated the Academy of Economic Studies, Faculty of International Economic Relations with a bachelor thesis in "Economic Relations between the European Union and the People's Republic of China", also with a case study on the main services exported and imported between EU-25, EU-27 and the People's Republic of China for the period 2004-2012. I am now a master student at the University of Bucharest, faculty of History, where I study Diplomacy. I consider international relations the key to success and diplomacy the way we learn to use this key to bring welfare among people.



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During my studies, I tried different internships to enrich my knowledge and get some unforgettable experience from the field governmental and non-governmental institutions . I also enjoy getting involved in volunteering programs, and this is the reason why since May 2015 I am a volunteer at Save the Children Romania. Currently I am an intern at the Canter for Israeli Studies. I consider myself an open-minded, communicative and hardworking person, who is responsible and very organized. I love learning different languages and getting to know new places, cultures and

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As to my education, I have obtained a bachelor's degree in Country Studies at the Faculty of International Relations this year. My professional interests lie in various fields of social sciences, but, personally, topics related to sustainable development, environmental issues, international security, (anti-) corruption etc. are to my liking. Besides my native language I am fluent in Russian, English and have some competence in German.



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I have graduated from National Chengchi University (Taiwan R.O.C.), department of Diplomacy and International Affairs. I did my undergraduate studies at Metropolitan University Prague, department of International Relations and European Studies. My academic focus is on foreign policy of states, alliances in IR, small states in IR, Russia and European Security, but I find interest in many other fields. Between October 2015 and June 2017, I was working for NCCU European Research Centre. In addition, I have several hobbies and interests. There is a number of sports I love and do regularly. Amongst them athletics, swimming, cycling and many ball sports. Reading and watching National Geographic documentaries can be counted as my interests.



Jan Kłapa

I'm inhabitant of Kraków – my loved city. Two years ago I started law and European studies at the Jagiellonian University. I'm keen on Central European history, politics and culture, as also genealogy and cinema, what is the reason why I try to be permanently up to date with political events, cultural initiatives and all other regional news. Reading good literature (my favourite authors are Bulhakov and Mann) gives me real pleasure. I admire travelling all over the Europe and taking part in

debating tournaments (Oxford or parliamentary style). To be honest as the most interesting texts I find biographies and extended interviews which usually deliver many information about human memory and personal points of view. I'm fascinated with the phenomenon of urbanization, history of cities and their characteristics both in our part of the continent and worldwide. I used to learn English and German, but currently I struggle mostly with Russian.



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I come from a small town Jilemnice in the Giant mountains. I am a student of master degree in security and strategic studies at Masaryk University in Brno, now I am finishing the first year. But at my bachelor studies I have studied also an European studies. I am interested in the international relations and security topic, such as organized crime or migration. Except my studies, I take care of elder people from my family. My hobbies are animals, especially my small dog, reading and spending time with my friends.



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I enrolled for a Master's program "Cultures and Literatures of Central and Eastern Europe" at the Humboldt University of Berlin. Currently I am working on my master thesis. My professional experience includes several voluntary activities, such as helping in the Saint Petersburg section of the Red Cross organization or in Student Union. My professional interests include languages, especially Slavic languages, history and politics of the Middle and Eastern Europe as well as gender theory.



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I'm a 34 years old doctorate student (in the fields of political science, political economy and international relations) from Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, about to arrive in Prague for a 1 year stay as a researcher (subject: European monetary integration and Visegrad countries´ stance about it). I also study the history and geopolitics of the Visegrad countries having just finished writing a paper (so far in Portuguese language only) about it with a Czech doctorate colleague (she´s currently living in Brazil). Overall I´m quite interested in history (specially Polish, Portuguese/ Iberian and Brazilian ones, countries on which I have family roots), sports (association football, in special) and music.



Tomáš Král

Thanks traveling, education and sport I have met many interesting people who helped me to broaden my horizons and influenced my life. During my undergraduate years, I was lucky to join to the very active and enthusiastic students group – student organization called Erasmus Social Network, in which I was more than 2 years. During this time I gained confidence and experience in working with others. I have also become more interested "globally" talking both about the political and social view. Last year I was the Czech team's leader on the couple of Youth Exchange Projects – in Italy and Romania. Besides these programs, where I left to gain education I have also participated in volunteer service.



Viola Kremzer

I have always been interested in how people can motivate and can be motivated. This was the reason for choosing motivation by teachers as the topic of my BA Thesis. After graduation, I taught at a language school (ECL) and I have been teaching at a high school for more than one year. This practice helps me experience all aspects I have been studying; therefore, understand the education system and the background of teaching processes. Since then, I have been working with MA teacher portfolios in the PhD program.



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I finished the Master program of Journalism and International Relations. Currently I am a student of PhD degree in the International Relations at University of Wroclaw. At the same time I am working as a Recruitment Specialist in the IT area. Reading is my passion. I read very different literature but my favorite topics are public diplomacy, cultural diplomacy, differences between nationalities and cultures. Recently I am fascinated by books of Polish sexologist Zbigniew Lew-Starowicz. Books, films, theatres and opera, travels and conversations with natives or interesting articles about exotic places in the world help me to develop myself and enriches my life.



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I am a senior student in political science and public administration at Middle East Technical University in Turkey, currently at my exchange semester at Phillips University of Marburg in Germany. I have keen interest in qualitative and quantitative research in the fields of Peace and Conflict Studies and Political Theory. Basically I am open to any kind of experience and believe that they shape our personality. Beside my native Kyrgyz language I am fluent in English, Russian and Turkish, and currently in the process of learning German.



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I graduated with Bachelor of French Philology and currently I am a student at the second year of Master Double Degree Programme (Kraków-Strasbourg). I worked for several years in NGO organizing projects of multicultural education. I spent one year in Spain on European Voluntary Service working with disabled students and immigrants. I am interested in politics of V4 countries, political situation of Western Balkans, European security and feminism. In September 2017 I will start my studies at College of Europe in Natolin Campus.

Slavomira Lenhardtova

My true passion is Chinese language – which is lifelong challenge to learn. I spent there one year during my studies and even represented Slovakia on Chinese bridge – competition for Foreign College Students with participants from 100 countries. As for my professional background, I am former student of Chinese studies and International Relations, already 4 years working with Chinese investors who are willing to expand their business to Europe and I am leading them through the whole process of setting up business in Europe.



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I am studying political science and modern Greek philology at the Charles University - Faculty of Arts. I work in the Václav Havel Library - it's an amazing experience for me, because I'm meeting very interesting people (such as politicians, journalists, writers or scientists) every day. Beside VH library, I also work in the National Marionette theatre. My hobbies are quite ordinary: travelling, going out with friends, movies – I am a big fan of Monty Pythons, and of course good. I am also a passionate reader.





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I graduated master's degree in Polish philology at the John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin with specialization in teaching Polish as a foreign language. The ability to teach Polish as a foreign language enabled me to gain many skills. I am a responsible, creative, hardworking and communicative person. Within the scope of realization of the specialization was also the possibility of attending and conducting classes in multicultural groups.



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I am a student of Minority Studies at ELTE, a volunteer of the Charta XXI Movement, and the trainee of Terra Recognita Foundation. I have a strong focus on the Central European identity: how to help people to overcome the prejudices and to find the personal and cultural values in each other across the borders in this region. As I have a Historian BA degree, I find the historical perspective very useful in finding the answers to these questions. I am also really interested in spread this idea, and other valuable visions through the media, so I try to gain experience in this field too. In May 2017 I took part in the "World-changing Word" training course for young journalists focused on V4 and minority issues organised by Institute for Cultural Relations Policy.

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Ivana Průchová

I discovered the fields of identity, nationalism and cultural studies which kept me busy not only due to their theoretical scope; these topics somehow indicated to me the need of civil engagement which since then accompanied my intellectual activities. The need for transnational and comparative perspective influenced my decision about where I want to see myself in the coming years. I decided for a MA degree in Comparative History at the Central European University in Budapest and am already looking forward to becoming part of the CEU community.

Myroslawa Romaniuk



I am a first-year Computer Science student at the Ukrainian Catholic University in Lviv, Ukraine. However, I realise that the field of Computer Science is not limited to technology and maths. That is why I have always been interested in societal and ethical issues, political and cultural studies, as well as European history. Also I have always been keen on linguistics (at the moment trying to improve my Polish and German skills), literature and film. I like combining various areas of study, and looking for every opportunity to not only get better at things directly related to my degree, but also at other fields. Besides, working, studying, and discussing different topics in a multicultural environment is a great advantage for anyone.



Marta Rosół

I am a cultural manager, journalist and editor.

Since 2014, editor-in-chief and marketing specialist of the *Reflektor. Rozświetlamy Kulturę* – culture magazine. Since 2015, Vice President of the Upper Silesian Creative Cluster Association. For years I have been cooperating with the Initiative Association: as the main manager of the *Congress of Culture Managers* in Katowice in 2016; As a coordinator of volunteer and festival center at the *Cult Movie Festival* in Katowice; As editor-in-chief of the *Silesiaspace.pl* - e-cultural information portal; As an coordinator assistant of

Humans effective in the labor market project, co-financed by the European Union. Since 2016, I have been working in the Regional Cultural Institute in Katowice. In my free time, I run, cook vegetarian food, read or watch good TV series.

Olha Samoilova

I am a student of the International Relations Faculty and this summer I get my bachelor degree. Over the last 4 years I have found the most interesting topics for me such as politics, foreign languages and traveling. I work on self-improvement and development of my skills as I believe I can be helpful in making world around me better. I am interested in books, postcards collecting and volunteering.

Filip Simon

I come from a small town called Lazne Belohrad, approximately two hours from Prague. Currently I am a student at Charles University in Prague, completing a program in Civil Sector Studies. I have already completed a Master's degree in International Relations and European Studies. I am interested in books, politics, philosophy, travelling and listening to jazz music. In my future studies I would like to focus on the idea of the European Civil Society, European Identity, etc.



Michael Sochor

I am 21 years old and I am student of political science at the Faculty of Arts of the Charles University of Prague. Beside studying political science, the most important part of my education is participating on the Prague student summit, a year-round educational project, which is the simulation of the activities of international organizations. I am really big fan of movies, especially movies of Federico Fellini, and I spend a lot of time by reading books.





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Frequent family migration and creating new friendships in each new environment raised me as an adaptable and social person. Since my childhood, I had dedicated my life to football career till I reached professional level. Due to persistent injuries, I ended my career and began my way as Psychologist. However, skills shaped by professional sport career lead me to the highest levels of aspirations. Personally, I am fascinated by Headhunter's and Recruiter's potential of changing people's lives and business evolution of whole companies. My hobbies are Family & Friends, Sports (mainly Football and Run), Literature (Classic and Personal Development).

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Karel Štros

Currently, I have been studying a follow-up Master's study programme International Economic Relations at the University of Economics, Prague. I have chosen International Business as a major specialization and European Economic Integration as a minor one. Last academic year I finished my bachelor studies. During a free time I try to relax both actively and passively. My family owns a huge weekend house, where it is something to do every time. I think I am quite friendly with international environment.



Mihály Szabó

I graduated my BA degree in International Relations from the Széchenyi István University in Győr and now I'm the student of the University of Graz in the interdisciplinary joint master's program in South-Eastern European studies and also the student of the Comenius University in Bratislava with the CEEPUS grant in the department of British and American studies.

My field of interest is very broad but I'm mostly interested in the international conflicts and the global affairs and I'm especially focusing to the Eastern Partnership Countries and the Western Balkan countries. Besides this I like reading, traveling, playing tennis, squash and many other sports.



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I am Polish student of War Studies University in Warsaw. I am doing my Master's Degree in Aviaton. I graduated in 2016 from National Defence University as well in Aviation. I am keen on the civil aviation topics, environmental impact of aviation and aviation law. I love running, especially with my dogs and travelling as well. For me, the most important thing during my trips, is to try new cuisine and get to know local culture.



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Tamás Tóth

I have studied economy and as well get a qualification in web-programming. After that I started working at an electrical company, where my first job was to cable TV and internet network maintenance, but how the time passed, I become responsible for various IT related jobs, as project manager. Last year I started the 'Széchenyi István University' as a Business Informatics Engineer. At the beginning of this year I changed jobs, currently I'm working at Samsung, as a sales consultant. I like it very much, I find this job vibrant and interesting. In my free time, I love travelling, hang out with my friends, listen to the music and play chess. My base interest are things which I study, so IT, business, but I like history, too.



Ana Ukleba

I have been fortunate to have the opportunity to live, work and study across the world, from China to France to Bulgaria to Ukraine. These experiences have shaped me into a global and open-minded individual and allowed me to understand and appreciate various effects of government policies across cultures and geographies. I received my Bachelor's Degree with a double major in Political Science/ International Relations and European Studies from the American University in Bulgaria. I am extremely interested in acquiring new languages given that I speak six languages with different degrees of fluency. I am also very passionate about the European Union, the European Continent, in general and new cultures in regards to working in multicultural and international environments.



Matěj Voda

I am currently working at the University College London Union as a part of the Diplomacy in Action Society, where I can fully satisfy my fondness for diplomacy. My other interests include literature, sports-volleyball, football and travelling. I am intending to walk the Camino de Santiago with my friends this summer.



Gintaré Žemaitaitienė

2/3 of my life is related with education. I am an university lecturer working with students of communication, creative industries and technologies fields and from all over the world. I am a part of university administration responsible for fluent study processes and quality. I enjoy cultural activities (visiting museums, reading books, watching films) and travelling. I take many photos and share them with everyone. Eastern philosophy and exercises in combination with vegetarism helps me to calm down and enjoy challenges of life. And all this I try to put into single, systematic puzzle – meaningful life.

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The purpose of the fund is to facilitate and promote the development of closer cooperation among citizens and institutions in the region as well as between V4 region and other countries, the especially in the Western Balkan and Partnership regions. The Eastern fund operates several grant programs, and also awards individual scholarships, fellowships and artist residencies. Grant support is given to original projects namely in the areas of culture, science and research, vouth exchanges, cross-border cooperation and tourism promotion, as well as in other priority areas defined in calls for proposals published on the fund's website.

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Renaissance residence and park of the Villa Decius

The villa of Iustus Ludovicius Decius (Polish: Justus Ludwik Decjusz) built in Wola Chełmska (today's Wola Justowska, named after the name of the dignitary) in the 1530s is one of the most famous and beautiful examples of residential architecture in Poland. Built on the initiative of the secretary to King Sigismund I, it was modelled on the suburban villas around Florence and Rome fashionable in the Europe of the time as they provided a place for leisure, meetings, and philosophical disputes. It is a work (1533/34-ca 1535) of the construction company set up by Giovanni Cini of Siena, Bernardino de Gianotis, and Filippo of Fiesole after completion of the works on the Sigismund Chapel. In its original shape it had one storey, with the interiors laid out on three axes, and was connected to a parterre garden which was considered a marvel by the court poet Klemens Janicki. Located on the eastern slope of the hill, its main façade faces Krakow.

The residence was surrounded by gardens and a park. It is assumed that the garden design was composed of two parts: a larger parterre garden, and another garden of the giardino secreto type. The adjacent forested hills were a compositional complement to the complex. The whole three-storey-high arcaded loggia present between the two alcove towers is today a product of a redevelopment performed under Stanisław Lubomirski in the first quarter of the 17th century.

Currently, the residence and park complex consists of the Villa Decius building and two subsidiary buildings: Łaski House from the 1630s and Erasmus House built early in the 21st century, with the Decius Park surrounding them. Since 1996, the main building has been the seat of the Villa Decius Association.