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The Visegrad Group and the Trump Administration

February 9 (Thursday), 2017 at 5 p.m.
CEU, Nádor 9, Popper Room

Following the foundation of the Visegrad Cooperation, establishing strong transatlantic ties has been among the principal priorities of the V4 countries. The relationship with the United States has been a rarely disputed asset in these countries' foreign policies for much of the past 25 years, however, present changes in the White House hold uncertainties for the future of this cooperation. The inauguration of Donald J. Trump as the 45th president of the USA has brought new political and economic challenges for the Visegrad countries. In light of the prospective re-calibration of transatlantic relations as well as the crucial upcoming elections in key EU member states, discussing potential political and economic scenarios for the region is timelier than ever.

The organizers provide free copies of the new book titled [“25 years of V4”](#) (Res Publica, winter 2016). The publication brings together the finest contemporary political minds to discuss eleven of the most important policy areas for the Visegrad Group.

Introduction:

Wojciech Przybylski, Visegrad Insight, Res Publica

Speakers:

Péter Balázs, CEU Center for European Neighborhood Studies

Michał Baranowski, German Marshall Fund Warsaw

Vít Dostál, Association for International Affairs (AMO)

Viera Zuborova, Trnava University, CENAA

Moderator:

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Bios of participants

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Michał Baranowski is the Director of GMF's Warsaw office, where he focuses on transatlantic relations, U.S. foreign policy, and the relations between the United States and Central and Eastern Europe (CEE). Prior to helping launch the Warsaw office, he served at GMF's headquarters in Washington, DC, where he developed GMF's programming in Poland and CEE. Before that posting, Baranowski worked in GMF's Brussels office, where he focused on EU and U.S. policy toward Ukraine and Georgia, and where he also established the Young Transatlantic Network.

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Vít Dostál is the Research Director of the Association for International Affairs (AMO), a Prague-based think tank. He specializes on Central Europe, in particular Poland, and covers Czech foreign and European policy.

Wojciech Przybylski is the editor-in-chief of Visegrad Insight - a magazine on Central Europe and chairman of Res Publica foundation(Warsaw). In 2014, he launched New Europe 100 project that highlights innovators from the region run by Res Publica in partnership with Financial Times, Google and Visegrad Fund.

Viera Zuborova is a senior research fellow at the think-tank Centre for European and North Atlantic Affairs (CENAA) and a political scientist by background and she operates at the Faculty of Social Sciences of University of St. Cyril and Methodius in Trnava since 2008. During these years she operates at the faculty also as the vice-dean from research and strategic project, and led the Department of political science and European studies.