

Program

VIENNA / JUNE TWENTY-FIFTH, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY-TWO / 10 AM

Academic Procession

FANFARE

G. F. HANDEL: Overture (Allegro) from the *Water Music Suite in D Major HWV 349*

Performed by the AUSTRIAN BRASS CONSORT

Audience is requested to stand upon fanfare and remain standing until the Academic Procession is seated.

FLAGBEARERS

SARAH WERNER BOADA / *PhD in Comparative Gender Studies, France / Germany*

NICHOLAS WARMUTH / *PhD in Comparative History, USA*

Opening Remarks

TIM CRANE / *Pro-Rector for Teaching and Learning / Master of Ceremonies*

Opening Remarks in German

CARSTEN Q. SCHNEIDER / *Pro-Rector for External Relations*

Presidential Address

SHALINI RANDERIA / *President and Rector*

Remarks on Behalf of the Founder

ALEXANDER SOROS / *Deputy Chair, Open Society Foundations*

Remarks on Behalf of the Board

LEON BOTSTEIN / *Chairman, CEU Board of Trustees*

Alumni Speaker

RASA OSTRAUSKAITE / *MA in International Relations and European Studies '01,*

MPhil in Political Science '07, Lithuania / Ambassador – EU Permanent Representative to the OSCE

Student Speaker

ANDREW DAVID KING / *MA in Philosophy, USA*

First Interlude

DANIEL SPEER: Sonata from “*Die Bänkelsängerlieder*”

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Degrees and Awards

Conferral of Master’s Degrees and Special Program Certificates

Conferral of Doctoral Degrees

Best Dissertation and Outstanding Academic Achievement Awards

Second Interlude

JEAN-JOSEPH MOURET: Fanfare – Rondeau from “*Première Suite de Symphonies*”

Performed by the AUSTRIAN BRASS CONSORT

CEU Excellence Awards

PREM KUMAR RAJARAM / *CEU Teaching Excellence Award*

ERIN KRISTIN JENNE / *CEU Research Excellence Award*

ZOLTAN CSESZNEG / *CEU Staff Excellence Award*

ANDREA BORODI and SHWETHA NAIR / *CEU Community Service Excellence Award*

Central European University Open Society Prize

Awarded to the UKRAINE 5 AM COALITION

LAUDATIO

SHALINI RANDERIA / *President and Rector*

ACCEPTANCE

on behalf of the Ukraine 5AM Coalition:

TETIANA PECHONCHYK / *Head of the Human Rights Center ZMINA*

KATERYNA RASHEVSKA / *Lawyer for the Regional Center for Human Rights*

Closing

TIM CRANE / *Pro-Rector for Teaching and Learning*

Recessional

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Trumpet: LUKAS HIRZBERGER, STEFANIE PLANK / *Horn:* JOHANNES BERANEK

Trombone: JONAS KRAFT / *Tuba:* FLORIAN WAPPEL / *Percussion:* MATHIAS NOTHMÜLLER

All rise. Audience is requested to remain standing until the Academic Procession has withdrawn.

Central European University Open Society Prize

The Central European University Open Society Prize is given annually to an outstanding individual or institution whose achievements have contributed substantially to the creation of an open society. The award was first presented in 1994 to Sir Karl Popper, the eminent philosopher and distinguished originator of the concept of open society. Subsequent winners include 2015 Nobel Laureate for Literature Svetlana Alexievich, Medecins Sans Frontiers, seventh Secretary General of the United Nations Kofi Annan, President of the Czech Republic Vaclav Havel, and former Minister for Health for Kerala, India, K.K. Shailaja Teacher.

2022 RECIPIENT: Ukraine 5 AM Coalition

In the darkest hours, the heroism of bearing witness to grave injustice keeps the beacon of hope alive. Launched immediately after Russia's military invasion in February 2022, the Ukraine 5 AM Coalition is at the forefront of this struggle—documenting crimes against humanity, providing legal analysis, engaging in advocacy at international and national levels, and raising awareness. By awarding its most prestigious prize to the Coalition, CEU recognizes its immense courage in the face of unimaginable suffering and commends their peaceful pursuit of the fundamental open society values of universal justice and human rights.