

Conference on the Future of Visegrad

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Cooperating partners:

- *Budapest Metropolitan University, Budapest, Hungary*
- *Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin, Poland*
- *Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica, Slovakia*
- *Metropolitan University Prague, Czech Republic*
- *International Visegrad Fund*

Venue: Metropolitan University Prague, Jarov Building, Učňovská 100/1

8.30 Registration

8.30 – 9.00 *Coffee, refreshment – networking*

9.00 – 9.15 Keynotes and opening

- Prof. Dr. Ladislav Cabada, Vice Rector for Research and Creative Activities, Vice Rector for Quality and Development, Metropolitan University Prague, Czech Republic
- Dr. Peter Rada, Vice Rector for International Relations, Budapest Metropolitan University, Hungary

9.15 – 10.00 Expert panel on the future of Visegrád (max 5 minutes per partner and discussion)

Participants:

- Dr. Ewelina Kancik-Koltun, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Political Science and Journalism, Department of Public Administration, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University in Lublin, Poland
- Dr. Jaroslav Ušiak, Vice-Dean for International and Public Relations, Faculty of Political Science and International Relations, Matej Bel University in Banská Bystrica, Slovakia
- Prof. Dr. Ladislav Cabada, Vice Rector for Research and Creative Activities, Vice Rector for Quality and Development, Metropolitan University Prague, Czech Republic
- Dr. Péter Rada, Vice Rector for International Affairs of the METU, Hungary

10.00 – 10.30 *Coffee break*

10.30 – 12.30 First panel (max 10 minutes per presentation)

Moderators: Jaroslav Usiak, Peter Rada

Participants:

- **Simon Szilvási**, METU lecturer, ÚNKP Researcher, University of Public Service, HU – *The Role of Central Europe in the Arctic*
- **Laura Nyilas**, ÚNKP Researcher, University of Public Service, HU – *Sectoral Analysis of the Security in Visegrád*
- **Veronika Bilovol**, Matej Bel University, SK – *V4's cooperation with Ukraine or V4+Ukraine format*
- **Valentyn Shkriba**, Matej Bel University, SK – *Historic Lessons of Anti-Communist Protests in Visegrad Four Countries during 1950s-60s*
- **Wiktoria Cieniuch, Kamil Skórski**, MCSU, PL – *Assistance from Visegrad Group countries on the war in Ukraine*
- **Adéla Zemanová**, MUP, CZ – *Václav Havel and his impact on the Visegrád Group*
- **Karel Voltr and Kryštof Ostertág**, MUP, CZ – *Presidential election 2023: New path for Czechia in CE*

12.30 – 14.00 *Lunch*

14.00 – 16.00 Second panel (max 10 minutes per presentation)

Moderators: Petr Just (Head of the Department of Political Science and Anglophone Studies; Vice-President of the Czech Political Science Association; Vice-President of the Council of Higher Education Institutions; Secretary-General of the Central European Political Science Association, Metropolitan University Prague, Czech Republic), Ewelina Kancik-Koltun

- **Tereza Žovincová**, Matej Bel University, SK – *Gender equality in the Visegrad countries*
- **Terézia Šimaljaková**, Matej Bel University, SK – *The impact of the Covid-19 pandemic on the economy of the Slovak Republic*
- **Weronika Lejkowska, Izabela Paczewska**, MCSU, PL – *Multidimensional Cultural Cooperation in the Visegrad Group*
- **Piotr Klódka**, MCSU, PL – *The Visegrad Group and the influx of waves of refugees*
- **Mikolaj Perz**, METU, HU – *Polish historical perspectives*
- **Ágota Cserni**, METU, HU – *The roots of unity between Central European nations*
- **Luca Szakács**, METU, HU – *V4 Cultural Heritage: Preserving our Future*

16.00 – 17.00 *Coffee break*

17.00 **Closing remarks and reception**