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Conference program

Organiser: Institute of Central Europe

19 May 2026 **Day 1**

9:30 – 10:00 Opening Ceremony

10:00 – 10:45 Keynote Speech

Serhii Plokhii, Harvard University, The Rise and Fall of the Pan-Russian Idea

10:45 – 11:15 Discussion

(chaired by Sławomir Łukasiewicz, Institute of Central Europe)

11:15 – 11:45 Coffee Break

11:45 – 13:00 Panel 1

History as the Instrument of Power and (Epistemic) Violence

Chair: Mykola Riabchuk, National Academy of Sciences of Ukraine

- Aliaksei Kazharski, Charles University
- Julita Komosa, Institute for the History of Science of the Polish Academy of Sciences
- Aleksandra Konarzewska, Universität Tübingen
- Olha Tkachenko, Institute of Slavic Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences

13:00 – 13:15 Coffee Break

13:15 – 14:30 Panel 2

Central and Eastern European Perceptions of Russia

Chair: Agata Domachowska, Institute of Central Europe

- Szczepan Czarnecki, Institute of Central Europe
- Olga Khomenko, University of Oxford
- Miklós Mitrovits, Kazimierz Wielki University [tbc]
- Jędrzej Piekara, Institute of Central Europe

14:30 – 15:45 Lunch Break

15:45 – 17:00 Panel 3

Rewriting the Past, Resisting the Empire: Memory Politics in East-Central Europe

Chair: Bartłomiej Krzysztan, Institute of Central Europe

- Kristina But, Zaporizhzhia National University
- Kacper Dziekan, Institute of Public Affairs
- Agata Tatarenko, Institute of Central Europe
- Gayane Shagoyan, Yerevan State University / Institute of Archaeology and Ethnography NAS RA

17:00 – 17:15 Coffee Break

17:15 – 18:30 Panel 4

From Narratives to Cognitive Warfare: The New Frontlines of Conflict

Chairs: Jędrzej Piekara and Aleksandra Kuczyńska-Zonik, Institute of Central Europe

- Agnieszka Demczuk, Maria Curie-Skłodowska University / Expert Advisory Team for Information Security of the Republic of Poland, Chancellery of the Prime Minister
- Kacper Gradoń, University College London
- Igor Kąkolewski, Polish Academy of Sciences
- Vladimir Sazonov, University of Tartu

18:30 – 19:30 dinner

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9:00 – 10:15 Panel 5

Maritime Security (panel within Polish CBSS Presidency 2025–2026)

Chairs: Piotr Oleksy and Damian Szacawa, Institute of Central Europe

Foreword (video message): Gustav Lindström, Council of the Baltic Sea States Secretariat

- Piotr Nieć, Armed Forces Operational Command / NATO Commander Task Force Baltic
- Oana Popescu Zamfir, GlobalFocus Center
- Andreas Raspotnik, High North Center for Business and Governance at Nord University / Fridtjof Nansen Institute
- Maria Simeonova, European Council on Foreign Relations

10:15 – 10:30 Coffee Break

10:30 – 11:45 Panel 6

Integration by Negation: The Western Balkans and Eastern Europe in the Politics of Waiting

Chair: Spasimir Domaradzki, Institute of Central Europe

- Agata Domachowska, Institute of Central Europe
- Iulian Groza, Institutul pentru Politici și Reforme Europene
- Miloš Petrović, Institute of International Politics and Economics
- Bekim Sejdiu, University of Prishtina
- Tomasz Wiśniewski, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Republic of Poland

11:45 – 12:15 Coffee Break

12:15 – 13:30 Panel 7

Geopolitical Failures of Europe

Chair: Jędrzej Jander, Institute of Central Europe

- Jean Crombois, American University in Bulgaria
- Tamar Gamkrelidze, College of Europe in Natolin
- Aliaksei Lastouski, European Humanities University
- Andrzej Sadecki, Centre for Eastern Studies

13:30 – 13:45 Coffee Break

13:45 – 15:00 Panel 8

Central and Eastern Europe and the Global South in a Multipolar World

Chair: Jakub Bornio, Institute of Central Europe

- Tatsiana Kulakevich, University of South Florida
- Agnieszka Legucka, Ministry of Foreign Affairs Republic of Poland
- Anaïs Marin, Chatham House
- Jakub Zajączkowski, University of Warsaw

15:00 – 16:15 lunch