



CENTRAL Leadership Program 2024



26 August – 14 September 2024



Week one (26th August – 1st September)

Monday, 26 August

1.50 pm **Meeting Point:** Uniwersytet Warszawski
main campus
[Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28, Warsaw
university](#)
Tyszkiewicz - Potocki Palace



2.00 pm **Welcome Ceremony**
Presentation CENTRAL Network

3.00 pm Integration Activity
- 5.00 pm

7.00 pm **Official Welcome Dinner, Syrena Irena**
- 9.00 pm

Tuesday, 27 August

8.50 am **Meeting Point:** Hotel lobby for those who want to leave together

9.30 am **Meeting with representatives of the Department of Public and
Cultural Diplomacy, Ministry of Foreign Affairs**
Uniwersytet Warszawski main campus
Dobra 55 Room 1.110

12.00 pm Lunch

1.00 pm **From transaction to transformation: explaining the political
- leadership shift in the European Union, [Vadym Zheltovskyy](#), PhD
Habil**

2.30 m **Afternoon Program**
- Free time -



Wednesday, 28 August

8.50 am **Meeting Point:** Uniwersytet Warszawski main campus
Dobra 55 Room 1.110

9.00 am [Education for Democracy Foundation](#),
Tomasz Rudzki, Project Manager

10.30 am [Adam Mickiewicz Institute](#),
Ewa Chwilczyńska, Project Manager

12.00 pm Lunch

1.00 pm Translation Workshop **Group I**

1.00 pm Campus Tour **Group II**

2.30 pm Break

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2.45 pm Translation Workshop **Group II**
- 4.10 pm

2.45 pm Campus Tour **Group I**
- 4.10 pm

Thursday, 29 August

8.45 am [Warsaw train station](#)
Travel to Berlin

2.06 pm [Berlin main station](#)
Hotel/ hostel check-in

4.15 pm **Meeting Point: West entrance of Paul-Löbe-Haus**
[Konrad-Adenauer-Straße 1, 10557 Berlin](#)
Raum E532

5.00 pm Get to know & discussion with Ruppert Stüwe

6.00 pm Visit to the German federal parliament
- 8.00 pm

8.30 pm **Dinner at "[Weltwirtschaft](#)", Beer garden inside of Haus der
Kulturen der Welt"**



Please bring photo ID or
passport!!



John-Foster-Dulles-Allee 10
10557 Berlin

Friday, 30 August

8.30 am **Meeting point:** German Federal Foreign Office / Global Diplomacy Lab
[Kurstraße 36, 10117 Berlin](#)

Room: Willy-Brandt-Saal (main building – “Altbau”)

- Bring photo ID or passport for security check (only group entry possible)!!
- Please bring your laptops

9.00 am **Workshop: Mis- and Disinformation and its' Role in Crises/Conflicts, [Khaldun Al Saadi](#), Lab Associate, Global Diplomacy Lab**

10.30 am short break & transfer

11.00 am **Workshop: 20 years EU East enlargement – taking stock and outlook, Catalina Cullas, Ambassador, Director for Relations with EU Member States, Cross-Border and Regional Cooperation**

12.00 am **Transfer to HU & Brown Bag Lunch**
- 12.30 pm

12.30 pm Break
- 2.15 pm

2.15 pm **Meeting Point: Senatssaal, Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin**
[Unter den Linden 6, 10117 Berlin](#)

2.30 pm **Academic Freedom: How political could / should universities be?**
Welcome speech & Discussion, [Prof. Dr. Julia von Blumenthal](#),
President, Humboldt University

3.00 pm Break

3.30 pm Interactive Workshop, Science diplomacy, [Tim Flink](#), **Scientific Advisor at Deutscher Bundestag**
- 5.00 pm



- Free time -

Saturday, 31 August

08.55 am **Meeting point:** Senatssaal, [Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin](#)

09.00 am **Cultural Dimensions in international Leadership** (Workshop)

1.00 pm Brown Bag Lunch (Break)

1.45 pm **Workshop: Paraverbal & Nonverbal Communication in international Leadership (Workshop, PART I)**

3.00 pm Break

3.30 pm **Workshop: Paraverbal & Nonverbal Communication in international Leadership (Workshop, PART II)**

7.45 pm **Meeting point: Kino Krokodil**
[Greifenhagener Str. 32, 10437 Berlin](#)

8.00 pm **Movie Night:** Otar's Death by Ioseb "Soso" Bliadze (fiction), 2021
- 10.00 pm

Sunday, 1 September

Day off to explore Berlin and/ or Potsdam



Week two (2nd September – 8th September)

Monday, 2 September

9.45 am **Meeting point: Centre for East European and International Studies**

[Mohrenstraße 60, 10117 Berlin](#)

10.00 am World Café & subsequent discussion ZOiS researchers

[Dr. Christian Schaich](#), Administrative Director (topic: presentation of the German scientific landscape)

[PD Dr. Sabine von Löwis](#), Head of research focus conflict dynamics & border regions (topic: research focus, tbd)

[Dr. Stefanie Orphal](#), Head of Communications (topic: science communication)

11.30 am Get to know with media platform "Dekoder": **Why do we need better knowledge on Eastern Europe? Democracy and the Role of Journalism, Ingo Petz, Project manager and editor for Belarus, Media Project "Dekoder" – Decoding Russia and Belarus**

12.30 pm Brown Bag Lunch & Break

2.15 pm **Meeting Point:** Senatssaal, Humboldt-University

2.30 pm CENTRAL Leadership Briefing: **As long as it takes: does the "West" have enough staying power in the conflict with Russia?**

Chairman of the Munich Security Conference, former Foreign Policy & Security Advisor to Chancellor Merkel

[Ambassador Christoph Heusgen](#)

4.00 pm Networking Mixer, end of Berlin Program: **Reception, Friends and**

- 5.30 **Sponsors of the CENTRAL Leadership Program**



Tuesday, 3 September

10.45 am **Suggested Meeting Point:** [Berlin main station](#), departure gate of **Warsaw train**

11.16 am **Train Departure**

3.24 pm Arrival in Prague [Praha hl. N.](#)
Barbora is waiting for us at the station
Hotel check-in & **welcome dinner**



Wednesday, 4 September

9.15 am **Meeting Point: Hotel lobby**

10.00 am Transformations of Czechoslovak History
and Society, 1939–1989
[Ovocný trh 560/5, Praha 1](#)

11.00 am Break

11.20 am **The Year 1989: A Turning Point for Czechoslovakia/Czech Republic**, Prof. Kuklík, Green Auditorium

12.20 pm Break

12.30 pm Networking Lunch at CU
- 13.30 pm

1.45 pm Group photograph

2.00 pm **Guided tour of 20th century Prague Landmarks**
- 4.00 pm

- Free time -

Thursday, 5 September



9.30 am **Meeting Point: Hotel lobby**

10.00 am **Czech and European Law Post-1989: Developments and**

Transformations, Prof. Kuklík, Green Auditorium

Ovocný trh 560/5, Praha 1 - tbc, Green Auditorium

11.00 am Break

11.20 am **Academy and Diplomacy**

Dr. Alexandr Kandakov, Green Auditorium

1.20 pm Networking Lunch at CU (*new* we will have lunch at the student canteen,
Barbora will pick us up and guide us there)

- 2.00 pm

2.00 pm **Bridging Academia and the Private Sector**

[Jiri Valach](#), Deputy Director, Centre for Knowledge and Technology
Transfer, Charles University & [Ivana Sýkorová](#), Deputy Director, Centre for
Knowledge and Technology Transfer, Charles University

- 3.30 pm

(Coffee break in between the session)

Friday, 6 September

9.20 am **Meeting Point: Hotel lobby**

Excursion to Terezín

9.30 am **Departure** to Terezín

14.30 pm – free time

Saturday, 7 September

10.25 am Suggested **Meeting Point: [Praha hl. N., train platform](#)**



10.44 am Train Departure

14.49 pm Arrival in Vienna
Hotel check-in
- Rest of the day off -

Sunday, 8 September

- Day off -



Week three (9th September – 15th September)

Monday, 9 September

Suggested meeting point: hotel lobby: 08:40 AM

Meeting point at the University: 09:20 Aula, right by the entrance to the main building, Universitätsring 1, 1010

Morning at the University of Vienna, Venue: *Marietta-Blau Saal, University of Vienna*

- **09:30-9.45 | Transformation and International Organizations**
Welcome Address: Dr. Barbara Good, International Office, University of Vienna
- **09.45-10.45 | Transforming Central Europe – Introduction**
Dr. Rory Archer, RECET, University of Vienna
- **10:45-11:00 | Coffee Break**
- **11.00-12.00 Group discussion/brainstorming activity**
- **12.10-13.00 Lunch**
Venue: Café im Arkadenhof, University of Vienna

Afternoon at UNO Vienna

Venue: *Vienna International Centre (VIC), Gate 1, Wagramer Straße 5, 1220 Wien*



Meeting point: in front of the entrance to Gate 1 at Vienna International Centre at 14.00.

Participants need to bring their IDs

- **14.00 Security check**
- **14.15 Discussion Disarmament Office UN (Annelisa Miglietti)**
- **15:30-17:00 | UNO Tour**

- **18:00 - open end | Dinner**
Venue: China Sichuan Restaurant, Arbeiterstrandbadstraße 122. 1220
Wien

Tuesday, 10 September

Morning at the Diplomatic Academy

Venue: Favoritenstraße 15A, 1040 Wien

Meeting point: 08:50 directly at the Diplomatic Academy Vienna

- **09:00-10:30 | Foreign Policy in Central Europe**
Meeting with Ambassador Emil Brix, Director, Diplomatic Academy
- **10:30-11:00 | Coffee Break**
- **11:00-12:30 | Historical Perspective on the Relationship between Russia and Central Europe**
Meeting and Discussion with Prof. Wolfgang Mueller, University of Vienna, Diplomatic Academy Vienna
- **12:30-13:00 | Brown bag Lunch**

Afternoon at the OSCE Hofburg, Heldenplatz

Meeting point: 14.20 in front of the entrance to OSCE Conference Services in the Hofburg, Heldenplatz



- 14:30 | Arrival and Security Check
Meeting Point: Lobby to obtain temporary passes at security.
Note: All participants are requested to bring an ID with a recent photo.

Venue for the afternoon: Hofburg, 5th Floor, Room 531

- **14:50-15:50 | *What is the OSCE?***
A General Overview of OSCE History and Activities
Speaker: Florence Le Clézio, Senior Media Assistant
- **15:50-16:00 | *Break***
- **16:00-17:00 | *The Work of the OSCE Conflict Prevention Center***
Speaker: Siegfried Woeber, Senior Policy Support Officer, Conflict Prevention Centre

Wednesday, 11 September

Suggested Meeting point: 08:50 BKMC Veithgasse 9

Morning at The Ban Ki-moon Centre for Global Citizens

Venue: Veithgasse 9/6, 1030 Wien

- **09:00-12:00 | *Citizenship Education Workshop***
- **12:45-14:00 | *Lunch***
Venue: Stöckl im Park, Prinz Eugen-Straße 25, 1030 Wien

3.20 pm Suggested Meeting Point: [Vienna main station](#)

3.40 pm **Train Departure** to Budapest

6.19 pm Arrival in Budapest

(Local coordinator from ELTE will meet us at train station and hand out public transportation passes)



Evening off to explore Budapest

Thursday, 12 September

Location: ELTE, Senate room (1056 Budapest,
Szerb u. 21-23, 1st floor)

09:00 **breakfast (start time confirmed)**

(ELTE Senate room (1056 Budapest,
Szerb u. 21-23, 1st floor))

10:00 – 10:40 **Guided tour in the University Library**
(University Library, 1053 Budapest, Ferenciek tere 6.)

11:00 – 12:00 **Panel discussion: Dare to lead? female leaders and women in academia**
(University Library, BOYL Community Room, 1053 Budapest, Ferenciek tere 6.)

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch**
Műhely Cafe, 1088 Budapest, Múzeum krt 6-8

13:00 – 16:00 **Lectures**
ELTE Senate room (1056 Budapest, Szerb u. 21-23, 1st floor)

(Welcome by Prof. Dr. Imre Hamar, Vice-Rector for International Affairs)

13:00 **Anna Ujlaki** (PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Human Rights and Politics): The ethical challenges of AI

14:00 **Laura Kromják** (PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of Global and Development Studies): Intergenerational traumas

15:00 **Miklós Szabó** (PhD, Associate Professor, Head of Department of Minority Studies): The anthropology of genocide

19:00 Dinner

Véendiák Restaurant (1053 Budapest, Egyetem ter 5)



Friday, 13 September

Location: ELTE, Senate room (1056 Budapest, Szerb u. 21-23, 1st floor)

08:30 **breakfast**



ELTE Senate room (1056 Budapest, Szerb u. 21-23, 1st floor)

09:00 – 12:00 **lectures**

ELTE Senate room (1056 Budapest, Szerb u. 21-23, 1st floor)

09:00 **Áron Tábor** (PhD, Assistant Professor, Department of International Relations and European Studies): American domestic politics and the war in Ukraine

10:00 **Karolina Lendák-Kabók** (PhD, Research Fellow, Department of Minority Studies): The sociology of Intermarriages

11:00 **András Schweitzer** (PhD, Associate Professor, Department of International Relations and European Studies): Changing conceptions of In-Between Europe from Jenő Szűcs to Timothy Snyder

12:00 – 13:00 **Lunch**

Múhely Cafe, 1088 Budapest, Múzeum krt 6-8

14:30 **Visit to the Parliament**

1055 Budapest, Kossuth Lajos ter (meeting at 14:00)

Saturday, 14 September

8.30 am **Meeting point for breakfast: Andrássy University main lecture hall, Budapest, Pollack Mihály tér 3, 1088 Ungarn**

9.00 am **Welcome and Introduction**

Prof. Dr. Heinrich Kreft, Ambassador (ret.)

9.30 am **"The EU and the Geopolitics of Central and Eastern Europe under the Hungarian EU-Council Presidency"**, Prof. Dr. Heinrich Kreft, Ambassador (ret.)

11.00 am Coffee Break

11.30 am **How can Russia's War against Ukraine end? Consequences for Central and Eastern Europe?** Dr. András Rácz, Senior Research Fellow, Center for Order and Governance in Eastern Europe, German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP). (Rácz is a senior research fellow at DGAP's [Center for Order and Governance in Eastern Europe, Russia, and Central Asia](#). Before that, he worked in its Security and Defense Program)

1.00 pm **Sandwich Lunch**



2.00 pm **Wrap-up and Feedback-Session**

Prof. Dr. Heinrich Kreft, Ambassador (ret.) & Kristina Karnahl,
Coordinator, CENTRAL Leadership Program

Ca. 5.00 pm TBD **Barbecue / Farewell Party**

Sunday, 15 September

Travel day back at home

Individual Departure (Train ticket is still valid)