



Speakers and Moderators

Welcome and Keynote remarks



Ambassador Tuula Yrjölä Officer-in-Charge / Secretary General

Ambassador Tuula Yrjölä is Officer-in-Charge/Secretary General of the OSCE since 18 July 2020. At the same time, she serves as Director of the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre and Deputy Head of the OSCE Secretariat, a position she has held since February 2020. Before joining the OSCE Secretariat, she was Ambassador for Democratic and Effective Societies at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland in Helsinki.

Ambassador Yrjölä's previous experience with the OSCE comes from Tajikistan, where she was Head of the Programme Office in Dushanbe in 2016-2018. With over 30 years of experience in the Finnish diplomatic service, thirteen on Eastern Europe, the South Caucasus and Central Asia, she has previously served as Roving Ambassador to Central Asia and Ambassador of Finland to Egypt and Sudan. Other postings include Kyiv and New York.



Minister Tomáš Petříček Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

Tomáš Petříček was appointed Minister of Foreign Affairs in October 2018. He is former Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs and senior advisor to a Member of the European Parliament. He is deputy chairman of the Czech Social Democratic Party. He holds a PhD in International Relations from the Charles University in Prague and was a Lecturer in International Political Economy at the Faculty of Social Sciences of the Charles University. He is fluent in English and conversational in French.



Minister Ivan Korčok Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic

Minister Korčok was appointed Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic on 8 April 2020 after some thirty years of experience, being recognized among the most skilful members of the Slovak diplomatic service. His latest engagement was representing the Slovak Republic as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary in Washington, D.C. Prior to this, he served as State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs from August 2015. Between May and December 2016, he served as Government Plenipotentiary for the Slovak Presidency in the Council of the EU. During the first Slovak EU Presidency, he represented the Council as Minister Délégué before the EU Parliament. Formerly, he was assigned the post of Permanent Representative of the Slovak Republic to the EU (2009-2015) and Slovak Ambassador to Germany (2005-2009). Minister Korčok began his career in 1992 at the MfA where he held many senior positions including Director of the Department for Policy Planning and Analysis (1997-1998), Director General of the Directorate General for International Organizations and Security Policy (2001-2002), and State Secretary (2002-2005). In 2003, he served as Head of Delegation of the Slovak Republic on Accession Talks to NATO and Member of the European Convention in Brussels.



Ambassador Igli Hasani, Chairperson of the Permanent Council

Ambassador Igli Hasani was appointed Permanent Representative of the Republic of Albania to the OSCE and other International Organizations in Vienna in February 2018. On January 2020, under the Albanian OSCE Chairmanship, Ambassador Hasani assumed the position of the Chairperson of the OSCE Permanent Council. During 2019, as part of the OSCE Troika, he was Chair of the Mediterranean Contact Group. He has extensive experience in international security and has contributed to the shaping of the security and defence policy package of the Republic of Albania. He has 17 years of experience at the Albanian Ministry of Defence in various management roles, including as Secretary General (2017-2018), Director General for Defence Policy (2015-2017), Director of NATO and Foreign Relations (2013-2014), Director of Euro-Atlantic Integrations (2013-2014) as well as director of the Press and Information, Policy and Media and Legal Affairs. Prior to his career at the Ministry of Defence, he worked as a journalist and editor for several newspapers and TV stations in Albania. Ambassador Hasani holds degrees in Law, Sociology and Philosophy from the University of Tirana, a Master in International Relations from King's College London, and is also a graduate of the Royal College of Defence Studies.

Video messages



James Baker Former U.S. Secretary of State and White House Chief of Staff under President George H. W. Bush

James A. Baker, III, has served in senior government positions under three United States presidents. He served as the nation's 61st secretary of state from January 1989 through August 1992 under President George H.W. Bush. During his tenure at the State Department, Baker traveled to 90 foreign countries as the United States confronted the unprecedented challenges and opportunities of the post–Cold War era. Baker's reflections on those years of revolution, war and peace — "The Politics of Diplomacy" — was published in 1995.

Baker served as the 67th Secretary of the Treasury from 1985 to 1988 under President Ronald Reagan. As treasury secretary, he was also chairman of the President's Economic Policy Council. From 1981 to 1985, he served as White House chief of staff to President Reagan. Baker's record of public service began in 1975 as undersecretary of commerce to President Gerald Ford. It concluded with his service as White House chief of staff and senior counselor to President Bush from August 1992 to January 1993. Long active in American presidential politics, Baker led presidential campaigns for Presidents Ford, Reagan and Bush over the course of five consecutive presidential elections from 1976 to 1992.

A native Houstonian, Baker graduated from Princeton University in 1952. After two years of active duty as a lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps, he entered The University of Texas School of Law at Austin. He received his J.D. with honors in 1957 and practiced law with the Houston firm of Andrews and Kurth from 1957 to 1975. Baker is presently a senior partner in the law firm of Baker Botts. He is the honorary chairman of the James A. Baker III Institute for Public Policy at Rice University and serves on the board of the Howard Hughes Medical Institute.



Ambassador Wolfgang Friedrich Ischinger Chair of the Munich Security Conference

Ambassador Ischinger has been Chairman of the Munich Security Conference (MSC) since 2008 and teaches at the Hertie School of Governance in Berlin as Senior Professor for Security Policy and Diplomatic Practice. He advises the private sector, governments, and international organizations on strategic issues. He has published widely on foreign, security and defense policy issues.

Ischinger began his career in 1973 in the cabinet of the UN Secretary-General in New York. In 1975, he joined the Federal Republic of Germany's Foreign Service. In 1993, he was named Director of the Policy Planning Staff and in 1995 Political Director. In that role, Ischinger led the German delegations during the Bosnian Peace negotiations in Dayton/Ohio in 1995, the negotiations on the NATO-Russia Founding Act in 1996/1997, and during the Kosovo crisis in 1998/99. In October 1998, he was appointed State Secretary (Deputy Foreign Minister) of the German Federal

Foreign Office. From 2001 to 2006, he served as German Ambassador in Washington, DC, and, from 2006 to 2008, in London. In 2007, he also represented the EU in the Troika negotiations on the future of Kosovo. In 2014, Ambassador Ischinger served as the Special Representative of the OSCE Chairman-In-Office in the Ukraine crisis. In 2015, he chaired an OSCE-mandated "Panel of Eminent Persons on European Security as a Common Project" tasked with providing advice on how to build a more resilient European security architecture. From 2008 to 2014, he was Global Head of Government Relations, Allianz SE, Munich, and served on supervisory boards of the Allianz Group.

Ambassador Ischinger is member of a number of non-profit boards, including the German Council on Foreign Relations (DGAP), the American Academy Berlin, and the Atlantik-Brücke. He is also a member of the Trilateral Commission and the European Council on Foreign Relations (ECFR). He serves on the Supervisory Board of Hensoldt AG and on the International Advisory Board of Investcorp, London. Ambassador Ischinger has received a number of honors and awards, including the German Bundesverdienst¬kreuz. He is a Commander of the French Legion of Honor and was the 2008 recipient of the Leo Baeck Medal awarded by the Leo Baeck Institute, New York. In 2015, Ischinger was the recipient of the Manfred Wörner Medal. He has received honorary doctorates from the universities of Pristina and Yerevan. In 2018, he was the recipient of the prestigious Nunn-Lugar Award.

Wolfgang Ischinger studied law at the universities of Bonn and Geneva and obtained his law degree in 1972. He earned a MA degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy and did postgraduate work at Harvard Law School, Cambridge/USA.

Session 1: The Paris Charter as an inspiration: Highlights and turning points of the negotiations, which lead to the unprecedented convergence between East and West



Ambassador Christine Fages Head of the Permanent Mission of France

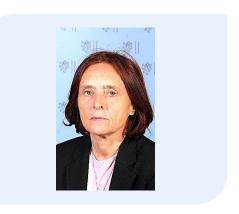
Ambassador Christine Fages started her diplomatic career in 1996 and has held a number of different positions in the Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs dealing with the EU, the Balkans, West Africa, the USA as well as international organizations (NATO) and crisis management. Ambassador Christine Fages was previously an external rapporteur at the National Court of Auditors. In 2014, she was appointed as an Ambassador coordinating the International Ebola Task Force. She has also served as First Counsellor at the French Embassy in the United States, Deputy Director of the Press and Communication Directorate, Deputy Director for West Africa, Counsellor for operations at the French permanent representation to the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and First Secretary at the French Embassy in Zagreb (1996-2014).



Dr. Angela Romano Lecturer in International Political Economy, University of Glasgow

Dr. Romano is an international historian of the 20th Century. Her research spans the Cold War, the variety of regional integration and cooperation processes, regional organizations, international and transnational political and economic relations. She has published extensively on these subjects. She has been invited to present her research in numerous conferences in Europe, Russia, the United States and Japan, and to give keynote speeches and public lectures. In January 2020, she was visiting Associate Professor at the University of Tokyo.

Before joining the University of Glasgow, she was Senior Research Fellow at the European University Institute (EUI), where she co-ran the ERC-funded project PanEur1970s (2015-2020); Marie Skłodowska-Curie Fellow at LSE (2011-2013); and Jean Monnet Fellow at the EUI (2009-10).



Ambassador Dana Huňátová Former Director General of the Executive Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Czechoslovakia (1989-1992)

Ambassador Huňátová was one of the first persons to join the Ministry of Foreign Affairs after the "Velvet Revolution of 1989". From 1989 – 1992 she was Director General at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Executive Department. Dana Huňátová has been with the Czech diplomatic service for thirty years; she served as Ambassador in Finland, Egypt and Malaysia and as a Consul General in Chicago.

Between the years 2002-2004 she was appointed Head of the OSCE Secretariat Prague Office, and from 2008-2010 she worked as Ambassador at Large for Science and Technology at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Prague. Ambassador Huňátová was bestowed the Medal of Merit in November 2019.

Ambassador Huňátová graduated from the University of Economics in Prague and was a teacher at the Business Academy in Prague. Huňátová is the author of a book "Sametova Diplomacie (Velvet Diplomacy)", a document on Czechoslovak foreign policy in the formative years of 1990-1992



Katarzyna Gardapkhadze First Deputy Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR) / alternate to the Director

Katarzyna Gardapkhadze is the First Deputy Director of ODIHR, where she oversees activities of the Election, Democratization, Human Rights, Tolerance and Non-Discrimination, and Roma and Sinti Programmes. Prior to her current appointment in August 2016, she was the Head of ODIHR's Human Rights Department. Ms. Gardapkhadze is an expert in strategic planning and change management, conflict resolution and mediation, with thematic expertise in human and children rights and gender equality. She has more than 20 years of professional experience from Poland, the United States, the Western Balkans, the South Caucasus and Central Asia.

In 2003-2011. Ms. Gardapkhadze led conflict resolution, human rights and child/social welfare reform programs in the South Caucasus, also advising similar programs in Central Asia. In 2000 – 2002, she managed initiatives focused on human rights, minorities and interethnic dialogue in the Western Balkans. Fluent in Polish, English and Russian, Ms. Gardapkhadze holds a Master's Degree in social sciences.

Session 2: The future of comprehensive and co-operative security in the OSCE area, three decades after the Paris Charter



Ambassador Lamberto Zannier High-Level Expert, OSCE Parliamentary Assembly, former Secretary General of the OSCE and former High Commissioner on National Minorities of the OSCE

As of 1 September 2020, Ambassador Lamberto Zannier of Italy is a High-Level Expert with the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly. Ambassador Zannier served as OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities from 19 July 2017 until 18 July 2020. Before taking up the position of High Commissioner, Zannier was OSCE Secretary General for two consecutive three-year terms, from 1 July 2011 until 30 June 2017.

Ambassador Zannier joined the Italian Foreign Ministry as a career diplomat in 1978. From June 2008 until June 2011, he was UN Special Representative for Kosovo and Head of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo (UNMIK). From 2006 to 2008, he was Coordinator for CFSP and ESDP (now CSDP) in the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, dealing inter alia with EU foreign policy issues and with Italy's participation in EU operations, both civilian and military. From 2002 to 2006, he was the Director of the OSCE Conflict Prevention Centre, where he focused on political-military issues, as well as crisis management, and was responsible for managing the OSCE's field operations. Previous senior positions include Representative of Italy to the Executive Council of the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) in The Hague (2000-2002), Chairperson of the negotiations on the adaptation of the Treaty on Conventional Armed Forces in Europe (1998-1999) and Head of Disarmament, Arms Control and Cooperative Security at NATO (1991-1997).

Previously, he served in Rome, Abu Dhabi and Vienna, mainly specializing in multilateral and security affairs. He has authored several publications on security, conflict prevention and crisis management issues. Zannier holds a law degree and an honorary degree in International and Diplomatic Sciences from the University of Trieste, Italy.



Dr. Reinhard Krumm Head of the Friedrich-Ebert Sifting Regional Office for Cooperation and Peace in Europe

Dr. Krumm heads the FES Regional Office for Cooperation and Peace in Europe, Vienna. He worked as a journalist in the former Soviet Union, being the Baltic and Moscow correspondent of dpa and Der Spiegel magazine from 1994 to 1998. He then joined the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung, serving as the head in Central Asia (Tashkent), Russia (Moscow) and the Department of Central and Eastern Europe (Berlin). Reinhard Krumm is a lecturer on Russian and Eastern European History at Regensburg University since 2007. He comments frequently on current political events in the international media. Among his latest publications, as one of the editors: "A Consensus Proposal for a Revised Regional Order in Post-Soviet Europe and Eurasia".



Dr. Andrey Kortunov Director General of the Russian International Affairs Council (RIAC)

Dr. Kortunov graduated from the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO) in 1979 and completed his postgraduate studies at the Institute for U.S. and Canada Studies of the USSR Academy of Sciences in 1982. He holds a PhD in History. Dr. Kortunov completed internships at the Soviet embassies in London and Washington, and at the Permanent Delegation of the USSR to the UN.

In 1982–1995, Dr Kortunov held various positions in the Institute for U.S. and Canada Studies, including Deputy Director. He taught at universities around the world, including the University of California, Berkeley. In addition, he led several public organizations involved in higher education, social sciences and social development.

Since 2011, Andrey Kortunov has been the Director General of RIAC. He is a member of expert and supervisory committees and boards of trustees of several Russian and international organizations. His academic interests include contemporary international relations and Russian foreign policy.



Heather Mann OSCE Perspectives 20-30 Core Group of Experts, University of Oxford

Heather Mann is a member of the Core Group of Experts for the OSCE's Perspectives 20-30. In this capacity, she co-developed a vision of a safer future for the OSCE area in 2030 and beyond. She is an academic researcher in post-conflict education, with expertise in historical memory.

Heather has recently completed her Ph.D. at the University of Oxford on how teachers understand and teach the Holocaust in English and French schools, during which she also lectured at the University of Southampton. Whilst working in the UNESCO office for Holocaust education and genocide prevention, she helped develop the UNESCO/OSCE policy guide, 'Addressing antisemitism through education'.

Session 3: Lessons learned, best practices and future perspectives



Ambassador Tobias Lorentzson Deputy Permanent Representative of the Swedish Delegation to the OSCE

Ambassador Lorentzson has over 16 years of experience in the Swedish diplomatic service and served as Deputy Head of Mission and Head of Political Section at the Embassy of Sweden in Moscow. Prior to that, he was Desk Officer for Belarus, Armenia and Azerbaijan at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Stockholm, served as First Secretary at the Swedish Mission to the UN in Geneva, and as Second Secretary at Swedish Embassy in Guatemala. He holds a Master in International Relations, Sciences Po, Paris.



Kristian Vigenin Vice-President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly and Vice-President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria

Kristian Vigenin was born on June 12, 1975 in Sofia. In 1998, he graduated from the University of National and World Economy, majoring in International Relations and Macroeconomics. He participated in the Economic Development and International Leadership Program at the John F. Kennedy Institute of Public Administration at Harvard University.

Currently Mr. Vigenin is Vice President of the National Assembly of the Republic of Bulgaria and Vice President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly.

Mr. Vigenin served previously as Minister of Foreign Affairs (2013 – 2014) and as a Member of the European Parliament (2007 – 2013), where he was Co-chair of the Euronest Parliamentary Assembly. He has been a Member of Parliament in 2006–2007 and from 2014 to present. He is fluent in English and German, speaks French and Russian.



Dr. Svetlana Savranskaya Director of Russia programs at the National Security Archive, George Washington University

Dr. Svetlana Savranskaya is the Director of Russia programs (since 2001) at the National Security Archive, George Washington University. She is the author, with Thomas Blanton, of the book "The Last Superpower Summits: Gorbachev, Reagan and Bush" and editor of the book by the late Sergo Mikoyan "The Soviet Cuban Missile Crisis: Castro, Mikoyan, Kennedy, Khrushchev and the Missiles of November". Dr. Savranskaya won the Link-Kuehl Prize in 2011 from the Society for Historians of American Foreign Relations, recognizing the best documentary publication over the previous two years, for her book (with Thomas Blanton and Vladislav Zubok) "Masterpieces of History: The Peaceful End of the Cold War in Europe 1989." She is author and coauthor of several publications on the Cuban Missile Crisis, nuclear learning and the end of the Cold War, and numerous electronic briefing books on these subjects. She also serves as an adjunct professor teaching U.S.-Russian relations and contemporary Russian politics at the American University School of International Service in Washington D.C. (since 2001).

She earned her Ph.D. in political science and international affairs in 1998 from Emory University. She holds a "Red Diploma" as a graduate of the Moscow State University in 1988 and went on to study at the Institute of World Economy and International Relations of the USSR Academy of Sciences in 1989-90, before moving to Emory, where she won a dissertation fellowship from the Institute for the Study of World Politics. She also worked as a Hewlett Fellow at the Carter Presidential Center in 1993.



Dr. Wolfgang Zellner Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg, Former Head of the Centre for OSCE Research

Dr. Wolfgang Zellner is Senior Research Fellow at the Institute for Peace Research and Security Policy at the University of Hamburg (IFSH). From 1994 to 2018, he worked in different capacities with the IFSH, since 2005 as Deputy Director of the IFSH and Head of the IFSH's Centre for OSCE Research (CORE). Wolfgang Zellner is the initiator and co-founder of the OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions. He has authored and edited more than 100 publications, mainly on European security, conventional arms control, sub-regional conflicts, national minorities, OSCE-related subjects, and transnational threats and challenges.

Concluding remarks



Ambassador Luca Fratini Director of the Office of the Secretary General

Ambassador Luca Fratini is a diplomat from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of Italy. He started his diplomatic career in 1992 and served in many countries on many continents, and the international multilateral environment.

He has held, inter alia, the position of Consul in Locarno (Switzerland); Deputy Ambassador in Harare (Zimbabwe) and Rabat (Morocco); Deputy Head of the Near East Department at the MFA; Head of the Political and Press Office in Paris (France); Ambassador of Italy to Ghana and Togo.

From 2013 to 2016, he served as Deputy Permanent Representative to Rome-based UN Agencies. From 2017 to 2019, Ambassador Fratini was Deputy Permanent Representative of Italy to the OSCE in Vienna and Chairperson of the Preparatory Committee during the Italian Chairmanship in 2018. In 2019, he was appointed by the Slovak Chairmanship as Chair of the Informal Working Group on Civil Society Participation in OSCE events.