
Is there a Central Europe between Germany and Russia? Issues of Co-operation and Security

Expert debate and presentation of key concepts and findings of recent publications

Petr Drulák – Zlatko Šabič (eds.) “*Regional and International Relations of Central Europe*“, Palgrave

Barbora Veselá (ed.) “*The EU, Germany, Central Europe and Russia: Determinants of the EU’s Foreign Policy towards Russia*“, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung (FES) / Institute of International Relations (IIR)

January 15th, 2013

15:00-18:00

Venue: Institute of International Relations, Nerudova 3, Prague 1

Programme:

- 15:00 – 15:20 **Introduction:** *Petr Drulák*, Director of the Institute of International Relations
Anna Kárníková, Friedrich Ebert Stiftung, Prague
- 15:20 – 16:40 **Panel Discussion I. – Central Europe in a New European Constellation**
Chair: *Petr Drulák*, Director of the Institute of International Relations
Michal Kořan, Head of Research Department, Institute of International Relations:
Relevance of Visegrad Group in Central Europe.
Vladimír Handl, Institute of International Relations: Germany and Central Europe:
Differentiated co-operation instead of *Mittleuropa*.
Jiří Čištecký, Head of the Central Europe Department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the
Czech Republic
Vladimír Bartovic, EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy
Discussion
- 16:40 – 18:00 **Panel Discussion II. – Security in Central Europe**
Chair: *Tomáš Weiss*, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University, Prague
Hans-Joachim Spanger, Member of the Executive Board, Head of Research Department,
Peace Research Institute Frankfurt (PRIF): Germany, NATO and Russia.
Vít Střítecký, Institute of International Relations: Atlanticism in Central Europe and the
Potential of the CSDP.
Tomáš Ehler, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic: Czech-German-
Russian energy relations.
Jan Havránek, Deputy Director, Defence Policy and Strategy Division of Ministry of
Defence of the Czech Republic
Discussion
- 18:00 End of the event and refreshment