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Visegrad-Ukraine: A Multi-Regional Perspective

March 2, 2006 – Columbia University

Conference Agenda

- 9:30-9:45: Opening Remarks
John S. Micgiel, Director, East Central European Center, Columbia University
- 9:45-12:00: Morning Session – 2 Panels:
Visegrad-Ukraine Politics: The Diplomatic Dimension
Suggested Theme: Divining a Role for “Central Europe” in The Global Arena
Panelists: Petr Kolar, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the US
Oleh Shamsur, Ambassador of Ukraine to the US
Moderator: Andrzej Harasimowicz, Visiting Professor, Columbia University
- Visegrad-Ukraine Relations: The Economic Dimension**
Suggested Theme: Contemplating the Near Future of the EU's Eastern Frontier
Panelists: Geza Jeszensky, Former Foreign Minister of Hungary
Victor Kapustin, Chairman/UKREXIMBANK
Moderator: Frank Sysyn, Visiting Professor Columbia University
- 1:30-4:30: Afternoon Session
Visegrad-Ukraine Relations: The Security Dimension
Suggested Theme: Contemplating the Near Future of NATO's Eastern Frontier
Panelists: Andrzej Towpik, Permanent Representative of Poland to the UN
James Sherr, Fellow/Conflict Studies RC/UK Defence Academy
Moderator: Stephen Sestanovich, Professor, Columbia University
- Visegrad-Ukraine Relations: The Energy Dimension**
Suggested Theme: Pondering Life Under the Common Shadow of Gazprom
Panelists: Elzbieta Dzirba, Vice Director, Gaz System PL
Yevhen Kaminsky, Director/IWEIR/UA Nat. Academy of Sciences
Moderator: John S. Micgiel, Director, East Central European Center, Columbia
- Visegrad-Ukraine Relations: Regional Issues**
*Suggested Theme: Divining Ways to Help Ailing Neighbors Become Part of
"Europe...Whole and Free"*
Panelists: Jan Pieklo, Director, PAUCI
Vladyslav Kaskiv, Head, PORA
Moderator: Robert Legvold, Professor, Columbia University
- 4:30-4:45: Closing Remarks
Mykola Riabchuk, Visiting Professor, Columbia University