Monday, September 5

09:30 – 10:00

Registration and Welcome Coffee

10:00 – 10:30

Welcome by:
Nino Evgenidze, EPRC
Evelyn Farkas, McCain Institute
David J. Kramer, George W. Bush Institute

10:30 – 11:30

Session I – The Western Response to Russia's Invasion of Ukraine

Moderator:

- Bill Taylor, USIP

Panelists:

- Viola von Cramon, MEP
- John Herbst, Atlantic Council
- Hanna Hopko, Democracy in Action, Ukraine
- Nicolas Tenzer, CERAP, France
- Ed Chow, CSIS

11:45 – 13:15

Lunch

13:15 – 14:15

Session II – The Invasion and Its Geopolitical Implications

Moderator:

- Ian Kelly, Northwestern University

Panelists:

- Bobo Lo, CEPA
- Laure Mandeville, Le Figaro
- Anna Borshchevskaya, Washington Institute
- Anna Fotyga, MEP
- Hiro Akita, Nikkei, Japan

14:15 – 15:15

Session III – A Region in Turmoil

Moderator:

- Ia Meurmishvili, VOA

Panelists:

- Michal Baranowski, GMF Warsaw
- Hugues Mingarelli, Former Ambassador of the European Union to Ukraine
- Batu Kutelia, Atlantic Council of Georgia
- Anna Novosad, Former Minister of Education, Ukraine

15:15 – 15:30

Coffee break

15:30 – 16:30

Session IV – Implications for the Future of Europe

Moderator:

- Ali Aslan, International TV Presenter, Moderator and Journalist

Panelists:

- Ret. Gen. Ben Hodges, Human Rights First
- Kurt Volker, CEPA
- Fredrik Löjdquist, Stockholm Centre for Eastern European Studies
- Rebecca Harms, German politician
- Linas Linkevičius, Former Lithuanian Foreign minister

16:30 – 17:30

Session V – Democracy vs. Authoritarianism

Moderator:

- David J. Kramer, George W. Bush Institute

Panelists:

- Kara C. McDonald, U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for DRL
- Žygimantas Pavilionis, Lithuania Seimas
- Yascha Mounk, SAIS
- Dan Twining, IRI
- Keti Khutsishvili, Open Society Georgia Foundation

19:00 – 20:00

Reception hosted by President of Georgia at Presidential Palace (for international conference speakers only)

Tuesday, September 6

10:00 – 10:30

Welcome Coffee & Registration

10:30 – 11:30

Session VI – Whither Georgia?

Moderator:

- Steve Nix, IRI

Panelists:

- Salome Samadashvili, Member of Parliament of Georgia
- Giorgi Vashadze, Member of Parliament of Georgia
- Khatia Dekanoidze, Member of Parliament of Georgia

11:30 – 12:00

Session VII – Conversation with the U.S. Ambassador to Georgia Kelly C. Degnan and Evelyn Farkas, McCain Institute

12:00 – 13:00

Session VIII – Information Wars

Moderator:

- Myroslava Gongadze, VOA

Panelists:

- Jamie Fly, RFE/RL
- Shota Gvineria, EPRC
- Laura Thornton, GMF
- Brian Whitmore, Atlantic Council
- Stefan Meister, German Council on Foreign Relations

13:00 – 14:15

Networking Lunch

14:15 – 15:15

Session IX – Russia: Where Does It Go From Here?

Moderator:

- Christian Caryl, Washington Post

Panelists:

- James Nixey, Chatham House
- Natalia Arno, Free Russia Foundation
- Isabelle Lasserre, Le Figaro
- Zhanna Nemtsova, Boris Nemtsov Foundation
- Giga Bokeria, European Georgia

15:15 – 16:15

Session X – The Threats from Authoritarianism and Corruption/Kleptocracy

Moderator:

- Charles Davidson, Global Financial Integrity

Panelists:

- Daria Kaleniuk, Ukraine Anti-Corruption Coalition
- Eka Gigauri, Transparency International, Georgia
- Ben Judah, Atlantic Council
- Besiki Kutateladze, Florida International University

16:30 – 17:30

Session XI – Whither the United States?

Moderator:

- Pedro Botta, Florida International University

Panelists:

- Randy Scheunemann, IRI
- Daniel Baer, Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
- Evelyn Farkas, McCain Institute
- Bill Taylor, USIP

17:30

Closing remarks

20:00

Farewell Dinner

Sukhishvili National Ballet: Nino Katamadze and Nikoloz Rachveli & String Quartet - Rooms Garden (by special invitations only)

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