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invite to the conference

Old World (Dis)Order

Dynamics of Conflict and Security in Twenty-first Century Europe

9 May (Wednesday) 2018, 5 p.m.

Polityka Head Office, Słupecka 6, Warsaw

REGISTRATION

Since the *annus mirabilis* of 1989 that heralded the end of the East-West conflict, we have witnessed dramatic changes in Europe's security order: The transition from the bipolarity of the Cold War era to the USA's unipolar moment during the 1990s; from George W. Bush's War on Terror and Barrack Obama's multilateralism to Donald Trump's America First policy. In Europe and elsewhere, these changes have been paralleled by the horrors of the Balkan Wars, the rise of international Islamist terrorism, armed conflicts in Moldova, Georgia and Ukraine, as well as the (re-) emergence of regional powers such as Russia or Turkey that have sometimes pursued aggressive foreign policy in the region, not least by military means. Meanwhile, the European Union and its member states have only slowly come to put security issues high on the agenda of EU foreign policy-making and, instead, have largely relied on NATO, that is, the US, as a guarantor of peace and stability on the old continent. This generally-accepted commitment to European security has been constantly challenged since the Trump administration took office in 2017. With the reliability of the United States' role as Europe's partner and protector now called into question, it is up to the EU and the individual member states to assume more security responsibilities, both in Europe and beyond.

In the light of these developments, we wish to address questions such as:

- What is an adequate European response to Russia's continued efforts at destabilization, including information warfare and armed intervention in neighbouring countries such as Ukraine?
- Given the US's growing reluctance to provide for European security and the limited capabilities in terms of military, intelligence and cybersecurity in the EU and its member states, what are the next concrete steps to take to increase Europe's responsibility for security in the region?
- What impact do inner-European quarrels (e.g. Poland's dispute with EU institutions, dealing with different forms of migration) have on the development of a resilient European security order?

Agenda

17.00 Registration

17.30 Welcome address

Wawrzyniec Smoczyński, Director of the analysis centre *Polityka Insight*

Knut Dethlefsen, Resident Representative of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung in Poland

17.45 Keynote speech

Charles A. Kupchan, Professor of International Relations at Georgetown University and Senior Fellow at the Council on Foreign Relations, former Chief Advisor on Europe at the National Security Council under U.S. President Barack Obama

18.15 Panel discussion

Charles A. Kupchan

Bartosz Cichocki, Undersecretary of State in the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Katarzyna Pełczyńska-Nałęcz, Director of the Open Europe Programme at the Stefan Batory Foundation, former Ambassador of Poland to Russia

Moderator: **Wawrzyniec Smoczyński**

The organizers will provide simultaneous interpretation (Polish–English). Please confirm your participation by **7 May 2018** via e-mail: biuro@feswar.org.pl.

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