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OBJECTIVES, PATHWAYS, RESPONSIBILITIES

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As the post-cold-war security order crumbles, Ukraine is emerging as a defining pillar of Europe's future security architecture. Russia's war against Ukraine and the United States' disengagement are driving Europe toward a stronger common security policy. At the same time, fundamental questions remain: which objectives Europe's often divided capitals must agree on, and how responsibilities should be allocated to achieve these goals.

As Ukraine emerges from its most difficult wartime winter, what are the steps that Europe must take to contain the war and lay the foundation for a more secure continent?

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

14:45 – 15:15 | **Registration**

15:15 – 15:30 | **Welcome & Opening Remarks**

Marieluise Beck and Ralf Fücks, Center for Liberal Modernity

15:30 – 16:00 | **Keynote, Q&A**

Volodymyr Yermolenko, President of PEN Ukraine, Philosopher, Essayist,
Chief Editor of UkraineWorld

16:00 – 17:30 | **PANEL 1**

We know Russia's War Aim, but What is Ours?

What would be an acceptable outcome of the war for Ukraine and Europe? What is the minimum we must achieve? How to build a stable post-war order? If not NATO, then what?

Edwin Bendyk, Journalist, Chairperson of the Board of the Stefan Batory Foundation

Lesia Ogryzko, Head of the Reform Support Office at the Ministry for Defence of Ukraine,
Co-founder and Director of the Sahaidachnyi Security Center

Olga Oliker, Director, European Security, International Crisis Group

Niklas Wagner, Commissioner for Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia of the
German Foreign Ministry

Volodymyr Yermolenko, President of PEN Ukraine, Philosopher, Essayist,
Chief Editor of UkraineWorld

Moderation: **Ralf Fücks**, Center for Liberal Modernity

17:30 – 18:00 | **Coffee Break**



18:00 – 19:30

| PANEL 2
A Roadmap for the Way Ahead

How can Europe and Ukraine achieve their common security policy goals? How could Europe get better and quicker at taking the necessary decisions?

Agnieszka Brugger, Member of the German Bundestag, Deputy Chair of Alliance 90/The Greens Parliamentary Group

Yevhen Hlibovytsky, Co-founder and Head of the Frontier Institute

Johannes Schraps, Member of the German Bundestag, Deputy Chair of the Committee on European Union Affairs and Rapporteur on Ukraine for the SPD Parliamentary Group

Alexander With, Analyst at the Royal Danish Defence College

Moderation: **Simon Schlegel**, Center for Liberal Modernity

19:30 – 19:45

| Closing Remarks

19:45

| Reception

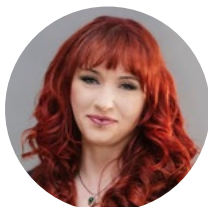
BIOGRAPHIES



Marieluise Beck is a senior fellow at the Center for Liberal Modernity (LibMod), which she founded together with Ralf Fücks. A veteran Green Party politician, she was first elected to the German Bundestag in 1982 and among other positions has served as parliamentary state secretary and federal government commissioner for migration, refugees, and integration. As the spokesperson for Eastern Europe of her party's parliamentary group (2009–2017) Ms Beck became a prominent defender of human rights especially in Russia, Ukraine, the Balkans, and Belarus. From 2005 to 2017, she was also a member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, where she joined the Alliance of Liberals and Democrats for Europe.



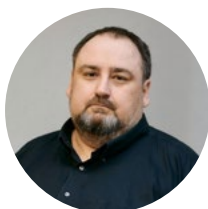
Edwin Bendyk is the president of the Stefan Batory Foundation. He is a journalist, writer, and columnist for the weekly „Polityka“. His work focuses on civilisational issues and the relationships between science, technology, politics, the economy, culture, and social life. He co-founded the Center for Future Studies at Collegium Civitas and is a member of the European Council on Foreign Relations.



Agnieszka Brugger was born on February 8, 1985, in Legnica (Poland). While studying political science and public law at the University of Tübingen, she was elected to the Bundestag. Since 2009, she has been a member of the Defense Committee. From 2009 to 2013, Agnieszka Brugger served as the spokesperson for disarmament policy, from 2013 to 2017 as the spokesperson for security policy, and since January 2018, she has been the deputy chairwoman of the Bundestag faction of Bündnis 90 / DIE GRÜNEN. In this role, she is responsible for international politics and human rights. As a member of parliament, she represents the Ravensburg constituency.



Ralf Fücks is the founder and managing director of the Center for Liberal Modernity, a think tank and discussion platform for the renewal of liberal democracy. Previously, he was a board member of the Heinrich Böll Foundation for 21 years, where he was responsible for the foundation's domestic work as well as foreign and security policy, Europe, and North America. He is the author and editor of several books. Among others: *Update Liberalism* (with Rainald Manthe, transcript, 2023), *Defending Freedom: How We Can Win the Fight for an Open Society* (Polity, 2019), *Green Growth, Smart Growth: A New Approach to Economics, Innovation and the Environment* (Anthem, 2015).



Yevhen Hlibovytsky is a founder and head of Frontier Institute - a Kyiv-based non-partisan think tank focused on social transformation for Ukraine and the region. Frontier Institute runs programs on demography, human security and resilience, institutional transformation with emphasis on interdisciplinary and intersectoral approaches. Between 2006 and 2014 he worked in Central Asia and the Caucasus as an expert for OSCE. Yevhen Hlibovytsky is a supervisory board member for the Ukrainian Public Service Broadcaster - Suspilne. In his previous career he was a prominent broadcast journalist before 2006 and an anti-censorship activist. He is also an advisory board member for Razom Advocacy in Washington, DC.

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Lesia Ogryzko is the head of the Reforms Support Office of Ukraine's Ministry of Defense and chairs the Sahaidachnyi Security Center, a defense and security think tank based in Kyiv. Previously, she served as an international civil servant within the United Nations system and worked in Ukraine's Government on implementing reforms, including the public administration reform. Since 2014, Lesia has been engaged in matters related to Russia's war against Ukraine. She co-founded the Ukrainian office of the international humanitarian organisation Save the Children at the onset of the conflict in Donbas and has since worked across humanitarian response, human rights, and political and security analysis.



Dr. Olga Oliker is director of European security at the International Crisis Group. In this role, she leads the organization's research, analysis, and advocacy as concerns the European security environment. She also hosts Crisis Group's War and Peace podcast. Her own ongoing research centres on the evolution of nuclear and conventional deterrence strategies and postures, the war in Ukraine, Russian security policy, transatlantic relations, and prospects for arms control. She has written extensively on Russian nuclear strategy and Ukrainian security sector reform, among other topics. Prior to coming to Crisis Group, Oliker was director of the Russia and Eurasia Program at Center for Strategic & International Studies and before that, director of RAND's Center for Russia and Eurasia. She is the author of numerous monographs, articles, reports and commentaries. She holds a B.A. in international studies from Emory University, an M.P.P. from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University, and a PhD in political science from MIT.



Dr. Simon Schlegel is LibMod's Ukraine programme director since February 2025. Before that he was the International Crisis Group's senior analyst in Kyiv, a position he held since February 2022. Between 2020 and 2022 he coordinated the humanitarian work of Caritas International in Ukraine and before that worked for the German Civil Peace Service in Kyiv. He gained a PhD in 2016 from the Max Planck Institute for Social Anthropology in Halle.



Johannes Schrap has been a member of the German Bundestag since 2017, representing the constituency of Hameln-Pyrmont-Holzminden for the Social Democratic Party of Germany (SPD). Since 2025, he has served as deputy chair of the Committee on the Affairs of the European Union and is also a member of the Finance Committee. He is head of delegation of the German Bundestag to the Baltic Sea Parliamentary Conference (BSPC) and vice-chair of the German-Ukrainian Parliamentary Friendship Group. Beyond his parliamentary work, he is president of the German-Moldovan Forum (Deutsch-Moldauisches Forum e.V.), co-chair of the Norwegian-German Willy Brandt Foundation in Oslo, a member of the advisory board of the European Network Remembrance and Solidarity (ENRS) and member of the administrative council of the Federal Financial Supervisory Authority (BaFin).



Dr. Niklas Wagner has served as regional commissioner for Eastern Europe, the Caucasus and Central Asia since September 2025. Prior to this, until summer 2025, he worked as the European correspondent of the German Federal Foreign Office, where he was responsible for the EU's Common Foreign and Security Policy, including the preparation of meetings of the EU Foreign Affairs Council and coordination within the EU's Political and Security Committee. He has been a member of the diplomatic service since 2003 and has held postings in Cairo, New Delhi and Rome. Dr. Wagner studied international law and languages at the universities of Passau, Lausanne, Geneva and St. Petersburg. After graduating as a lawyer, he earned his doctorate at the Max Planck Institute for International and Comparative Social Law in Munich with a dissertation on globalization and the International Labour Organization (ILO).



Alexander With, commander (OF-3) in the Royal Danish Navy, is a teacher and researcher at the Royal Danish Defence College. His primary focus areas are Ukraine, Russia, hybrid warfare, and the changing character of war. He has written extensively on the conflict in Ukraine and contributes regularly to the Danish newspaper *Børsen* as well as the platform *Logic of War*. Alexander With holds a master's degree in international security and law and brings a wealth of experience from his background as a former army captain.



Dr. Volodymyr Yermolenko is a Ukrainian philosopher, journalist, writer, and president of PEN Ukraine. He holds a doctorate in political studies (France) and a PhD in philosophy (Ukraine). He is editor-in-chief of *UkraineWorld.org*, an English-language multimedia project about Ukraine run by *Internews Ukraine*, and Associate Professor at the *Kyiv-Mohyla Academy*. He is the author of both fiction and non-fiction and a recipient of the *Myroslav Popovych Prize* (2021), *Petro Mohyla Prize* (2021), *Yurii Shevliov Prize* (2018), and multiple *Book of the Year* awards in Ukraine. He chairs the board of the *International Renaissance Foundation* (Open Society Foundations) and hosts the podcasts *Explaining Ukraine* and *Thinking in Dark Times*. Together with *Tetyana Ogarkova* he co-authors *Kultpodcast*.

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