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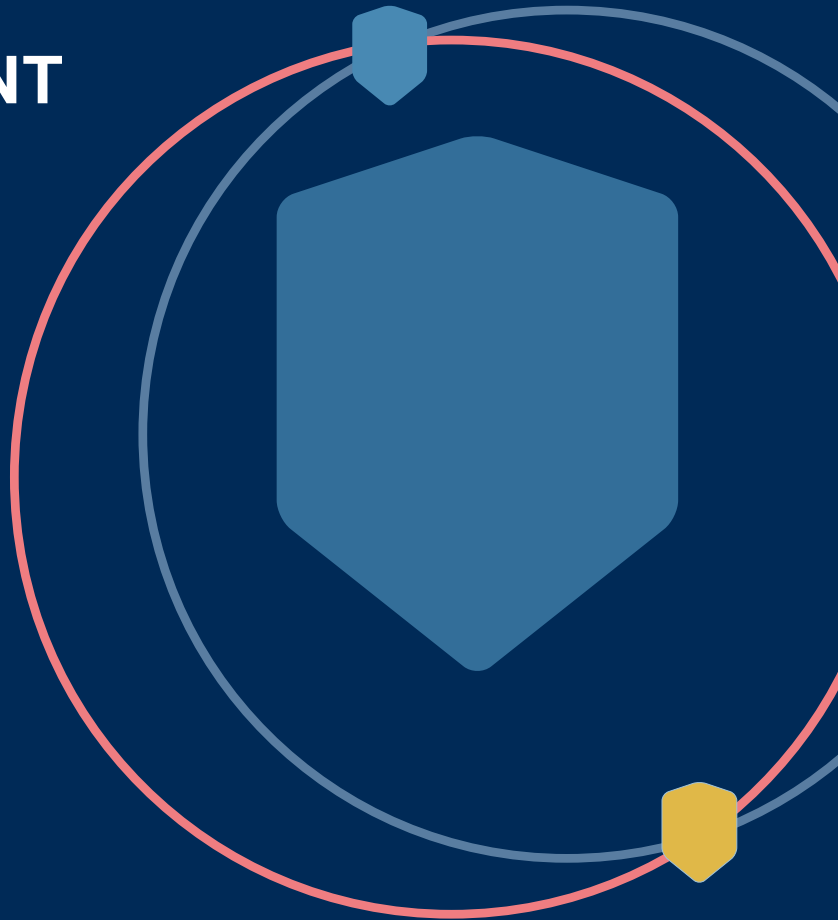
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2023 CELIS Forum

ON INVESTMENT SCREENING

*Investment Screening and
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On-site and Online | In private and public sessions
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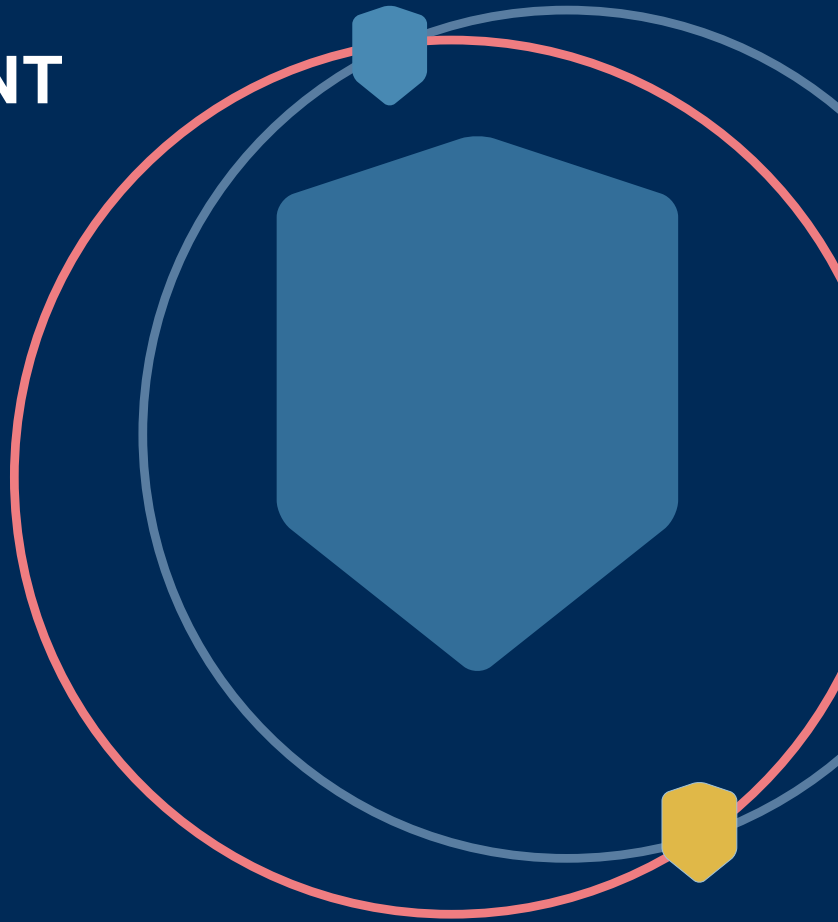
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WEDNESDAY

11 October 2023

Hotel NH Collection Prague Carlo IV, Senovážné nám. 13/991, 110 00 Nové Město, Prague (Czech Republic)

Dress code: Business Attire

FORUM OPENING (closed discussions, speakers and attendees with personal invitation)

17:00 – 18:00 CET

REGISTRATION AND OPENING RECEPTION

18:00 – 18:15 CET

CONVENERS' WELCOME REMARKS

by Professor Steffen Hindelang (Executive Director, CELIS Institute, Berlin; Professor of Investment and Trade Law, Uppsala University, Uppsala) and Dr Roland Stein (Deputy Director, CELIS Institute, Berlin; Founding Partner, Blomstein, Berlin)

18:15 – 19:30 CET

DINNER WITH DINNER SPEECH

*by Director Peter Sandler (Director for Enforcement, Market Access, SMEs, Legal Affairs and Technology, DG Trade, European Commission, Brussels)
on "Getting serious: blurring boundaries of law and politics in the search for EU's economic security"*

FIRESIDE CHATS: BUILDING A TRUSTED FORUM AND COMMUNITY FOR AND BY ECONOMIC SECURITY EXPERTS (closed discussions: speakers and attendees with personal invitation)

20:00 – 21:00 CET

KICK-OFF REMARKS

by H.E. Ambassador Bijan Sabet (US Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Czech Republic, US Embassy, Prague)

Interventions

by Professor Steffen Hindelang (Executive Director, CELIS Institute, Berlin; Professor of Investment and Trade Law, Uppsala University, Uppsala)

Damien Levie (Head of Unit, Technology & Security, FDI Screening, DG Trade, European Commission, Brussels)

Jeffrey Lightfoot (Program Director, Europe, Center for International Private Enterprise, Bratislava)

Dr Roland Stein (Deputy Director, CELIS Institute, Berlin; Founding Partner, Blomstein, Berlin)

21:00 CET

DRINKS

THURSDAY

12 October 2023

Hotel Hilton Prague, Pobřežní 311/1, 186 00 Rohanský ostrov, Prague (Czech Republic)

Dress code: Business Attire

09:30 – 10:30 CET KEYNOTE AND Q&A: TOWARDS A GEOECONOMIC UNION – DO WE NEED A NEW EU ECONOMIC ORDER?
(closed discussions: speakers and attendees with personal invitation)

09:30 – 09:40 CET INTRODUCTION TO THE KEYNOTE EVENT AND PRESENTATION OF THE KEYNOTE SPEAKERS
by Professor Steffen Hindelang (Executive Director, CELIS Institute, Berlin; Professor of Investment and Trade Law, Uppsala University, Uppsala)

09:40 – 10:00 CET KEYNOTE ADDRESS
by H.E. Director General Anders Ahnlid (Director General, The National Board of Trade, Stockholm)

10:00 – 10:20 CET KEYNOTE ADDRESS
by Professor Pavel Šturma (Professor of Public International Law, Charles University, Prague; Former Chair, UN International Law Commission)

10:20 – 10:30 CET KEYNOTE EVENT – QUESTION AND ANSWERS
Panellists: H.E. Director General Anders Ahnlid (Director General, The Swedish National Board of Trade)
Professor Pavel Šturma (Professor of Public International Law, Charles University, Prague; Former Chair, UN International Law Commission)
Moderator: Professor Steffen Hindelang (Executive Director, CELIS Institute, Berlin; Professor of Investment and Trade Law, Uppsala University, Uppsala)

10:30 – 11:00 CET NETWORKING AND REFRESHMENT BREAK

11:00 – 12:30 CET KEYNOTE AND HIGH-LEVEL ROUNDTABLE : THE ROLE OF PARTNERS AND ALLIES IN PROVIDING ECONOMIC SECURITY *(closed discussions: speakers and attendees with personal invitation)*

11:00 – 11:15 CET INTRODUCTION TO THE KEYNOTE EVENT AND PRESENTATION OF THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER
by The Honourable Dr Kim Holmes (Vice Chair of the Board, Center for International Private Enterprise, Washington DC/Warsaw)

11:15 – 11:45 CET KEYNOTE ADDRESS
H.E. Assistant Secretary Paul Rosen (Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Investment Security, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Washington DC)
In a conversation with: The Honourable Dr Kim Holmes (Vice Chair of the Board, Center for International Private Enterprise, Washington DC/Warsaw)

THURSDAY

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11:45 – 12:30 CET

HIGH-LEVEL ROUNDTABLE

Panellists: H.E. Ambassador Ivo Germann (Head of Foreign Economic Affairs Directorate, Swiss State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (SECO), Berlin)

H.E. Deputy Director General Denis Redonnet (Deputy Director General and Chief Trade Enforcement Officer, DG Trade European Commission, Brussels)

H.E. Assistant Secretary Paul Rosen (Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Investment Security, U.S. Department of the Treasury, Washington DC)

H.E. Director Ota Šimák (Director of the Trade Policy Department, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic, Prague)

H.E. Director Masahiro Tachibana (Director of International Investment Control Office, Trade Control Department Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan, Tokio)

Moderators: Dr Roland Stein (Deputy Director, CELIS Institute, Berlin; Founding Partner, Blomstein, Berlin)

12:30 – 13:30 CET

Luncheon

13:30 – 15:30 CET

Session: "Sandwiched Europe – The EU and the US-China Technology Hegemony" (closed discussions: speakers and attendees with personal invitation)

Chairs: Professor Jill Goldenziel (U.S. National Defense University, Washington DC) and Professor Steffen Hindelang (Executive Director, CELIS Institute, Berlin; Professor of Investment and Trade Law, Uppsala University, Uppsala)

Speakers: Joffrey Célestin-Urbain (Head of Economic Strategic Intelligence and Security Department of the Directorate General for Enterprise, Paris)

Professor Stephan Wernicke (Head of Legal Affairs, German Association of Chambers of Industry and Commerce, Berlin)

Andrew Pahutski (Vice President, Economic Security Systems Planning and Analysis, Washington DC)

Deputy Director Andrew Preston (Head, Investment Security and Organised Crime, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, UK Government, London)

Gareth Heywood (Head of Government Relations, Datenna, Eindhoven)

15:30 – 16:00 CET

NETWORKING AND REFRESHMENT BREAK

Registration of Attendees of Public Forum

THURSDAY

12 October 2023

Hotel Hilton Prague, Pobřežní 311/1, 186 00 Rohanský ostrov, Prague (Czech Republic)

Dress code: Business Attire

16:00 – 18:00 CET

Public forum opening keynote and discussion
(public discussions: all speakers and attendees)

16:00 – 16:05 CET

INTRODUCTION TO THE KEYNOTE EVENT AND PRESENTATION OF THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER

by Assistant Professor Lena Hornkohl (Deputy Director, CELIS Institute Berlin; Vienna University, Vienna)

16:05 – 16:30 CET

REVIEW OF THE EU'S INVESTMENT SCREENING REGULATION – EUROPE'S SCREENING MECHANISM(S) IN FIVE YEARS' TIME

by Damien Levie (Head of Unit, Technology & Security, FDI Screening, DG Trade, European Commission, Brussels)

16:30 – 17:00 CET

COMMENTS

by Ana-Maria Belacurencu (nee Popa) (Case handler, Foreign Investment Department, Romanian Competition Council, Bucharest)

by Romain Rard (Chair of the Foreign Investments Taskforce, Invest Europe, Brussels)

by Juan Ignacio Gonzalez Bastero (Principal Manager, Chamber 4 Directorate, Regulation of Markets and Competitive Economy, European Court of Auditors, Luxembourg)

17:00 – 18:00 CET

ROUNDTABLE: LOOKING FOR A DESIGN OF EUROPE'S SCREENING MECHANISM(S)

Panellists: Petr Lang (Member of the Department of Trade Policy, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic, Prague)

Pierre-Marie Voegeli (Deputy Head of Unit, Control of Foreign Investments, French Treasury, Paris)

Dr Alexandra Leoni (Head of Unit, Investment Control, Austrian Federal Ministry of Labour and Economy, Vienna)

Dr Angelika Milger (Deputy Head of Unit, German Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, Berlin)

Dr Dimitri Slobodenjuk (Partner, Clifford Chance, Dusseldorf)

Moderators: Dr Leonard Freiherr von Rummel (Senior Associate, Blomstein, Berlin) and Assistant Professor Lena Hornkohl (Deputy Director, CELIS Institute; Vienna University, Vienna)

18:30 – 20:00 CET

DRINKS RECEPTION, COURTESY OF KIRKLAND & ELLIS

Hotel NH Collection Prague Carlo IV, Senovážné nám. 13/991, 110 00 Nové Město, Prague (Czech Republic) (all speakers and attendees)

20:00 CET

CFIS RECEPTION & BANQUET

Hotel NH Collection Prague Carlo IV, Senovážné nám. 13/991, 110 00 Nové Město, Prague (Czech Republic) (all speakers and attendees)

DINNER SPEECH

by H.E. Pavel Fischer (Senator and Chairman of Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Security of the Czech Senate)

FRIDAY

13 October 2023

Hotel Hilton Prague, Pobřežní 311/1, 186 00 Rohanský ostrov, Prague (Czech Republic)

Dress code: Business casual

09:00 – 10:30 CET

SESSION: OUTWARD INVESTMENT SCREENING – BETWEEN RISK DIVERSIFICATION, TECHNOLOGY DENIAL, AND THE RETURN OF CAPITAL CONTROLS (public discussions: all speakers and attendees)

Chairs: Dr Roland Stein (Deputy Director, CELIS Institute, Berlin; Founding Partner, Blomstein, Berlin)

Speaker: Jill McClune (General Counsel, US, Avon Protection Systems, Washington DC)

Julia Friedlander (Nonresident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council; CEO Atlantik-Brücke, Berlin)

Vladimír Vaňo (Chief Economist, GLOBSEC, Bratislava)

10:30 – 11:00 CET

NETWORKING AND REFRESHMENT BREAK

11:00 – 12:30 CET

SESSION: BUILDING RESILIENCE: UNDERSTANDING THE DEVELOPMENT OF ECONOMIC SECURITY POLICY LEGISLATION BEYOND THE EU (public discussions: all speakers and attendees)

Chair: Eric Hontz (Director, Center For Accountable Investment, CIPE, Washington DC) and Dr Fabian Zuleeg (Chief Executive, European Policy Center, Brussels)

Speaker: Dr Akira Igata (Project Lecturer at the Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology, University of Tokyo, Tokyo)

Professor Bimal N. Patel (Vice Chancellor of Rashtriya Raksha University; Member of the Indian National Security Advisory Board and of the International Law Commission, Gandhinagar)

Thomas 'Skip' Mark (Senior Counsel, Commercial Law Development Program, US Department of Commerce, Washington DC)

Mila Malairău (Executive Director, American Chamber of Commerce, Chisinau)

Dorieke Overduin (Senior Advisor, Sovereign Arbitration Advisors, Washington D.C.)

FRIDAY

13 October 2023

Hotel Hilton Prague, Pobřežní 311/1, 186 00 Rohanský ostrov, Prague (Czech Republic)

Dress code: Business casual

12:30 – 12:45 CET

CLOSING REMARKS (public discussions: all speakers and attendees)

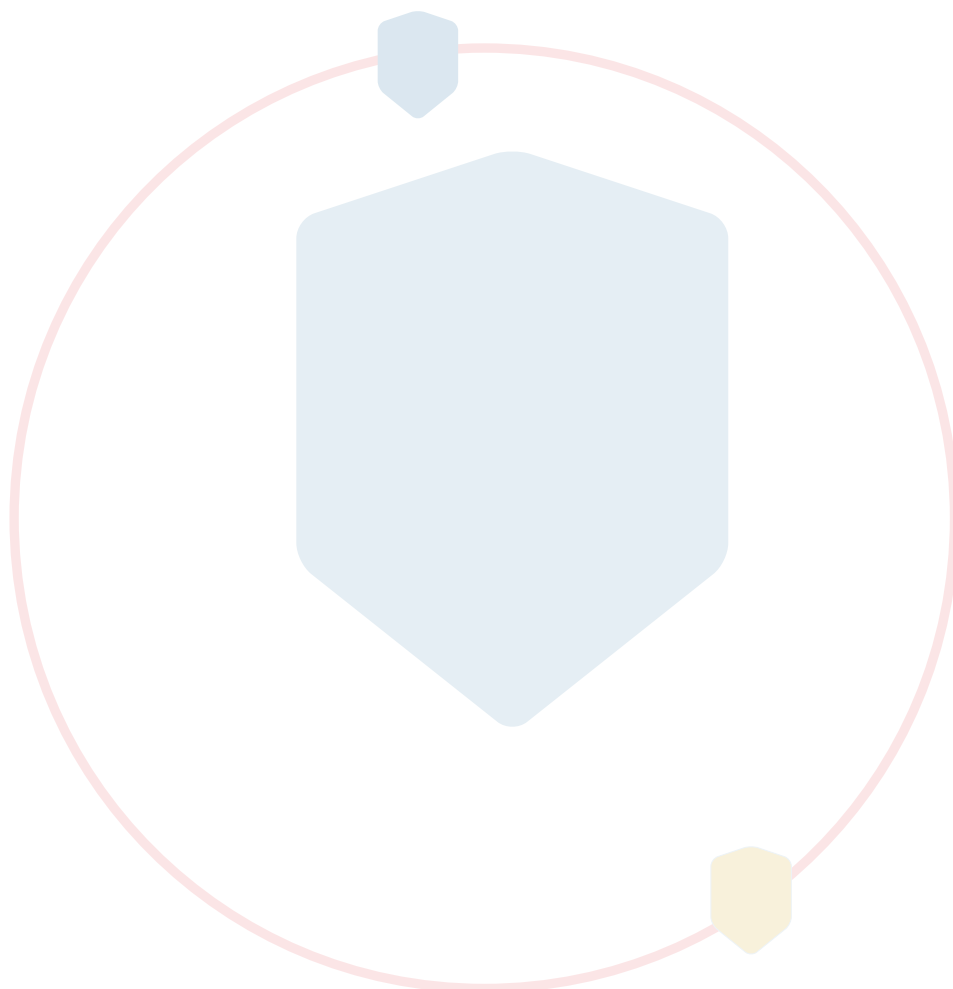
by Professor Steffen Hindelang (Executive Director, CELIS Institute, Berlin; Professor of Investment and Trade Law, Uppsala University, Uppsala) and Dr Roland Stein (Deputy Director, CELIS Institute, Berlin; Founding Partner, Blomstein, Berlin)

12:45 – 13:30 CET

LUNCHEON

13:30 CET

END OF CFIS 23





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PROGRAM

CFIS SIDE EVENT

CELIS Training –
Deep Dive Investment

Screening in the EU
12 October 2023
Prague (Czech Republic)
Open Discussions

Hosted by the CELIS Institute

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THURSDAY

12 OCTOBER 2023

Hotel Hilton Prague, Pobřežní 311/1, 186 00 Rohanský ostrov, Prague (Czech Republic)

Dress code: Business Attire

SIDE EVENT OPENING

09:00 – 09:30 CET REGISTRATION AND COFFEE

09:30 – 09:45 CET INTRODUCTION TO CELIS TRAINING
*by Dr Roland Stein (Deputy Director, CELIS Institute, Berlin;
Founding Partner, Blomstein, Berlin)*

09:45 – 10:00 CET INTRODUCTION TO SPEAKERS AND PROGRAM
*by Laurie Morgan (Attorney Advisor, U.S. Department of Commerce, Commercial Law
Development Program (CLDP), Washington DC)*

10:00 – 10:30 CET SESSION: "THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE EU'S SCREENING MECHANISM
ON INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS STATES' LEGISLATION AND PRACTICE"

Speaker: Célia Chausse (Deputy Head of Department, Investment
Screening, Austrian Federal Ministry for Digital and
Economic Affairs, Vienna)

10:30 – 11:00 CET Coffee and Refreshment Break

11:00 – 12:00 CET SESSION: "INTRODUCTION TO GERMAN INVESTMENT SCREENING
MECHANISM"

Speakers: Dr Angelika Milger (Deputy Head of Unit, German Ministry
for Economic Affairs and Climate Action, Berlin)

Dr Roland Stein (Deputy Director, CELIS Institute, Berlin;
Founding Partner, Blomstein, Berlin)

12:00 – 12:30 CET

SESSION: “DEEP DIVE: CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS ON FDI SCREENING IN THE SEMICONDUCTOR SECTOR IN GERMANY”

Speaker: Dr Leonard von Rummel (Senior Associate, Blomstein, Berlin)

12:30 – 13:30 CET

Luncheon

13:30 – 14:30 CET

SESSION: “INTRODUCTION TO SWEDISH INVESTMENT SCREENING MECHANISM”

Speakers: Sara Holmström (PhD candidate, Uppsala University, Uppsala)

Daniel Wendelsson (Partner, Vinge, Stockholm)

Professor Steffen Hindelang (Executive Director, CELIS Institute, Berlin; Professor of Investment and Trade Law, Uppsala University, Uppsala)

14:30 – 15:30 CET

SESSION: “INTRODUCTION TO FRENCH INVESTMENT SCREENING MECHANISM”

Speakers: Pierre-Marie Voegeli (Deputy Head of Unit, Control of Foreign Investments, French Treasury, Paris)

Romain Rard (Chair of the Foreign Investments Taskforce, Invest Europe, Brussels)

15:30 CET

End of Side Event

VENUE INFORMATION

CONFERENCE VENUES

CFIS 23, i.e., all talks, presentations, panels, including lunch and coffee breaks, will take place at the NH Collection Prague Carlo IV and at Hotel Hilton Prague (not to be confused with Hilton Prague Old Town!).

On 11 Oct 2023, we will be exclusively in the NH Collection Prague Carlo IV.

On 12 Oct 2023, sessions until 18:00 CET will take place at the Hilton Prague (not to be confused with Hilton Prague Old Town). The Drinks Reception & Banquet will take place at the NH Collection Prague Carlo IV.

The closing day, i.e., sessions on 13 Oct 2023, take place at the Hilton Prague (not to be confused with Hilton Prague Old Town).

VENUE BUS SHUTTLE SERVICE

A bus shuttle service will be operating between the venue locations. You can find the timetable below:

Thursday 12: Departure NH Collection towards Hilton

- o Bus 1: 8.45
- o Bus 2: 9.00

Thursday 12: Departure Hilton towards NH Collection

- o Bus 1: 18.10
- o Bus 2: 18.20
- o Bus 3: 18.?? (when returning from its roundtrip)

Friday 13: Departure NH Collection towards Hilton

- o Bus 1: 8.15
- o Bus 2: 8.30

Friday 13: Departure Hilton towards NH Collection

- o Bus 1: 13.30
- o Bus 2: 13.45

Schedule and Directions

11 October 2023 NH Collection Prague Carlo IV

The Forum Opening and Fireside Chats takes place at NH Collection Prague Carlo IV
Direction: Senovážné nám. 13/991, 110 00 Nové Město, Prague (Czech Republic)



12 October 2023 Hotel Hilton Prague

The sessions until 18.00 CET take place at Hotel Hilton Prague (not to be confused with Hilton Prague Old Town!).

Direction: Pobřežní 311/1, 186 00 Rohanský ostrov, Prague (Czech Republic)



Schedule and Directions

12 October 2023 NH Collection Prague Carlo IV

The Drinks Reception and the Banquet starting at 18.30 CET take place at NH Collection Prague Carlo IV.

Direction: Senovážné nám. 13/991, 110 00 Nové Město, Prague (Czech Republic)



13 October 2023 Hotel Hilton Prague

The final day of CFIS 23 takes place at Hotel Hilton Prague (not to be confused with Hilton Prague Old Town!).

Direction: Pobřežní 311/1, 186 00 Rohanský ostrov, Prague (Czech Republic)



LIST OF CHAIRS AND SPEAKERS

(In the order of their appearance in programme.)



Director Peter Sandler

Director for Enforcement, Market Access, SMEs, Legal Affairs and Technology, DG Trade, European Commission

Peter works for the European Commission's Trade Department, focused on enforcement and legal affairs, and increasingly different aspects of trade and security. That part of his work covers export controls, trade sanctions and the cooperation mechanism with Member States on foreign direct investment screening. He has spent most of his career „building“ Europe from the inside in a variety of roles and sectors, having graduated as a lawyer from Bristol University in the UK and the College of Europe in Bruges, Belgium. He joined the Commission in 1992 from the UK law firm, Bird & Bird.

He has always had a strong focus on communication, whether in work to open up Europe's telecoms markets in the 90s, as Commission spokesperson for the information society and business or in roles covering the EU's economic reform agenda and as member of the transition team for Commission President Jose-Manuel Barroso. Prior to his current role he was Director in DG Trade for Policy Coordination, Inter-institutional relations, Communications and Resources from 2012-2020.

When not in the office, you can find him travelling or behind a camera. He is married with two (usually) grown up sons.



Ambassador Bijan Sabet

US Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Czech Republic, US Embassy Prague

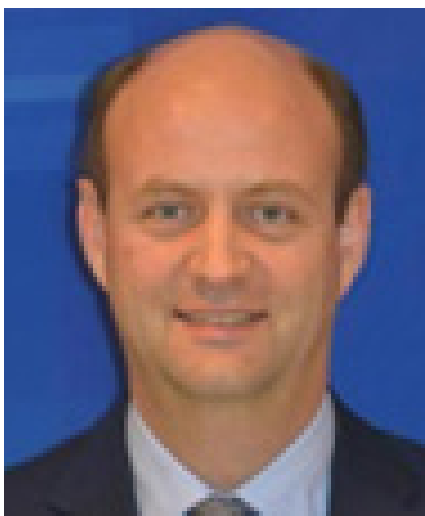
Bijan Sabet was sworn in as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the Czech Republic on December 16, 2022 and arrived in the Czech Republic on January 31, 2023. He presented his credentials to the President of the Czech Republic on February 15, 2023.

Prior to his appointment, Ambassador Sabet was co-founder of Spark Capital, a successful venture capital firm. Throughout his career, Ambassador Sabet focused on helping technology entrepreneurs reach their potential and build important global companies. In his role at Spark Capital, he led investments and served on the board of directors of early-stage startup companies that have transformed into global leaders. Ambassador Sabet led Spark's investment in Twitter in 2007 when there were just ten employees at the San Francisco based startup. His firm led early-stage investments in other iconic companies including Wayfair, Cruise

Automotive, Oculus, Slack, Tumblr, Warby Parker, Discord, Stack Overflow, and others that have led to the creation of tens of thousands of new jobs.

Ambassador Sabet also enjoyed mentoring both students and young professionals, particularly those from backgrounds that are underrepresented in the venture capital industry. Prior to co-founding Spark Capital in 2005, he worked as a senior executive in numerous technology startup companies in Silicon Valley, California, and Massachusetts.

Before his appointment, Ambassador Sabet served on the Board of Trustees of Boston College, where he earned a Bachelor of Science degree. He also served as a Trustee at St. Mark's School in Southborough, Massachusetts and Beaver Country Day School in Chestnut Hill, Massachusetts. Ambassador Sabet is married to Lauren Sabet, has three children, and is a passionate photographer.



Damien Levie, LL.M.

*Head of Unit, Technology & Security,
FDI Screening, DG Trade, European
Commission*

Damien Levie currently heads the unit Technology & Security, FDI Screening in the Directorate-General for Trade in the European Commission. In that capacity, he oversees the work of the screeners' team on all FDI cases and chairs the EU Investment Screening Expert Group of Member States and the Commission internal FDI Screening network. He also oversees the other teams in charge of the dual-use export control regime – including the new EU Regulation adopted on 19 May 2021 – and in charge of high tech sectors and trade. He joined the European Commission in 2001, working on issues including merger control policy, advised two Commissioners on internal economic files while in their Cabinets. Damien was a senior EU trade diplomat (Minister Counsellor) in Washington DC from 2014 to 2018, and helped manage the economic relations with the USA under Presidents Obama and Trump. He was also the EU deputy-chief negotiator for the Transatlantic Trade and Investment Partnership between the EU and the USA.



Jeffrey Lightfoot

Program Director, Europe, Center for International Private Enterprise

Jeff Lightfoot is Program Director, Europe at the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE) and leads CIPE's Europe-wide office in Bratislava, Slovakia. In this capacity, he is responsible for directing and growing CIPE's programming within the European Union member states and developing CIPE's relationship with European institutions.

Lightfoot brings to CIPE nearly 15 years of experience in advancing US-European relations at the strategic and commercial level. Prior to joining CIPE, he was a vice president at Jones Group International, an international business advisory firm in Vienna, Virginia headed by former NATO commander and US national security advisor General James Jones. Prior to joining the private sector, Jeff was a deputy director of the Scowcroft Institute for Strategy and Security at the Atlantic Council where he directed studies and grew programming on transatlantic and Mid East security.

Lightfoot holds a Masters in European and Eurasian Studies from the George Washington University's Elliott School of International Affairs and bachelor's degrees in French, business, and international affairs from Indiana University Bloomington. He is fluent in French and is learning Slovak.



Director General

Anders Ahnlid

Director General, The Swedish National Board of Trade

Anders Ahnlid is the Director-General of the National Board of Trade Sweden (Kommerskollegium), Sweden's government agency for international trade, the EU internal market and trade policy. From November 2016 until August 2020, he has been the Ambassador of the Embassy of Sweden in Finland, after being Ambassador of the Permanent Representation of Sweden to the European Union in Brussels (2013 – 2016), and the Delegation of Sweden to OECD and UNESCO in Helsinki (2011 – 2013). Mr. Ahnlid served as a Swedish negotiator during the GATT's so called Uruguay Round of 1988–1994.

Mr. Ahnlid has recently been appointed by the Swedish government to lead a working group that will investigate the possibilities of using frozen Russian for the reconstruction of Ukraine.



**Prof. JUDr Pavel Šturma,
DrSc.**

*Professor of Public International Law, Charles University, Prague;
Former Chair, UN International Law Commission*

Pavel Šturma is Full Professor of International Law, Charles University, Faculty of Law, and coordinator of the Research Centre for Human Rights. Graduated from Charles University in Law (JUDr, 1985), philosophy and economics (Mgr., 1992), and studied also at the Institut des Hautes Études Internationales (Université Paris 2 Panthéon-Assas). Before joining the teaching staff of the Faculty of Law, he served as a staff member of the United Nations Office at Vienna and (senior) research fellow at the Institute of Law of the Czech Academy of Sciences. He was member and former chairperson of the UN International Law Commission (2012-2022). He is member of the Czech national group at the Permanent Court of Arbitration and Judge ad hoc of the European Court of Human Rights. Member of the panel assisting the European Commission in the selection of candidates to perform the duties of members of international investment courts and tribunals. He also serves as President of the Czech Society of International Law and Editor-in-Chief of the Czech Yearbook of Public & Private International Law. He is author or co-author of 21 books and more than 220 articles and studies in International Law. He publishes in the field of State responsibility, international investment law, succession of States, and immunities in international law.



Dr Kim R. Holmes

Center for International Private Enterprise

Dr Kim R. Holmes served at The Heritage Foundation for more than three decades, first overseeing the Foundation's defense and foreign policy team for more than two decades, and then serving as Executive Vice President from 2018-2021. He is a former American diplomat and Assistant Secretary of State.

Holmes has written about America's place in the world and the changing political landscape, and many of his recommendations have become U.S. policy. His widely published works include the internationally acclaimed Heritage Foundation Index of Economic Freedom, his 2008 book *Liberty's Best Hope: American Leadership for the 21st Century*, 2013's *Rebound: Getting America Back to Great*; and *Closing of the Liberal Mind: How Groupthink and Intolerance Define the Left*, published in 2016.

Recognized around the globe as one of Washington's foremost foreign and defense policy experts, Holmes is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations, where he formerly served on the Washington Advisory Committee. He is also a Member of the Board of Directors of the Center for International Private Enterprise (CIPE). On August 1, 2019, Dr Holmes was confirmed by the Senate to the National Council on the Humanities.

While at the State Department from 2002-2005 as Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs, Holmes was responsible for developing policy and coordinating U.S. engagement at the United Nations and 46 other international organizations. Important goals achieved at that time included the U.N. mandates enabling Iraq to make the transition to democracy; the Security Council's first binding nonproliferation resolution; the U.N.'s first mandate requiring the Office of Internal Oversight Services to release reports to member states; an international outcry over Libya's assuming chairmanship of the Commission on Human Rights, which culminated in that body's refashioning; and establishment of the U.N. Democracy Caucus and U.N. Democracy Fund.



**Assistant Secretary
Paul M. Rosen**

*Assistant Secretary of the Treasury
for Investment Security, U.S. Department
of the Treasury*

Paul M. Rosen serves as the Assistant Secretary of the Treasury for Investment Security. Nominated by the President and confirmed with bipartisan support by the United States Senate on May 23, 2022, Mr. Rosen leads all operations and activities of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), the interagency Committee authorized by Congress to review certain foreign investment into U.S. businesses for national security risks. He oversees the review of hundreds of transaction filings each year often amounting to hundreds of billions of dollars in investment activity and is responsible for managing the Committee's recommendations to the President to suspend or prohibit transactions that threaten to impair the national security of the United States. He also guides the Committee's policy and international relations activities as well as the monitoring, compliance and enforcement of national security agreements executed to mitigate national security risk.

Mr. Rosen has more than 15 years of experience in national and homeland security and law enforcement matters. Prior to joining Treasury, Mr. Rosen served as a partner at an international law firm where he led the firm's national security practice and counseled on cybersecurity, privacy, and government investigations matters. Before joining private practice, Mr. Rosen served in public service for over a decade in senior roles in the federal government, including as Chief of Staff at the Department of Homeland Security and in various roles at the Department of Justice, including as a federal prosecutor in the Criminal Fraud Section, where he investigated and prosecuted financial crimes. For this work, Mr. Rosen was recognized by the Council of the Inspectors General on Integrity and Efficiency with the Investigative Award of Excellence.

Rosen started his legal career as Counsel on the Senate Judiciary Committee after clerking in the Central District of California for United States District Judge Gary Allen Feess (Ret.). Rosen received his J.D. from the University of Southern California where he graduated Order of the Coif, and his bachelor's degree, summa cum laude, from the University of Colorado.



Ambassador Ivo Germann
Head of the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs SECO, Foreign Economic Affairs Directorate

Ambassador Ivo Germann has been head of the Foreign Economic Affairs Directorate since 1 February 2023. Previously, he headed the Macroeconomic Support Section in the Economic Cooperation and Development Division. From 2019 to 2022, he was head of Economic, Trade and Financial Affairs at the Swiss Embassy in Washington, D.C. Ivo Germann joined SECO's Macroeconomic Support Section in August 2000 and was promoted to Deputy Head of Section in 2004. From 2007 to 2010, he was seconded to the European Bank for Reconstruction and Development (EBRD) in London serving as principal economist. On returning to SECO in 2010, he took over as head of Private Sector Development and was promoted to head of Operations South/East in January 2013.



Denis Redonnet
Deputy Director General and Chief Trade Enforcement Officer, DG Trade, European Commission

Denis Redonnet is an economist by training, and started his career as a corporate banker for a French bank in the city of London. Since 1995 he has been a career European Commission official, having held positions in the monetary, international economic affairs and internal market directorate generals of the EU Executive.

He served as advisor to EU Trade Commissioner Pascal Lamy and a Deputy chief of staff to EU Trade Commissioner Peter Mandelson. Afterwards he headed the WTO division and then the Strategy division in the Directorate General for Trade in the European Commission.

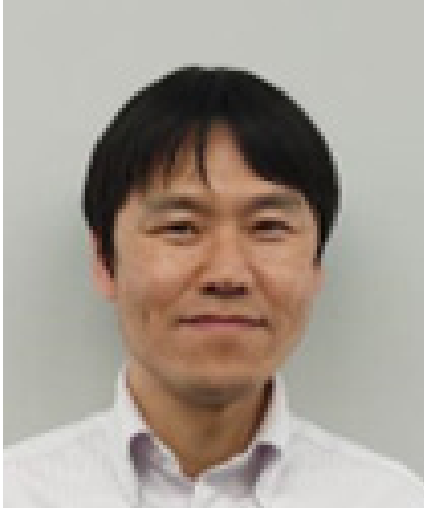
Between 2015 and 2020 he acted as Director for „WTO, Legal Affairs and Trade in Goods“ in the Directorate General for Trade in the European Commission.

In July 2020 he was appointed Deputy Director General and Chief Trade Enforcement Officer in the Directorate General for Trade in the European Commission.

Mgr. Ota Šimák

Director of the Trade Policy Department, Czech Ministry of Industry and Trade

Ota Šimák is the Director of Department of Trade Policy and International Economic Organizations, Ministry of Industry and Trade of the Czech Republic. He is one of the authors of the Czech regulation on investment screening.



Masahiro Tachibana

Director of International Investment Control Office, Trade Control Department, Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry of Japan

Mr Masahiro Tachibana has been Director of International Investment Control Office within Trade Control Department, under Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry (METI) since July 2022. He is responsible for leading all the procedures and decisions made on screening and monitoring individual cases of foreign direct investment into Japan which fall within the mandate of METI. He also plays a central role in policy making in areas relevant to investment such as review and revision to the business sectors subject to investment screening as well as crafting an outreach strategy to industries and other stakeholders.

Mr Tachibana has served as a government official for over 20 years with a wide range of tasks and responsibilities at the METI. During his carrier to date, he also served at the government-related organization and the international organization.

Recently, Mr Tachibana assumed a team leader in charge of different mandates, including trade negotiators for market access of goods, negotiations and designs of rules of origin applicable to FTAs, bilateral trade relationship with Canada and Mexico, and international cooperation in the power sector before taking over the current position. He also worked for the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) for 3 years as Public Communication Specialist until July 2020 where he led several important projects with tangible outcomes.



Prof. Dr Jill Goldenziel

Professor, U.S. National Defense University

Dr Jill Goldenziel is a professor at the US National Defense University's College of Information and Cyberspace, a non-resident Fellow at NATO's ACO/SHAPE Office of Legal Affairs, and an Affiliated Scholar at the University of Pennsylvania's Fox Leadership International Program and Program on Innovation, Cross-Sector Collaboration, Leadership, and Organization. She is a Forbes.com contributor on National Security. She is in the top 10 percent of most-downloaded authors on the Social Science Research Network, making her one of the most widely-read social scientists in the world. Her award-winning scholarship focuses on international and constitutional law, lawfare, information warfare, and migration. She regularly advises military and government leaders on

her areas of expertise, including Combatant Commands, USAID, and Special Operations Forces, and has deployed to the Philippines with an elite Marine unit to advise on lawfare and information operations during exercise Balikatan. In 2022, NATO OCA/SHAPE Office of Legal Affairs awarded Dr Goldenziel the Serge Lazareff Prize for her work as a scholar-practitioner of legal operations (lawfare). Her work inspired the U.S. Indo-Pacific Command's Counter-Lawfare Program. Since 2016, in her personal capacity, she has worked on the negotiations and implementation of the UN Global Compact for Migration, speaking alongside world leaders at the Conference to adopt it in Marrakech in 2018, and speaking as academia's representative at the 2022 International Migration Review Forum. She is a Neutral at the International Institute for Conflict Prevention and Resolution and a Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and has served as an assistant (clerk) on three ICSID Tribunals. She serves on the Executive Council of the American Society of International Law. Previously, Dr Goldenziel served for 6 years at Marine Corps University, where she was promoted to become the only female full Professor at Command and Staff College. She holds a Ph.D. and A.M. in Government from Harvard, a J.D. from NYU Law, and an A.B. from Princeton.



Joffrey Celestin-Urbain

Chef du Service de l'Information stratégique et de la sécurité économiques (SISSE), Direction générale des Entreprises

Joffrey Celestin-Urbain heads the department for Strategic Information and Economic Security (SISSE), at the Directorate General for Enterprises (Ministry of Economy and Finance). He was born in 1981 and graduated from the Institut d'Etudes Politiques de Paris (Sciences Po Paris) and the Ecole Nationale d'Administration (ENA).

He was deputy head of the Environment, Agriculture and Climate change policy Office, at the Directorate General of the Treasury (2006-2008), deputy Secretary General of the "Paris Club" and deputy head of the International Debt Office (2008-2009), head of Carbon markets » at the Directorate General for Energy and Climate change (Ministry of environment and energy, 2009-2010). He then joined the staff of M. Pierre Lellouche, Minister for Trade (2010-2011) as an advisor on trade finance, and bilateral trade between Africa and the MENA Region. In 2012, he was appointed as head of the Environment, Agriculture and Climate change policy Office at the Directorate General of the Treasury (2012-2014), before joining the Interamerican Development Bank in Washington, as Executive Director for France, Spain, Austria, Sweden, Finland, Denmark and Norway (2014-2017).

Before he joined the SISSE in October 2018, Joffrey CELESTIN-URBAIN was Deputy Assistant Secretary for bilateral economic relations at the Directorate General of the Treasury (2017-2018).



Prof. Dr Stephan F. Wernicke
Chief Legal Officer, German Chamber of Commerce and Industry

Prof. Dr Stephan F. Wernicke is Chief Legal Officer of the German Chamber of Commerce and Industry (DIHK, representing approx. 3,5 million commercial enterprises in Germany coordinating the network of 150 bilateral Chambers of Commerce abroad) and Professor for European Law, European Economic and Competition Law at Humboldt-University Berlin. He holds a PhD in Law from Humboldt-University. Since 2023 he serves as Chairman of the Board of the newly established Court of Arbitration of the German Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He is Vice-President of the German Foundation for International Legal Cooperation (IRZ). Prior assignments include: Member of Cabinet of the Vice President of the European Commission; DG Competition of the European Commission; Head of Cabinet, Chambers of the German Judge at the European Court of Justice, Luxemburg. He advises and is a renowned speaker on German and European Legal Policy and Alternative Dispute Resolution. His work as counsel and arbitrator includes investment protection.



Andrew J. Pahutski
Vice President, Economic Security Systems Planning and Analysis

Mr. Andrew Pahutski is the Vice President for Economic Security Programs at Systems Planning and Analysis (SPA), Inc. since 2022. Mr. Pahutski focusses on expanding SPA's portfolio in the areas of economic security and international foreign direct investment.

Mr. Pahutski joined SPA after 27 years of combined civilian and military service. As a member of the Senior Executive Service, he held various leadership positions across the Office of Secretary of Defense and the Department of the Army. Most recently he served as Director, Foreign Investment Review, in the office of the Under Secretary of Acquisition and Sustainment – Industrial Base Policy. In this capacity he served as both senior advisor to the Secretary of Defense and the Department of Defense's representative to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States. Reviews are conducted on behalf of the President of the United States.



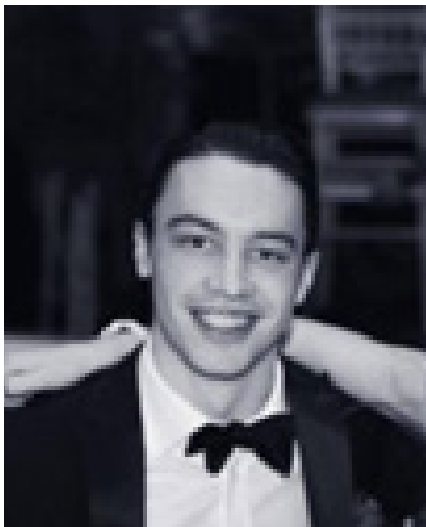
Deputy Director

Andrew Preston

Head, Investment Security and Organised Crime, Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office, UK Government

Andrew is responsible for Investment security and organised crime in the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office. He oversees the department's contribution to the UK's National Security and Investment Act which screens inward investment into sensitive sectors of the UK.

This is part of the UK's growing range of economic security tools that seek to protect the UK from hostile action by other states. Andrew has more than 20 years' experience as a civil servant, working for most of this as a governance adviser in the Department for International development. He has also worked in Cabinet Office and the Home Office. Andrew's experience includes programme design and implementation, bilateral and multilateral representation and leadership of policy teams. He has been posted overseas in Africa, South Asia and the US.



Gareth Heywood

Head of Government Relations, Datenna

Gareth Heywood is the Head of Government Relations at Datenna, a Dutch company specialised in building open-source intelligence tools for governments. Gareth is responsible for steering Datenna's commercial expansion in the EMEA regions and guiding its advocacy strategy. Datenna builds data-driven economic intelligence software on the Chinese industry and innovation landscape to help close the information gap, create transparency, and help governments worldwide to make well-informed decisions in relation to China.

A frequent contributor to debates concerning China, advanced technologies, national security and defence, he has spoken at conferences across Europe on these topics as well as publishing multiple times in various formats. He holds a Master of Arts from the University of Leiden where he was President and Vice President of the International Studies Student Association.



**Ass.-Prof. Dr Lena Hornkohl,
LL.M.**

Deputy Director, CELIS Institute; Assistant Professor, Vienna University

Lena Hornkohl is a Deputy Director at the CELIS Institute and Assistant Professor at the Vienna University. She studied law in Heidelberg and Uppsala. After obtaining her first state exam in 2014, she completed her legal clerkship at the Higher Regional Court Karlsruhe (with stages, inter alia, at the European Commission) and completed the second state exam in 2016. After having earned a master's degree from the College of Europe in European Law and Economic Analysis in 2019, she received a Ph.D. from the University of Heidelberg for a dissertation on the protection of confidential information in private enforcement of European Competition Law in 2020.

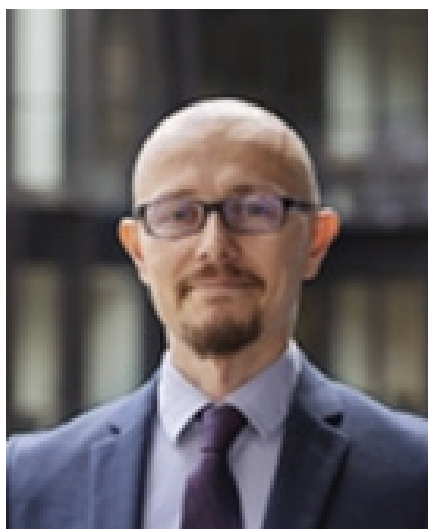
During her doctoral studies, she worked as a Research Assistant at the Chair for Civil Law, Corporate and Commercial Law, European Law and Comparative Law of Professor Müller-Graff at the University of Heidelberg. In 2019, she commenced her work as a lawyer in the competition law department of a major international law firm in Brussels before joining the Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law as a Senior Research Fellow in the Department of European and Comparative Procedural Law in 2020. She has taught at the National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy, the University of Trier, the University of Applied Sciences for the Administration of Justice of North Rhine-Westphalia and the Justice Academy of North Rhine-Westphalia. She is currently pursuing her postdoctoral studies (Habilitation) at the University of Heidelberg under the supervision of Professor Burkhard Hess. In 2022, she was appointed as Tenure Track Professor for European Law at the University of Vienna. Her research interests focus on European, Economic, Private, Procedural and Comparative Law.



Ana-Maria Belacurencu (nee Popa)

Case handler, Foreign Investment Department, Romanian Competition Council

Ana Maria Belacurencu (Popa) is working within the Romanian Competition Council since 2017. Starting with 2021, Mrs. Belacurencu is charged with the responsibility of drafting Romania's foreign direct investment screening legislation. Post the successful enactment of Romania's FDI screening legislation Mrs. Belacurencu assumed the position of policy and legal case advisor to the President of the Romanian Competition Council. In this capacity she is directly responsible for the conduct of national security reviews of Foreign Direct Investments (FDI) in Romania. Mrs. Belacurencu also serves as Romania's focal to EU Member States and the European Commission on the examination of foreign investments. Beyond Mrs. Belacurencu's FDI responsibilities she also leads several international efforts to advance Romania's economic policies to include a multi-lateral cooperation program with the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development. Mrs. Belacurencu holds a law degree from the Faculty of Law, University of Bucharest.



Romain Rard

Chair of the Foreign Investments Taskforce, Invest Europe; Partner, Gide Loyrette Nouel

Romain Rard is the Chair of the Foreign Investments Taskforce at Invest Europe, the world's largest association of private capital providers. Invest Europe represents Europe's private equity, venture capital and infrastructure investment firms, as well as their investors, including some of Europe's largest pension funds and insurers.

Admitted to the Paris Bar in 2012, Romain Rard is also a partner at Gide Loyrette Nouel within Gide's Economic & European Law team, working out of the firm's Brussels office. His practice focuses in particular on EU regulatory matters (financial services, telecoms, media, transport, chemical industry, etc.) and on French and EU competition law (State aid, merger control, and antitrust).

Romain represents European and national trade associations, as well as leading market players, and in this capacity advises on rule-making and policy implementation processes of European institutions and EU agencies.

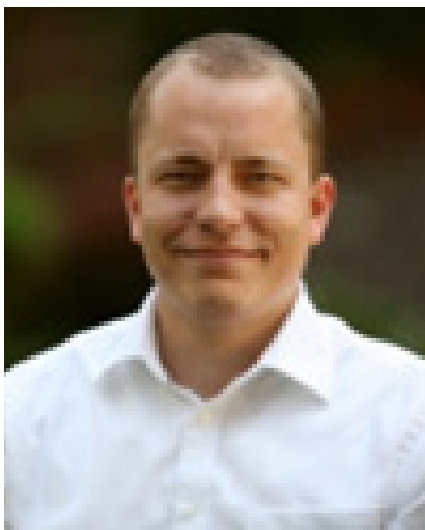
Romain has developed in-depth knowledge of EU processes and gained solid expertise regarding prudential matters, taxation, and anti-money laundering, as well as ESG matters and sustainable finance. Romain is a graduate of Lyon III and McGill Universities.



Juan Ignacio Gonzalez Bastero joined the European Court of Auditors in December 1999. Since 2014, he is the Principal Manager of the European Court of Auditors, responsible for the Chamber IV on “Regulation of markets and competitive economy”.

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Petr Lang

Member of the Department of Trade Policy, Czech Ministry of Industry and Trade



Pierre-Marie Voegeli

Deputy Head, Control of Foreign Investment Unit, French Treasury

Pierre-Marie Voegeli joined the French Treasury in 2020 as Deputy Head of the European Strategy Unit, in charge of coordinating, for the Ministry of Economy and Finance, the French Presidency of the EU Council during the first semester 2022. Since October 2022, he is Deputy Head of the Foreign Direct Investments Screening Unit and acts inter alia as point of contact on EU cooperation issues.

Prior to the French Treasury, he began his career in the Budget Department of the French Ministry of the Economy and Finance. He graduated from ESCP Business School and is an alumni of Ecole Nationale d'Administration.



Dr Alexandra Leoni

Head of Unit, Investment Control, Austrian Federal Ministry of Labour and Economy

Dr Alexandra Leoni Head of the Investment Control Unit at the Austrian Federal Ministry of Labour and Economy. She is responsible for the enforcement of the Austrian Investment Control Act and the corresponding regulations at the European level as well as the trade defence instruments and EU third country procedures in this area. She studied law and translation and interpretation. After joining the federal service, she gained experience in the cabinet of Commissioner Johannes Hahn in Brussels.



Dr Angelika Milger

Deputy Head, German Ministry for Economic Affairs and Climate Action

Angelika Milger is the Deputy Head of Unit at the Investment Screening Unit of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy. She studied law and rhetoric at the University of Tübingen between 2006 and 2009. She studied law at Humboldt University Berlin from 2009 to 2012 and she passed the first state examination in 2012 before the second one in 2014. Prior to joining the Division for Investment Screening at the Federal Ministry for Economic Affairs and Energy in 2019, she worked in an international law firm in Berlin as an attorney-at-law. In 2020 she obtained her PhD at the University of Potsdam with her thesis on liability between the federal and the state level in Germany.



Dr Dimitri Slobodenjuk

Partner, Clifford Chance

Dr Dimitri Slobodenjuk is partner in the Düsseldorf office of Clifford Chance. He holds a PhD degree from the University of Münster and a master's degree from the University of the West of England in Bristol. Dimitri focuses on advice under the German foreign direct investment rules. He represents clients in respective proceedings as well as negotiations with the German government. Dimitri regularly publishes legal articles in this area and is the vice chairman of the German FDI Forum (Forum Investitionsprüfung e.V.). In addition, Dimitri advises a broad range of clients on all areas of European and German merger control and antitrust law.



Dr Leonard Freiherr von Rummel

Senior Associate at Blomstein

Dr Leonard von Rummel is a senior associate at the German law firm BLOMSTEIN, specialised in public procurement and international trade law. His expertise covers export controls and sanctions law as well as anti-dumping and safeguard measures. Additionally, he regularly advises international companies in German foreign investment control proceedings in connection with cross-border M&A transactions. Furthermore, Leonard focusses on excise duties (especially on energy, electricity as well as alcohol taxes). He regularly represents his clients in proceedings in front of customs authorities, the European Commission and the German Federal Office for Economic Affairs and Export Control (BAFA) as well as in front of the administrative and fiscal courts. In procurement law Leonard supports both contracting authorities and tenderers in procurement procedures and represents their interests in front of the review bodies. Focussed areas include Infrastructure and Health Care.

Leonard studied law at the Eberhard-Karls University of Tübingen, the Université Aix-Marseille III, France (Maîtrise en droit international et européen) and the Stellenbosch University, South Africa (LL.M.). His legal traineeship completed Leonard at the Hansetic Higher Regional Court in Hamburg with stations at Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology and law firms in Hamburg and Shanghai.



Senator Pavel Fischer

Senator and Chairman of Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Security of the Czech Senate

Pavel Fischer is a Senator representing Prague 12 in the Czech Parliament, where he sits as an independent. He is the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defence and Security and is a former presidential candidate.

Senator Fischer previously served as Czech Ambassador to France from 2003 to 2010 and was a candidate in the presidential elections of 2018. He was elected to the Czech Senate in 2018.



Jill McClune

General Counsel, Avon Protection Systems, Inc.

Jill McClune is the General Counsel, US, for Avon Protection Systems, a recognized global market leader in respiratory and head protection systems, for military, law enforcement, industrial, and tactical Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) deployment strategies. In this role, Jill is responsible for contracts and legal matters in the Americas including federal contracting, security and trade compliance, and human resources.

Ms. McClune has extensive experience in federal, state, and local government contracting, with particular emphasis with the Department of Defense and the Department of Homeland Security. Jill has spent her career working for foreign owned US defense companies providing expertise to address their unique security, export compliance and foreign ownership issues. Jill has provided significant support during M&A transactions, most of which have been subject to the Committee on Foreign Investment in the United States (CFIUS), including overall responsibility for due diligence, negotiations, and post-acquisition integration. Ms. McClune leads the trade compliance team that fully manages all import and exports in the United States and supports licensing and shipments in the United Kingdom. Prior to joining Avon Protection, she held similar roles for Smith Detection where she was also responsible for management of its defense facility security program. Jill has her bachelor's degree from the University of Maryland College Park and a law degree from the University of Maryland Law School.

Jill McClune volunteers extensively supporting defense communities in Maryland and across our nation. She is the past

president and current legislative lead for the Army Alliance focused on Aberdeen Proving Ground. She co-chairs the Maryland Military Installation Council's workforce working group. Jill also co-chairs the Federal Outreach Advisory Committee for the Association of Defense Communities steering their advocacy initiatives. In this role, she has been working with the various federal constituencies on how to improve a defense community's ability to support the CFIUS FIRRMA reforms, particularly as it relates to real estate transactions around US military installations.



Julia Friedlander

Nonresident Senior Fellow, Atlantic Council; CEO, Atlantik-Brücke

Julia Friedlander joined Atlantik-Brücke, Germany's top platform for transatlantic exchange and professional network, as chief executive officer in June 2022. Before coming to Berlin, she spent two years at the Atlantic Council as the founding director of the Economic Statecraft Initiative, which handles the intersection between finance, economics and national security. She spent a decade in the U.S. government. She was senior policy advisor for Europe in the Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence at the U.S. Treasury from 2015 to 2017 and from 2019 to 2020, focusing on global sanctions policy and financial regulation, and as a macroeconomist in the Department of International Affairs. From April 2017 to July 2019, she was detailed to the White House as the director for the European Union, Southern Europe, and Economic Affairs at the National Security Council, where she coordinated U.S. executive branch policy on transatlantic relations and the European Union and staffing the national security advisor. Before joining the Treasury in 2015, she held multiple analytical positions within the Central Intelligence Agency, focusing on global economic stability and energy security.

Ms. Friedlander holds a BA in European history from Princeton University and an MA in international economics and international relations from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. Before graduate school, she spent two years in Berlin with a grant from the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) at the German Council on Foreign Relations and The German Marshall Fund of the United States.



Vladimír Vaňo

Chief Economist, GLOBSEC

Vladimír Vaňo is the Chief Economist at GLOBSEC, a global think-tank based in Bratislava committed to enhancing security, prosperity and sustainability in Europe and throughout the world. His career began at the WWF and later at the Foundation for Civil Society, where he worked on supporting and building the capacity of civil society organisations in Slovakia. His business and economics experience began at a big four consulting and auditing company. He later entered the banking sector as the assistant to the Chief Economist of a global banking group, working his way to the position of Slovakia's Chief Economist and the Head of Research of an international banking group headquartered in Vienna. In this role, he covered macroeconomics, financial markets, and banking sector research for the CEE region. Vano also served as a Senior Policy Advisor to the Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Ivan Mikloš, among others.

Vladimir previously served on the board of directors and supervisory board of the Pontis Foundation, International Advisory Board of the Vienna University of Economics and Business, the board of the British Chamber of Commerce in the Slovak Republic, as well as on the supervisory boards of the EIB-funded Venture for Future Fund and Export-Import Bank of Slovakia.

Vladimir is alumnus of Wirtschaftsuniversität Wien and Carlson School of Management. A laureate of the Rector's Academic Award of Comenius University in Bratislava, he studied at its College of Management, and thanks to competitively won scholarships also at the College of Charleston, Georgetown and New York University. He also attended courses at the Graduate School of Management of St. Petersburg State University (Russia), Sun Yat-Sen University (China) and Indian School of Business. He is also a member of Mensa.



Eric Hontz

Director, Center For Accountable Investment, CIPE

Eric Hontz leads CIPE’s Center for Accountable Investment which uses the lens of Corrosive and Constructive Capital to examine the impact of investment on democratic and market institutions. The CAI’s work sits at the confluence of corporate governance, the rule of law, and the business and investment climate, with patterns of trade and investment worldwide. Hontz is active in developing the capacity of business organizations to advocate on behalf of member interests and helping these organizations to foster a culture of inclusive business growth. In prior roles, Hontz was an associate at a law firm and a vice president at an investment bank, where he reviewed complex alternative investment products. He is frequently featured in media as an expert on economic reform and policy in Ukraine and other former Soviet states.

Hontz holds Bachelor’s degrees in Russian and Political Science from the University of Montana, a JD/MBA from the University of Maryland, and is licensed to practice law in Maryland. Hontz also spent time studying at the Russian State University for Humanities, holds a certificate from the Institute Organization Management for nonprofit management from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, and served in the Peace Corps in Severodonetsk, Lugansk Oblast, Ukraine. Hontz sits on the board of the University of Maryland School of Law Alumni Association and is an active volunteer in various roles in Baltimore’s civil society organizations.



Dr Fabian Zuleeg

Chief Executive, European Policy Center

Since October 2013, Dr Fabian Zuleeg has been Chief Executive of the European Policy Centre, with overall responsibility, including providing strategic direction, managing its staff and resources and representing the EPC. He remains Chief Economist at the same time (a post he has held since January 2010). Fabian holds a PhD on the political economy of EU accession from Edinburgh University. Before coming to the EPC, he worked as an economic analyst in academia, the public and the private sector.

His analysis focuses on the political economy of the future of European integration in the context of political dis-cohesion within the EU and a contested, challenging global landscape. His current work is concentrated on determining how Europe can meet the triple challenge of the watershed of Russia’s invasion of Ukraine, the fundamental transformations Europe has to go through (technological revolution, climate change mitigation and demographic change), and the Permacrisis, a term he coined with EPC colleagues in 2021.

Fabian also focuses on transnational cooperation between European Think Tanks, with the aim of increasing the capacity, ethics and sustainability of the sector. He is currently a Member of the Executive Board of Transparency International EU, Honorary Fellow at the Europa Institute of the University of Edinburgh and Honorary Professor at Heriot-Watt University. He also chairs the International Philanthropy Committee for the King Baudouin Foundation.



Dr Akira Igata

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Akira Igata is a Project Lecturer at the Research Center for Advanced Science and Technology at the University of Tokyo. He is also an Adjunct Senior Fellow at Pacific Forum, a US-based think tank, Senior Fellow at the Australian Strategic Policy Institute (ASPI), and a Non-Executive Director at the Inter-Parliamentary Alliance on China (IPAC). He advises the Japanese government, bureaucracy, and the private sector in various capacities.

His research expertise includes Economic security, Human rights diplomacy, Counter-disinformation, Cellular agriculture and International Politics in the Indo-Pacific.



Prof. Dr Bimal N. Patel

Vice Chancellor, Rashtriya Raksha University; Member of the Indian National Security Advisory Board and the International Law Commission

Professor Bimal N. Patel is the Vice-Chancellor (Rector) of the Rashtriya Raksha University (National Security University) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, India. In addition, he is serving as a Member of the National Security Advisory Board, an advisory board to the National Security Council of India, headed by the Prime Minister of India. He is also a Member of the United Nations International Law Commission. Furthermore, Professor Patel is the Author and Editor of works on the International Court of Justice, the International Tribunal for Law of the Sea, the ICTY, and on the National Security of India and International Law and International Litigation and Arbitration.



Thomas 'Skip' Mark

Senior Counsel for the Commercial Law Development Program of the U.S. Department of Commerce

Skip Mark is a Senior Counsel for the Commercial Law Development Program (CLDP) of the U.S. Department of Commerce Office of the General Counsel. As Senior Counsel, Mr. Mark oversees CLDP's Europe-Eurasia Team, managing a team of attorney advisors, international program specialists, and experts as they design and implement technical assistance projects that enhance the business enabling environments in the region. Skip has worked extensively on a broad scope of commercial law reform issues in the Caucasus and Eastern Europe that include IP, judicial capacity building, alternative dispute resolution, and investment screening. Prior to joining CLDP, Mr. Mark worked as a Managing Attorney at the D.C. Bar Pro Bono Center, training and mentoring attorneys involved in pro bono cases and supervising legal clinics to address emerging needs. Prior to law school, Skip served for two years as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Turkmenistan. Mr. Mark received his law degree from Washington University School of Law, where he graduated with honors and was a David Becker Public Service Fellow. He holds a B.A. in history and political science from the University of Delaware.



Mila Malairău

Executive Director, American Chamber of Commerce

Mila Malairău is the Executive Director at the American Chamber of Commerce in Moldova. She has joined the American Chamber of Commerce in 2007 as Project Manager.

The American Chamber of Commerce in Moldova (AmCham Moldova) is a non-governmental non-profit organization comprising 161 members from a diverse spectrum of businesses; from large foreign investors to small enterprises, that operate domestically and abroad.



Dorieke Overduin

Senior Advisor at Sovereign Arbitration Advisors

Dorieke Overduin holds a LL.B. in International and European Law and a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations from Groningen University. Dorieke completed her legal education in the Netherlands with a LL.M in Globalization and Law from Maastricht University and additionally, a LL.M of Georgetown University Law Centre with distinction.

Ms. Overduin has worked in the field of international trade and investment since 2014. Presently, she serves as Senior Counsel at Sovereign Arbitration Advisors, where she specializes in providing expert legal counsel throughout all stages of international arbitration proceedings. Dorieke’s background is firmly rooted in the public sector, both in the EU and in the Netherlands. She was part of the EU’s negotiation teams with the United States (TTIP) and Canada (CETA), is the author of the 2019 Dutch model bilateral investment treaty and has headed the team responsible for defending the Netherlands in climate litigation and arbitration proceedings. At the Ministry, she was tasked with the implementation of an investment screening mechanism and the operational aspects thereof.

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**Prof. Dr Steffen Hindelang,
LL.M.**

Executive Director of the CELIS Institute and Professor of Investment and Trade Law at the Uppsala University

Steffen Hindelang is a co-founder of the CELIS Institute which was set up in 2020 as a permanent successor to the International Conference on a Common European Law on Investment Screening (CELIS) in 2019. Steffen served as one of the Institute's two directors between 2020 and 2023 and, after the Institute's incorporation as a non-profit undertaking in 2023, acts as Executive Director.

Steffen Hindelang is full professor of international investment and trade law at Uppsala University in Sweden. He teaches and researches in the areas of international economic law, esp. international investment law, arbitration, and investment security, EU law, and German public law. He is also adjunct faculty at Technical University Berlin. He is senior fellow at the Walter Hallstein Institute of European Constitutional Law at Humboldt-Universität zu Berlin and academic advisor to the International Investment Law Centre Cologne (IILCC). Previously, he was guest professor at, among others, the University of Uppsala as a Riksbankens Jubileumsfond – Alexander von Humboldt Stiftung Swedish Prize Laureate, at Nagoya University, Bocconi University Milan, the University of Lausanne, the Charles University Prague, the Moscow State Institute of International Relations (MGIMO), and the Turkish-German University Istanbul.

Furthermore, he has advised, inter alia, European governments and businesses on EU and German investment screening regulations as well as in international investment disputes and international organisations, such as UNCTAD, on matters of reform of the current international investment law regime. He was repeatedly invited by the European Parliament's INTA Committee to prepare studies on the evolution of the EU Common Commercial Policy in the area of investment. He was also involved in the Achmea proceedings, in particular in the German courts, and has served as EU law expert in support of the Kingdom of Spain in several ICSID and SCC arbitrations, Green Power among them, as well as in numerous US Court proceedings in Novenergia, Eiser, Antin, Masdar, and others. In the Swedish Supreme Court, he acted as expert in support of the Republic of Poland in PL Holdings. He assisted the Republic of Croatia before German courts in obtaining an interim injunction against investment arbitration proceedings.

He has acted as ICSID arbitrator and serves at the ICSID Panel of Conciliators designated by the Federal Republic of Germany for the term 2019-2025 and the List of European Union Candidates Suitable for Appointment as Arbitrators and TSD Experts.



Dr Roland Stein

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Dr Roland M. Stein joined the CELIS Institute as Deputy Director in 2023. He is an international trade law expert and one of the founding partners of the leading law boutique BLOMSTEIN in Berlin, Germany. Roland Stein specialises in public procurement law and international trade law, particularly in the fields of energy, general industry, infrastructure, IT and technology as well as in the defence and security sector. He advises international companies (and sometimes the government) in German foreign investment control proceedings in connection with cross-border M&A transactions. His expertise also covers other international trade law areas such as customs law and excise taxes, as well as export control and sanctions law.

He is regularly ranked as one of the leading lawyers for “Trade and Customs”, “International Sanctions” and “Foreign Investment Review” by Who’s Who Legal. He is also recommended by JUVE and The Legal 500 and is listed in WorldECR’s Directory of Experts as a specialist for export control and sanctions compliance.

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