



CODE '11 | Budapest Conference on Democracy and Human Rights

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The CODE is the common initiative of the International Centre for Democratic Transition and the Tom Lantos Institute.

Our main goal is to launch a new series of annual conferences dealing with the most important issues of democracy and human rights.

This year's conference will focus on two democracy-related topics that are currently high on the agenda of the EU and the transatlantic community. These topics are the developments concerning the democratic processes in the neighborhood of the European Union and the question of Roma integration.

The European Commission has outlined a new strategy to tackle the social and economic exclusion of the large Roma community in Europe. It would serve as the framework for national Roma integration strategies, providing a new approach to the issue.

The Tunisian revolution resulted in a wave of democracy movements in the BMNEA region. common characteristics, the goals, instruments and results are different. The reactions of the EU and the US to these developments are worth thorough analysis.

The current changes may easily draw away the attention from the Eastern Partnership countries. Although they were the top priority both for the US and the EU (some of them due to their developments such as Moldova and Georgia and some of them due to recent setbacks such as Ukraine and Belarus), this approach may change at least on the level of available financial instruments.

Date: 28th of June, 2011

Venue: Museum of Ethnography, 12 Kossuth Lajos tér, Budapest 1055



9:00 – 9:15 OPENING REMARKS

Prof. Dr. István Gyarmati President of the Centre for Democracy Public Foundation

09:15 – 10:15 KEYNOTE SPEECHES

H.E. János Martonyi Minister of Foreign Affairs of Hungary, Honorary Board Member of the ICDT

Dr. Tomicah Tillemann Senior Advisor to the Secretary for Civil Society and Emerging Democracies

DVD message from **His Royal Highness El Hassan bin Talal**, Prince of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan

10:15 – 10:30 COFFEE BREAK

10:30 – 12:00 THE SITUATION OF THE ROMA IN EUROPE

Moderator

Dr. Rita Izsák President and CEO, Tom Lantos Institute

Speakers

Ms. Lívia Járóka Member of the European Parliament, EPP Group,
Rapporteur of the European Roma Strategy

Mr. Jeroen G.C. Schokkenbroek Special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma Issues,
Council of Europe

Mr. Andrzej Mirga Senior Adviser on Roma and Sinti Issues, OSCE, ODIHR

12:00 – 12:45 DEMOCRACY IN CENTRAL EUROPE – PUBLIC PERCEPTION

Introduction of the common research project of the ICDT and GfK Hungary Market Research Institute

Prof. Dr. Rudolf Bretschneider GfK Austria

Dr. Ákos Kozák GfK Hungária

12:45 – 13:45 LUNCH BREAK

13:45 – 15:15 EASTERN PARTNERSHIP COUNTRIES ON THE PATHWAY TO EUROPE – SUCCESSES AND FAILURES IN TERMS OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Moderator

Dr. Nicu Popescu Senior Research Fellow, European Council on Foreign Relations

Speakers

H.E. Giorgi Baramidze Vice-Prime Minister of Georgia and State Minister for Euro-Atlantic Integration

H.E. Iurie Leancă Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs and European Integration of the Republic of Moldova

Mr. Zsolt Németh State Secretary of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hungary

Mr. Aleksander Milinkievich Movement for Freedom, Republic of Belarus

15:15 – 15:30 COFFEE BREAK

15:30 – 15:45 KEYNOTE SPEECH

H.E. David T. Killion Ambassador and U.S. Permanent Representative to UNESCO

15:45 – 17:00 WAVE OF DEMOCRACY MOVEMENTS IN THE ARAB WORLD

Moderator

Dr. Amine Mahfoudh High Authority for the Implementation of the Objectives of the Revolution and the Democratic Transition, Tunisian Republic

Speakers

Mr. Kurt Volker Former United States Permanent Representative to NATO

H.E. Hassan Abu Nimah Director of the Regional Human Security Centre, Amman, Jordan and Advisor to Prince of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan HRH El Hassan bin Talal

Mr. Ahmed Ezz El-Arab Vice President, Wafd Party, Arab Republic of Egypt

17:00 – 17:10 CONCLUDING REMARKS

Prof. Dr. István Gyarmati President of the Center for Democracy Public Foundation