

Ten Years After – Remembering 9/11

Objectives

The aim of this project is to organize a half-day conference in order to remember September 11, 2011. Conference participants will reflect upon the tragedy and its effect on politics, international affairs, and the future. The event will serve as both a memorial to the victims of the tragedy and a forum for discussion of pressing issues that face our world today as a result of the attacks.

Background

September 11, 2011, will mark the tenth anniversary of the day terrorists hijacked American passenger airliners and crashed them into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon. The tragedy claimed the lives of nearly 3,000 civilians. The events of that day can never be forgotten, and they have changed our world—and our future—in many ways. The tragedy transformed world politics, and while ten years have passed, we continue to explore its causes and implications.

Project Description

In cooperation with the Central European University and the U.S. Embassy, the International Centre for Democratic Transition organizes the conference around two main panels. The first panel will analyze how September 11 changed the world. Experts will discuss the effect of the attacks on public life in the U.S., its political consequences in Europe, political Islam since 2001, security issues, and human rights. The second panel will shift to discussing the next ten years and the continuing impact of September 11 in the future. This section will explore the role of governments and international organizations, immigration and social integration in Europe, the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, and democratic structures in the so-called “Twitter Revolution”. Both panels will be made up of a diverse set of experts, including academics and experienced practitioners, who will share their views and expertise in an effort to analyze the complex worldwide changes that took place as a result of the September 11, 2001 tragedies.