

The Blanka Rosenstiel Lecture Series on Poland

European and Eurasian Studies Program



Democracy: Past and Present in Central Europe Conference

**Monday, Oct. 28, 2019 | 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM | FIU - Modesto A. Maidique Campus
11200 SW 8th Street—Miami, FL 33199—MARC Building—MARC Pavilion 290**

Eighty years since the German invasion of Poland and 30 years since the fall of the Berlin Wall, the European and Eurasian Studies Program at FIU, in collaboration with The American Institute of Polish Culture and The Honorary Consulate of the Republic of Poland, is pleased to invite you to a conference on democracy in Central Europe.



• 10:00 am | Registration and Coffee

• 10:15 am | Welcome

- John F. Stack, Founding Dean, Steven J. Green School of International and Public Affairs, FIU
- David J. Kramer, Director, European & Eurasian Studies Program; Senior Fellow in the Václav Havel Program for Human Rights and Diplomacy, FIU



• 10:30 am - 10:45 am | Opening Remarks: Polish Ambassador Piotr Wilczek

• 10:45 am - 12:15 pm | Panel 1: Marking Anniversaries

The Start of WWII and the Invasion of Poland and the Fall of the Berlin Wall

- Polish Ambassador Piotr Wilczek
- Rebecca Friedman, Associate Professor of History; Director of the Wolfsonian Public Humanities Lab; Faculty Fellow, Office of the Provost, FIU
- Martin Palouš, SIPA Senior Fellow, Director of SIPA's Václav Havel Center for Human Rights and Diplomacy initiative
- Suzanne Zwingel, Associate Professor, Politics & International Relations, FIU



Moderated by Beata Paszyc, Honorary Vice Consul of the Republic of Poland, and Executive Director, The American Institute of Polish Culture



• 12:15 - 1:30 pm | Break

• 1.30 - 3:00 pm | Panel 2: State of Democracy Today in Central Europe

- Ian Brzezinski, American foreign policy and military affairs expert
 - Ted Kontek, Former Foreign Service Officer at U.S. Department of State
 - Tatiana Kostadinova, Professor, Politics & International Relations, SIPA, FIU
- Moderated by Markus Thiel, Associate Professor in Politics & International Relations; Director, Miami-Florida Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, FIU



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