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Sunday, July 2

- 01:00 – Arrival of participants and facilitators
- 13:00 – 14:00 Lunch
Restaurant
- 13:30 – 15:30 Facilitator workshop
AC hall
- 16:00 – 18:00 Welcome remarks, formal introductions
AC hall
- 18:30 – 19:30 Networking dinner getting to know each other in groups
Restaurant
- 19:30 – 21:00 Group activities

Monday, July 3

08:30 – 09:45 Breakfast

10:30 – 11:00
AC hall Welcoming Ceremony, Introductory remarks
Ewa Ośniecka-Tamecka, Vice Rector of the College of Europe
Michał Baranowski, Director of the Warsaw Office of the German Marshall Fund
Jerzy Koźmiński, Director of the Polish-American Freedom Foundation (TBC)

11:00 – 12:30 Keynote Address: Understanding security in a changing world, **Robert Pszczel**

This keynote address will introduce WEASA 2023 participants to the main themes and concepts that will be covered throughout the program. As former NATO officer and head of NATO Moscow Office, Mr Pszczel will provide his assessment of the situation in Europe; Russia's war against Ukraine and how it has changed Europe; and the role of the war in forcing us to be more resilient as individuals, communities and societies.

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch

14:00 – 16:30 Workshop: Effective social media practices / Tips on how to be a positive influencer, **Jillian Ney**

We will work towards identifying your personal influence objectives & join an interactive group participation on effective communication in social media. We will look at strategies on how not to get caught out sharing misinformation online. You'll also hear first-hand how Dr Jillian Ney accidentally turned her own social media into fake news feeds and how this has impacted the news she receives.

16:30 – 17:00 Break – coffee / tea

17:00 – 18:00 Group Check-in, preparations for mini-sessions

18:00 – 19:30 Dinner on the lawn

Tuesday, July 4

08:30 – 09:45 Breakfast

10:00 – 11:30 Skills Building Workshop on disinformation and an introduction to OSINT (Part 1), **Givi Gigitashvili**
ASC hall

The information domain has been one of the main fronts of Russia's on-going war in Ukraine as pro-Kremlin actors flood the information space with manipulated photos and videos, false statements and other types of inauthentic content. In view of this, this session will focus on the role of open-source intelligence to verify authenticity and reliability of digital content in time of war and will introduce some useful tools to hunt down the origin of such content using publicly available data.

11:30 – 12:00 Break – coffee / tea

12:00 – 13:30 Skills Building Workshop on disinformation and an introduction to OSINT(Part 2), **Givi Gigitashvili**

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 15:30 Participant Presentation of Countries (Moldova, N. Macedonia, Georgia, Kosovo)

The presentation should be in the format of SWOT. A country can be presented alone or in a group. Time for each country's presentation is limited to 10 min. Q&A will follow all presentations. Participants are free to choose a way of presentation: oral or PPT.

16:30 – 17:00 Break – coffee / tea

17:00 – 18:00 Participant Presentation of Countries (Albania, Belarus, Montenegro, Armenia)

18:00 – 19:30 Dinner

19:30 – 21:00 Evening Fireside Chat: The changing role of NATO in the region? **Dominik P. Jankowski**
Pederewski hall

This session will be an off-the-record discussion with a top NATO official about the current understanding in the Alliance related to its role following Russia's invasion of Ukraine. How prepared is NATO for an attack against a member state? What are the goals for the upcoming NATO Summit in Vilnius? NATO-Ukraine relationship.

Wednesday, July 5

08:30 – 09:45 Breakfast

10:00 – 11:30 **Panel Discussion: Beyond the Eastern Partnership?**
The current state of European integration and the role of the EU in the region.

Ana Otilia Nutu | Dr. Adam Lazowski | Dr. Kseniya Sotnikova

This panel discussion invites experts to discuss the current state of European integration and the role of the EU in the region of the Eastern Partnership. The year 2022 has brought significant change to the region and the question remains as to what cooperation platforms work, how do societies of Eastern Partnership interact and what is the role of the European Union today?

11:30 – 12:00 Break – coffee / tea

12:00 – 13:30 **Workshop: Transformation of digital world order (Part 1) Dr. Anahit Parzyan**

This workshop will address transformations in the Digital World Order where we will discuss the concept of digital power from the perspective of digital world players. Within the framework of the growing digital dependence of people & states, the workshop will focus on Cybersecurity and Cyber sovereignty & explore the consequences of digital decoupling.

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:30 **Workshop: Transformation of digital world order (Part 2), Dr. Anahit Parzyan**

16:30 – 17:00 Group check-in, Relax

18:00 – 19:30 Dinner

19:30 – Group activities

Thursday, July 6

08:30 – 09:45 Breakfast

10:00 – 11:30 **Panel discussion: The Western Balkans nearing a boiling point? Nenad Markovic | Engjellushe Morina | Armina Galijaš**

This panel discussion will discuss with participants the recent developments that have been taking place in the Western Balkans. Tensions seem to be rising in the region, especially between Serbia and Kosovo. Meanwhile the EU's has been attempting to broker a peace deal between the two entities, how realistic is the process? Lastly, EU integration remains a goal of the Western Balkan states. Our experts will take stock of the current situation and challenges faced, including the role of Russian interference.

11:30 – 12:00 Break – coffee / tea

12:30 – 13:30 **Skills Building Workshop: Personal digital security: practical tools for being safe online (Part 1) Łukasz Król**

Designed for journalists, activists, and others who might be in the public eye, this session teaches us how we can keep ourselves and our collaborators safe from cyberattacks or data leaks. Bring any questions you might have about the topic, & Łukasz will do his best to answer them.

13:30 – 14:30 **Lunch**

14:30 – 16:30 **Skills Building Workshop: Personal digital security: practical tools for being safe online (Part 2) Łukasz Król**

16:30 – 17:00 Break – coffee / tea

17:00 – 18:30 **Participant Presentation of Countries (Serbia, Ukraine, Azerbaijan, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Poland)**

18:30 – 19:30 Dinner

19:30 – Group activities, networking

Friday, July 7

08:30 – 09:45 Breakfast

10:00 – 11:30 Workshop: Cyber-attack! Lessons from real life cases and how to defend in the future

Damian Hoffman

In the workshop, participants will be presented with a few sophisticated cyber-attacks which use few social engineering techniques. Participants will learn about Phishing techniques and undergo awareness training on how to spot and report suspected phishing attempts, to protect themselves from cybercriminals, hackers and other bad actors.

11:30 – 12:00 Break – coffee / tea

12:00 – 13:30 Group activities / initial preparations for Oxford debates

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – Travel to Warsaw Center

16:00 – 19:00 Site visit to Polish Diplomatic Academy – discussion on Polish foreign policy and the Russian war in Ukraine, Reception

Diplomatic Academy of the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Prof. Przemysław Żurawski vel Grajewski, Professor, University of Łódź, adviser to the Polish Minister of Foreign Affairs, and Chair of the Presidential Security and Defense Council

19:30 – Free Time in Warsaw

Sunday, July 9, free day

08:30 – 09:45 Breakfast

Preparations for the Oxford Style Debate

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

Preparations for the Oxford Style Debate

18:00 – 19:00 Dinner

Monday, July 10

08:30 – 09:45 Breakfast

10:00 – 11:30 Debate: Free speech and the information war
Katarzyna Sumińska | Amanda Coakley | Lindsay Hundley

This panel will examine the complex challenges surrounding the delicate balance between freedom of expression & the spread of disinformation in today's digital age. What role should governments play in regulating free speech online, how can civil society, academia, & the private sector collaborate to address the challenges of the information war & promote a stronger information ecosystem?

12:00 – 12:30 Break – coffee / tea

12:30 – 13:30 Skills Building Workshop: Advanced OSINT tools / Bellingcat workshop (Part 1) **Narine Khachatryan**

The two-session workshop will be provided by a Bellingcat researcher & trainer. It will build off the OSINT tools already learnt earlier and look at how to investigate and conduct research via specific apps such as Telegram, V Kontakte and other SM tools. Participants will learn how to use these platforms, the techniques of searching relevant groups from QAnon to Ukraine-focused, building networks and content archiving. We will also explore Russian language facial recognition tools, geolocation, case studies from locating ISIS supporters to monitoring civilian harm done in Ukraine.

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:30 Skills Building Workshop: Advanced OSINT tools / Bellingcat workshop (Part 2) **Narine Khachatryan**

16:30 – 17:00 Break – coffee / tea

18:00 – 19:00 Dinner

Pederewski hall Fireside chat: Understanding the changing world order, **Bruno Maçães**

In this thought-provoking fireside chat, we will delve into the evolving geopolitics of the wider region and explore pressing questions that have emerged in recent years. We will examine changes in global geopolitics, seeking to understand the shifting dynamics of the world order, explore Europe's role and analyze the challenges and opportunities it faces. A particular focus of our conversation will be on the role of China, considering its growing influence and impact on the global stage.

Tuesday, July 11

08:30 – 09:45 Breakfast

10:00 – 12:00 Partner Presentations: Opportunities beyond
ASC WEASA
CoE Natolin, PAFF/Kirkland, GMF, New Eastern
Europe

12:00 – 13:30 Preparations for Oxford Style Debate

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

15:30 – 17:30 *Oxford Style Debate on the role of AI/ChatGPT*
AC

18:00 – 19:00 Dinner

Wednesday, July 12

08:30 – 09:45 Breakfast

10:00 – 11:30 Closing Workshop Session

AC

Facilitated workshop and discussion: Working together towards European Integration

Leon Hartwell

This facilitated workshop aims to bring together our participants to engage in a collaborative dialogue on the pressing topic of European integration. We will delve into shared challenges, identify common goals and explore areas of cooperation between the two regions. This workshop provides a unique platform for participants to actively contribute to the ongoing dialogue surrounding European Integration. By leveraging the expertise and diverse perspectives of our participants, this session aims to foster meaningful connections, explore synergies and develop concrete strategies for advancing cooperation between Eastern Europe and the Western Balkans.

11:30 – 12:00 Break – coffee / tea

12:00 – 13:30 Final group feedback session

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

16:00 – 17:00 Diploma Award Ceremony

17:00 – 17:40 Life after WEASA

Presentation of WEASA Alumni program
Tatevik Hovhannisyan

18:00 Family photo

18:30 – Closing dinner in Natolin Palace

Thursday, July 13

08:30 – 09:45 Breakfast

10:30 – Departure of WEASA alumni