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Robert Pszczel

Senior Fellow at the Casimir Pulaski Foundation and former Senior Officer at the NATO Public Diplomacy Division

Robert Pszczel is a former Polish diplomat and former NATO official. He was, involved, among other things, in the establishment of the Permanent Representation of the Republic of Poland at the NATO Headquarters and a member of the Polish inter-ministerial team on Poland's accession to NATO. Since 1999 he worked at NATO in the Public Diplomacy Division, including the head of the NATO Press Office. From 2010 to 2015, he was Director of the NATO Information Office in Moscow

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Dr. Jillian Ney

Digital Behavioural Scientist

Dr Jillian Ney is a digital anthropologist, known as the UK's first "Dr. of Social Media." She studies how technology is changing people's behaviour online & offline, and creates methodologies to help businesses uncover the hidden triggers driving human behaviour at scale.

Jillian's first co-authored book, *Advanced Marketing Management* is an update to traditional marketing paradigm through data and neuromarketing. She is a sought-out speaker and commentator on internet culture and social listening and has presented her work at SXSW, PR Week, Festival of Marketing, Social Media Week, IEX, and NATO. Jillian's a two time TEDx'er and has been featured in *Forbes*, *Business Insider*, *Glamour Magazine*, and *Cosmopolitan*.

More about Jillian's founded [The Social Intelligence Lab](#)
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Givi Gigitashvili

Digital researcher at the Atlantic Council's DFRLab

Givi Gigitashvili is an open-source analyst and digital researcher at the Atlantic Council's Digital Forensic Research Lab (the DFRLab), where he investigates influence operations, social media manipulation and computational propaganda campaigns in Eastern Europe and South Caucasus.

More about Givi can be found [here](#).

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Ana Otilia Nutu

Co-Chair of the Eastern Partnership
Civil Society Forum

Ana Otilia Nutu is an energy policy analyst and founding member of Expert Forum (EFOR) think tank in Bucharest, Romania. Her main topics are good governance and transparency in the energy sector, as well as energy security.

In recent years she has coordinated regional projects focusing on research and advocacy for the decoupling from Russian energy leverage in Europe, with partners from Ukraine, Moldova, Georgia, Hungary and Bulgaria. She is currently co-chair of the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum (EaP CSF).

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Dr. Adam Lazowski

Professor at Law school of Westminster

Dr. Adam Lazowski is a Professor of EU law at the Westminster Law School, University of Westminster as well as a Visiting Professor at the College of Europe (Natolin) and at the Ivan Franko National University of Lviv. His research focuses on EU pre-accession policy, EU External Relations, Internal Market, EU Criminal Law as well as withdrawal from the European Union.

On the latter topic Prof. Łazowski has published extensively in academic journals (European Law Review, Public Law, Journal of European Public Policy) and edited volumes (Oxford University Press and Cambridge University Press). His monograph on legal parameters of EU exit is forthcoming in 2023 (Edward Elgar Publishing).

More about Adam can be found [here](#)

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Dr. Kseniya Sotnikova

EU Advisory Mission to Ukraine

Dr. Kseniya Sotnikova is an experienced practitioner in the area of political analysis and security policy issues, with 9 years of work in Ukrainian public service (National Security and Defense Council), and 8 years in the EU Advisory Mission to Ukraine for the Civilian Security Sector Reform.

Her focus is policy making, security studies, integration processes, and good governance. She keeps working in Ukraine, to help the country reform on its way of deeper integration to the European and Euro-Atlantic political and security environment.

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Dr. Anahit Parzyan

Cyber security and digitalisation specialist

Dr. Anahit Parzyan is the Executive Director of “Nork Technology Center” and leads the implementation of Digital Transformation of Labor and Social Protection of Armenia.

Dr. Parzyan holds her PhD from Nanjing University, specializing in cybersecurity, digitalization, and GovTech. She has extensive experience in leading digital transformations in the public sector, development of strategies and operationalization initiatives on cybersecurity strategy on critical Infrastructure.

She occasionally presents her research and delivers public talks on national and international forums. She is an author of several academic publications at Routledge, UK, and was awarded with an Honorary Certificate from Nanjing University of China. She received a joint medal “Hakob Meghapart” from the Ministry of Diaspora of RA and Mekhitarist Congregation, Venice.

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Dominik P. Jankowski

Policy Adviser, Office of the NATO Secretary General

Dominik P. Jankowski is a security policy expert, diplomat, and think tanker. He currently serves as Policy Adviser at the Office of the NATO Secretary General. From 2018 to 2022 he served as Political Adviser and Head of the Political Section at the Permanent Delegation of Poland to NATO. He specializes in NATO-Russia and NATO-Ukraine relations, arms control, disarmament, nonproliferation as well as energy security.

In 2019, he was the James S. Denton Transatlantic Fellow with the Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA) in Washington, D.C. He also was a 2021-2022 Arms Control Negotiation Academy (ACONA) Fellow with the Harvard University. He is a prolific writer with over 250 publications which appeared in 20 countries.

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Engjellushe Morina

Senior Policy Fellow, European
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Engjellushe Morina is a Senior Policy Fellow with the Wider Europe Programme at the European Council on Foreign Relations. She works from ECFR's Berlin office.

Engjellushe brings many years of experience of research on, and fieldwork in, the Western Balkans, Euro-Atlantic integration, peacebuilding and conflict transformation, violent extremism, and dialogue and mediation. Lately Engjellushe has been working on issues related to the Geopolitics of both, the EU Enlargement and of the Green Agenda transformation.

More about Engjellushe can be found [here](#)

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Dr. Nenad Markovic

Senior Research Fellow at PRESPA Institute

Nenad Markovilkj, PhD is a tenured professor at the political science department of the Law Faculty “Iustinianus Primus” in Skopje. He is one of the founders of one of the biggest think-tanks in North Macedonia – the Institute for Democracy “Societas Civilis” – Skopje (IDSCS) and an associate researcher of the Prespa Institute. He is a member of the editorial board of the biannual political journal “Political Thought” published by IDSCS and the Konrad Adenauer Foundation in Skopje. Prof. Markovilkj is a former president of the Macedonian political science association (MPSA) and one of the founders of the Balkan political science association (BPSA). He is currently a member of the Security Council of the Republic of North Macedonia.

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Dr. Armina Galijaš

Professor at University of Graz

Dr. Armina Galijaš is an Ass. Prof. at the Centre for Southeast European Studies at the University of Graz and Editor-in-Chief of the journal *Contemporary Southeastern Europe*. She studied Eastern and Southeastern European History, Modern History and Economics at the Ludwig-Maximilians-University in Munich (LMU). After graduating she worked at the LMU and at the University of Vienna where she also obtained her PhD in History. Her research interests and academic teaching focus on modern Southeast European history.

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Łukasz Król

Digital security specialist

Łukasz Król is a researcher, lecturer, facilitator, and digital security trainer. With a background in technology and political science, he studies the ways in which we can bridge our technological and social realities. Łukasz currently focuses on digital security teaching pedagogies and tool selection, algorithmic bias, and the wider relationship between humans and technology.

More about Łukasz can be found [here](#).

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Damian Hoffman

Security architect and system engineer

Damian Hoffman is a security architect and system engineer, who has implemented security systems for a dozen of companies from Central and Eastern Europe. He has a lot of experience in designing corporate architecture for security solutions.

Damian will present several sophisticated hacker cyber-attacks which use few social engineering techniques. This will allow us to understand how to spot and report suspected phishing attempts, to protect themselves from cybercriminals, hackers, and other bad actors.

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Amanda Coakley

Senior Reporter at Coda Story

Amanda Coakley is an award-winning senior staff reporter at Coda Story covering eastern Europe and a Europe's Futures Fellow at the IWM in Vienna. Before joining Coda Story, she was a regular contributor to TIME Magazine, Foreign Policy, The Irish Times, and The Independent. She started her career at CNN International in London and later, Channel 4 News. Her reporting has earned her an MHP International Affairs Reporting Award, an Emmy nomination, and the One World Media Fellowship for 2021/2022. She is a graduate of University College Dublin where she was an Ad Astra Scholar.

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Dr. Lindsay Hundley

Influence operations policy manager at Meta

Dr. Lindsay Hundley is a Product Policy Manager at Meta, where she leads the company's policy work to counter both covert and overt influence operations. This includes disrupting networks of Coordinated Inauthentic Behavior (CIB) and developing policies for the company's state-controlled media program.

Prior to joining Meta, Lindsay received her PhD in Political Science at Stanford University where she researched how governments use foreign interference to bolster their rule domestically. At the Stanford Internet Observatory, she also studied the spread of Covid-19 misinformation on social media and researched deceptive influence campaigns removed by Meta and Twitter. Her work has been published in both premier academic and policy outlets, including the Journal of Politics, Lawfare, and the Washington Post.

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Narine Khachatryan

Open source investigator at Bellingcat

Narine Khachatryan is a researcher and trainer of Bellingcat. She is particularly interested in tracking civilian harm caused by military conflicts and researching environmental and human rights issues.

More about Narine can be found [here](#)

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Bruno Mações

Author on geopolitics and China/Eurasia,
Former Minister for Europe (Portugal)

Bruno Mações is a consultant, author and former Portuguese diplomat. He is a senior advisor at Flint Global, former Secretary of State for European Affairs in Portugal, and a columnist for the New Statesman. He is a Member of the European Council on Foreign Relations

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Dr. Leon Hartwell

Senior Associate at LSE IDEAS

Dr. Leon Hartwell is a Senior Associate at LSE IDEAS, London School of Economics, co-founder and chair of the Russia-Ukraine Dialogues, and a former Sotirov Fellow. He is also a Non-Resident Senior Fellow at the Center for European Policy Analysis (CEPA) in Washington D.C. His research interests include conflict resolution, genocide, transitional justice, diplomacy, and democracy.

Previously, Hartwell was CEPA's Acting Director of the Transatlantic Leadership Program and oversaw nearly 30 fellows focusing on a wide variety of topics stretching from cyber security to energy security.

In 2019, Hartwell completed a joint doctoral degree summa cum laude at Leipzig University (Germany) and Stellenbosch University (South Africa). His thesis analysed the use of mediation in the resolution of armed conflicts.