

## INVITATION

## The CSIS New European Democracies Project

*invites you to attend an international conference:*

## “New Allies and the New U.S. Administration: Priorities for CEE–U.S. Relations”

We are pleased to invite you to a conference co-hosted by the CSIS New European Democracies Project and the Foundation for Democracy, Culture and Liberty, Romania. The sponsors of this event, representing diaspora communities from Europe’s newest democracies, include the Hungarian American Coalition, the United Macedonian Diaspora, the American Polish Forum, American Friends of the Czech Republic, Friends of Slovakia, the Georgian Association in the United States of America, Inc., the Lithuanian American Community, the National Albanian American Council, the Ukrainian Congress Committee of America, the American Hungarian Federation, and the Joint Baltic American National Committee, representing the Estonian American National Council, the American Latvian Association, and the Lithuanian American Council.

Ahead of the upcoming U.S. presidential election, the symposium will examine the strategic relationship between the United States and the Central and East European states (CEE) for the purpose of generating concrete policy recommendations for the incoming U.S. administration. The conference will be held on Thursday, **October 2, 2008** at CSIS in Washington, D.C.

This timely event will feature representatives from the two U.S. presidential candidates (Republican and Democrat), and the participation of diaspora leaders, regional experts, analysts, business representatives, scholars, and the media.

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**Draft Agenda****New Allies and the New U.S. Administration:  
Priorities for CEE–U.S. Relations**

Washington, D.C.  
CSIS B1 Conference Level  
October 2, 2008

**8:30 am – 9:00 am: Registration**

**9:00 am - 9:30 am: Opening Remarks: U.S.-CEE Relations**

Janusz Bugajski, Director, New European Democracies Project, CSIS  
Dragos Seuleanu, Foundation for Democracy, Liberty, and Culture, Romania

**9:30 am–10:15 am: KEYNOTE ONE**

**Kori Schake, Senior Foreign Policy Advisor, Senator John McCain**

**10:15 am–12:00 noon: PANEL ONE: Security Priorities**

Speakers:

U.S.-CEE Defense/Security Cooperation – Jeffrey Simon, National Defense University  
European Neighborhood – Stephen Blank, U.S. Army War College  
Energy Security – Vladimir Socor, Jamestown Foundation  
Energy Security – Anita Orban, Constellation Energy Institute

Discussants:

Maximilian Teleki, Hungarian American Coalition\*  
Metodija A. Koloski, United Macedonia Diaspora\*

**12:00-12:30 pm: LUNCH**

**12:30 pm-1:15 pm: KEYNOTE TWO**

**Mark Brzezinski, Senior Foreign Policy Advisor, Senator Barack Obama**

**1:15 pm-3:00 pm: PANEL 2: Economic and Public Diplomacy Priorities**

Speakers:

Business Investment – E. Morgan Williams, SigmaBleyzer  
Educational Exchanges - Mary Kirk, Institute of International Education  
Educational Exchanges – Christopher Medalis, Institute of International Education

Discussants:

Artur Okisz, American Polish Forum\*  
Metodija A. Koloski, United Macedonia Diaspora\*  
Maximilian Teleki, Hungarian American Coalition\*

**3:00 pm-3:30 pm: Conclusions and Recommendations**

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