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## MEET THE SPEAKERS





# INTRODUCTORY REMARKS

Jakob Hallgren is the Director of the Swedish Institute of International Affairs (Utrikespolitiska institutet, UI) since February 2022. He was Sweden's Ambassador for Disarmament and Non-Proliferation from 2021 until early 2022 and served as Sweden's Ambassador to the Republic of Korea from 2018 to 2021. Before that he was Deputy Director of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) from 2012 to 2018, during which time he was also a member of the Swedish Government's Delegation on Disarmament and International Law. He has worked closely with the UN and the EU, and a variety of other organisations in the fields of security policy, mediation, peace building, security systems reform, disarmament, humanitarian affairs and disaster risk reduction.

**Jakob Hallgren is also moderating Panel 1: War in Europe - Confronting New Realities and giving the Closing remarks**



Jim Cloos is presently Secretary General of TEPSA. Before his retirement in 2021 he was Director-General in the General Secretariat of the Council of the European Union, where he oversaw teams dealing with the preparation of European Council meetings, co-legislation, inter-institutional relations, and support to the rotating Presidency. Jim Cloos started his career as a Luxembourg diplomat. After moving to the European Commission, he headed the Cabinet of the Commissioner in charge of agriculture between 1993 and 1995 and was Head of Cabinet to the President between 1995 and 1999. Between 2001 and 2006, he was Director for relations with the US in the Council Secretariat and a close collaborator of the High Representative Javier Solana.

Hans Wallmark is the Chairman of the Committee on European Union Affairs since 2022. He is a member of the Moderate Party and has been a member of the Swedish Parliament since 2006. Hans Wallmark served as President of the Nordic Council in 2014 and in 2019. He has been a member of the Defence Committee and the Foreign Policy Committee of the Parliament as well as the spokesman for the Moderates on defence issues.





## PLENARY SESSION

# WAR IN EUROPE - CONFRONTING NEW REALITIES

Jan Knutsson is State Secretary for Foreign Affairs, assuming office in 2022. Prior to that he was Ambassador of Sweden to Switzerland and to the Principality of Liechtenstein. Between 2016 and 2019, Mr. Knutsson was Ambassador of Sweden to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, as well as non-resident Ambassador to the Sultanate of Oman and Republic of Yemen. Between 2015-2016, he was Ambassador and Coordinator for Migration and Refugee Issues at the Ministry for Foreign Affairs in Stockholm. Before that, Mr. Knutsson was the Permanent Representative of Sweden to the United Nations and other International Organizations in Geneva between 2010-2015, and Director General for International Development Cooperation at the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs between 2006 and 2010.



Magdalena Góra, dr hab, at the Jagiellonian University in Kraków, is primarily concentrating her work on the external relations of the European Union, EU actorness in international relations especially in the close neighborhood of the European Union, the changes in foreign policy and international relations in Central and Eastern Europe as well as on collective identification changes in the European Union after enlargement.

Roderick Parkes (PhD) is Research Director at the German Council of Foreign Relations (DGAP) and runs its Alfred von Oppenheim Center of the Future of Europe. He is an Associate Fellow of the Swedish Institute of International Affairs (UI) and the German Institute for International and Security Affairs (SWP). Roderick Parkes has also worked at other, government-affiliated, think tanks in Brussels, Warsaw and Paris. He specialises in the EU's response to international security problems.



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# PARALLEL SESSION

# THE FUTURE OF THE UNION AND ITS FUNDAMENTAL VALUES



This session takes place in the context of the "Reclaiming Liberal Democracy in the Post-Factual Age (RECLAIM)" project

Maximilian Conrad is a Professor of Political Science at the University of Iceland in Reykjavík. His main research interests include European integration, German politics, and political theory, particularly issues connected to democracy, communication, civil society, and the public sphere. Recent and ongoing research includes work on the emergence and implications of post-truth politics for liberal democracy in Europe and elsewhere. He is the Academic Coordinator of the Jean Monnet Network titled "Post-Truth Politics, Nationalism and the (De)Legitimation of European Integration" as well as of the recently launched Horizon Europe project "Reclaiming Liberal Democracy in the Postfactual Age" (RECLAIM).



Agnieszka Sadecka, (PhD) is an Assistant Professor at the Institute of European Studies of the Jagiellonian University in Krakow in the area of cultural studies. Her research revolves around 20th and 21st century Polish culture, literature and heritage, post-socialist cultures of Central and Eastern Europe, postcolonial/post-dependency studies, identity, as well as socio-cultural dimensions of populism and nationalism. She has worked as a researcher in the Horizon2020 project: "POPREBEL - Populist rebellion against modernity in 21st-century Eastern Europe: neo-traditionalism and neofeudalism" (2019-2022), and is currently leading the Jagiellonian University team in the Horizon Europe project "RECLAIM: Reclaiming Liberal Democracy in the Post-Factual Age."

Richard Youngs is a Senior Fellow in the Democracy, Conflict, and Governance Program, based at Carnegie Europe. He works on EU foreign policy and on issues of international democracy. Youngs is also a Professor of international relations at the University of Warwick. Prior to joining Carnegie in July 2013, he was the director of the European think tank FRIDE. He has held positions in the UK Foreign and Commonwealth Office and as an EU Marie Curie fellow. He was a Senior Fellow at the Transatlantic Academy in Washington, DC, from 2012 to 2013.



Göran von Sydow is Director of the Swedish Institute for European Policy Studies (SIEPS). He has previously been senior researcher in political science at SIEPS and lecturer at the Department of Political Science, Stockholm University. Göran von Sydow holds a PhD in political science. He has studied at the European University Institute in Florence, SciencesPo in Paris and Stockholm University. His main research interests are political parties, European integration and constitutional change. He is a frequent commentator on EU-matters.



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## PARALLEL SESSION

# CLIMATE, ENERGY AND SUSTAINABILITY

Simone Bunse (PhD) is the Content Manager of the Stockholm Forum on Peace and Development, Researcher at the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) and Senior Fellow at LEAD University. Previously she was Director of Academic Affairs at LEAD University; Associate Professor at Georgetown University; Assistant Professor at INCAE Business School; and Visiting Researcher at the Free University of Brussels. Her book *Small States and EU Governance - Leadership through the Council Presidency* won the Choice Outstanding Academic Titles Award by the American Library Association for excellence in scholarship. Her most recent work is focusing on advancing European Union Action to Address Climate-Related Security Risks.



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PARALLEL SESSION

# THE RECONSTRUCTION OF UKRAINE AND THE FUTURE OF EUROPE



This session takes place in the context of the "Differentiation: Clustering Excellence (DiCE)" project

**Nona Mikhelidze**, Senior Fellow at the Institute of International Affairs (IAI), holds a PhD in Political Science from Scuola normale superiore (Pisa), and a M.A. in Regionalism: Central Asia and Caucasian Studies from the Humboldt University Berlin (HU). Since 2020 she has written for the newspaper La Stampa on Russia and the post-Soviet space. Her research interests include the European Union's policy in its eastern neighbourhood and Russian foreign policy in the post-Soviet space.



**Svitlana Chekunova's** research focus is on energy security, the green transition, climate change, decarbonisation of energy (economy), and environmental sustainability. She is the author of publications for the Razumkov think tank's website and research editions, and a speaker at international events and expert discussions. Before joining the Razumkov Centre in 2018 she was employed by a state pipeline company in Ukraine for 17 years.

**Torbjörn Becker** is the Director of the Stockholm Institute of Transition Economics (SITE) at the Stockholm School of Economics since 2006 and is a board member of several economics research institutes in Eastern Europe, including the Kyiv School of Economics. Prior to this, he worked for nine years at the International Monetary Fund (IMF), where his work focused on international macro economic crises and issues related to the international financial system. Torbjörn Becker holds a PhD from the Stockholm School of Economics. He has been published in top academic journals and has contributed to several books and policy reports focusing on Russia and Eastern Europe.



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**Fredrik Löjdquist** is Director of the Stockholm Centre for Eastern European Studies (SCEEUS), Löjdquist is a former Swedish diplomat, with previous missions such as special envoy and ambassador for the Swedish Presidency of the EU in Georgia 2009, ambassador to the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) 2012–2017, and most recently, Sweden's first ambassador and special envoy for hybrid threats based in Stockholm 2018–2021.



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PARALLEL SESSION

# ESTABLISHING AN EFFECTIVE, HUMANITARIAN AND SAFE MIGRATION POLICY FOR EUROPE

Pawel Busiakiewicz is Head of Unit for International Affairs at DG HOME. He graduated in Law at the Wroclaw University (Poland) and pursued postgraduate studies in European Law at the R. Schuman University (Strasbourg) and College of Europe (Brugge). In 2005 he joined the European Commission, (DG Freedom, Security and Justice – currently DG Migration Home Affairs – DG HOME ) and followed various migration and security related files (international protection, irregular migration, readmission, legal migration, crisis management, situation awareness). Currently, he is managing the unit responsible for international affairs of DG HOME.



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## PLENARY SESSION

# EUROPE IN A COMPETITIVE WORLD

Jessika Roswall is Minister for EU Affairs with responsibility for EU affairs and Nordic affairs and member of the Swedish Parliament since 2010. She is a member of the Moderate Party. Jessika Roswall has a lawyer's degree (LL.M) from Uppsala University. Prior to becoming Minister for EU Affairs in 2022 she was member of the advisory council, Swedish Agency for Work Environment Expertise. She has also been member of the advisory council, Uppsala County Administrative Board and a member of the Swedish Parliament's Committee on European Union Affairs.



Cecilia Malmström has a PhD in political science from the University of Göteborg, Sweden. She was elected to the European Parliament in 1999, reelected in 2004 but left in 2006 to serve as Minister of European Affairs in the Swedish government. In 2010, she was appointed Commissioner for Home Affairs in the European Commission, Brussels and also served as European Union Commissioner for Trade 2014-2019. Since June 2021 Malmström is a non-resident senior fellow at PIIE (Peterson Institute for International Economics), Washington. Since January 2022 she is Co-Chair, Global Problem solving at Covington Burling LLP and she also works as a senior advisor at Lindholmen Science Park, Göteborg.



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# CONCLUDING REMARKS

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