



## MINSK FORUM XIX

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# BY – 30 Years of Independence

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**5TH OF NOVEMBER 2021  
VILNIUS**

**HISTORY, CIVIL SOCIETY, CULTURE, BUSINESS AND FOREIGN POLICY  
HYBRID EVENT (ONLINE AND OFFLINE)**



## 09.00

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### OPENING

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Alena Akulich, Member of the Board, German-Belarusian Society (dbg)

### WELCOME SPEECH

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Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, Leader of democratic Belarus; "Office of Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya" – honorary partner of the conference

Manfred Huterer, Ambassador of the Federal Republic of Germany in Belarus (video message)

Vadim Mojeiko, Belarusian Institute for Strategic Studies (BISS), Analyst

Jakob Wöllenstein, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Head of the Belarus office

Andrei Kazakevich, Institute of Political Studies "Political Sphere", Director

## 09.30 – 11.15

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### PANEL 1

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## WAS THE INDEPENDENCE OF BELARUS IN 1991 ACCIDENTAL?

### SPEAKERS

Ales' Smalianchuk, Institute of Slavic Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences, Professor

Hanna Liubakova, Atlantic Council, Nonresident Fellow

Andrei Kazakevich, Institute of Political Studies "Political Sphere", Director

Alexander Dabravolski, Advisor to Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, Head of the Internal Policy Department

### MODERATOR

Aliaksei Lastouski, Polotsk State University, Associated Professor

## 11.15 – 11.45

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Coffee break

## 11.45 – 13.30

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### PANEL 2

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## BELARUSIAN STATE SYSTEM: AFTER 30 YEARS OF A SPECIAL WAY OF EVOLUTION

### SPEAKERS

Natallia Rabava, School of Public Administration Managers SYMPA / BIPART, Director

Vladimir Astapenka, National Anti-Crisis Management, Responsible for Multilateral Diplomacy, Ex-ambassador

Valery Kavaleuski, Office of Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, Head of the Cabinet, Representative on Foreign Affairs

Pavel Slunkin, European Council on Foreign Relations, Visiting Fellow, ex-diplomat

Tatsiana Chulitskaya, PhD in Social Sciences, Vytautas Magnus University, Department of Political Science, School of Young Managers in Public Administration

### MODERATOR

Vytis Jurkonis, Freedom House Vilnius office, Project Director

## 13.30 – 14.30

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Lunch

**14.30 – 16.15**

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**PANEL 3**

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**BEYOND 30 YEARS:  
TOWARDS A COMMON  
NARRATIVE OF  
BELARUSIAN IDENTITY?**

**SPEAKERS**

Aliaksei Kazharski, Charles University in Prague, PhD, Researcher

Maksim Goryunov, Euroradio, co-host of the program about the national idea "Idea X", philosopher

Alexandra Zvereva, Voices from Belarus initiative, co-founder

Franak Viacorka, Senior Advisor to Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, Head of the Foreign Policy Department

**MODERATOR**

Jakob Wöllenstein, Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung, Head of the Belarus office

**16.15 – 16.45**

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Coffee break

**16.45 – 18.00**

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**THE FINAL PANEL**

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**ON THE ROAD TO THE NEW  
BELARUS: HOW IT WILL  
LOOK LIKE**

**SPEAKERS**

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Vladimir Astapenka, National Anti-Crisis Management, Responsible for multilateral diplomacy, Ex-ambassador

Aliaksei Kazharski, Charles University in Prague, PhD, Researcher

**MODERATOR**

(TBC)

**18.00**

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Get Together