



4th Transatlantic Think Tank Conference

Washington, D.C. – 17/18 July 2013

Wednesday 17 July

At IRI headquarters; all sessions on the 17th are closed to the public.

1.00 PM **Lunch**

3.00 PM **Opening**

- **Lorne Craner**, IRI President
- **Lucinda Creighton**, EPP Vice President, Minister of State for European Affairs, Ireland
- **Kenneth Weinstein**, Hudson Institute President and CEO

3:15 PM **State of the Unions**

An update on current political developments from both sides of the Atlantic. The US report on the situation after the re-election of Barack Obama will be followed by a Q&A. Following this, there will a report on important developments in the EU Member States and the EPP, as well as the latest institutional developments in the EU, followed by a Q&A on Europe.

- Moderator: **Jan Surotchak**, IRI (tbc)
- US speaker (foreign affairs)
- **Lucinda Creighton**, EPP Vice President, Minister of State for European Affairs, Ireland
- The Honorable **Douglas Holtz-Eakin**, President, American Action Forum
- **Elmar Brok**, MEP, Chair, European Parliament Committee on Foreign Affairs

5.15 PM **Coffee Break**





5.30 PM Afternoon session – Navigating the New Middle East

A discussion on the security risks in the Southern neighbourhood of the EU and the role the US and Europe play in these areas. Security risks include the rise of political Islam riding the coattails of the Arab Spring revolutions, a worrying prospect for all actors with an interest in the region. Iran's place and role in the new regional configuration will also be examined.

- Moderator: **Werner Fasslabend**
- **Mário David**, MEP, Member of the Delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Union for the Mediterranean
- **Scott Mastic**, Director, Middle East and North Africa Division, IRI
- **Stephen McInerney**, Executive Director, Project on Middle East Democracy (POMED) (tbc)
- **Michael Singh**, Managing Director, Washington Institute (tbc)

7.00 PM Conference concludes for the day

7.30 PM Joint Dinner with the International Republican Institute, the Hudson Institute and the European Ideas Network
Speaker TBC





Thursday 18 July

All sessions at the Loews Madison Hotel, 1177 15th Street, NW.

8.30 AM **Breakfast**

9.30 AM **Morning Sessions – Parallel workshops**

Workshop 1: State Power, Warfare and Intelligence in the Digital Age. The use of drones and cyber warfare could change the face of conflict and power relations. How should democratic societies deal with this new reality without sacrificing the freedoms and implicit trust which lie at their core? Is privacy a thing of the past and is there a need for new rules in these new wars?

- Moderator: Hudson Institute
- **Max Boot**, Jeane J. Kirkpatrick Senior Fellow in National Security Studies, Council on Foreign Relations
- **Roland Freudenstein**, Deputy Director and Head of Research, CES
- **Harold Furchtgott-Roth**, Director, Center for the Economics of the Internet, Hudson Institute

Workshop 2: TTIP: A Transatlantic Agenda for Growth and Jobs. With the recently announced negotiations for a Transatlantic Free Trade Area, how big would the gains really be? What are the domestic obstacles to such an agreement and could it be used as a springboard for reviving the Doha round of multilateral trade talks?

- Moderator: **Olof Ehrenkrona**
- **Raymond Gradus**, Director, CDA Research Institute
- **Justin McCarthy**, Former Special Assistant to the President for Legislative Affairs and Assistant United States Trade Representative for Congressional Affairs
- **Maria Da Graça Carvalho**, MEP, Member of the Committee on Industry, Research and Energy





Workshop 3: Democracy Support. After the “unipolar moment” of the 90s, efforts to support budding democracies face new challenges. What role do authoritarian economic success stories play? How are new technologies and social media being used by the anti-Western media (Russia Today, Aljazeera, Press TV, Anonymous)? How can these technologies be subverted by authoritarian regimes as tools for repression and control? What is the role for organizations such as the newly created European Endowment for Democracy?

- Moderator: (tbd)
- **Thomas Carothers**, Vice President for Studies, Carnegie Endowment for International Studies (tbc)
- **Sidonia Jedrzejewska** MEP, Member of the Committee on Budgets
- **Jennifer Windsor**, Associate Dean for Programs and Studies, School of Foreign Service, Georgetown University (tbc)

12.00 PM Lunch with keynote

The Honorable **Kurt Volker**, Executive Director, The McCain Institute for International Leadership, Arizona State University

Concluding remarks by **Antonio López-Istúriz White**, MEP, Secretary General of the EPP, Secretary Treasurer of the CES

2.00 PM Afternoon Session – Rapporteurs’ reports from the workshops

2.30 PM Afternoon Session – Russia: the Rise of a Declining Superpower

After being largely absent or playing a passive role in foreign affairs for much of the past twenty years, Russia is increasingly assertive, nationalistic and anti-American. How durable is the current regime and what role can it play in its immediate neighbourhood and beyond?

- Moderator: **Tomi Huhtanen**, Director, CES
- **Tunne Kelam**, MEP, Member of the Committee on Foreign Affairs
- **David J. Kramer**, President, Freedom House

4.00 PM Concluding Remarks

