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Eighth Leonidas Donskis Memorial Conference

BACK TO SQUARE ONE?

THE RISE AND FALL OF
THE HELSINKI AGREEMENTS

18 September 2025

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

ISM University of Management and Economics, Vilnius, Lithuania

The program of the Eighth Leonidas Donskis Memorial Conference is divided into four blocks, each with one or two keynote speakers and, subsequently, a panel discussion.

Thursday, September 18, 2025

08.00-09.00 Registration

09.00-09.30 Opening session

Gabija Grigaitė-Daugirdė, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania

Ineta Dabašinskienė, incoming Rector of Vytautas Magnus University

Dalius Misiūnas, Rector of ISM University of Management and Economics.

Marius Vaščega, Head of the European Commission Representation in Lithuania

Robert van Voren, Executive Director, Andrei Sakharov Research Center

Part I: The Development of the Helsinki Accords

09.30-10.00 Keynote address: **Micheal Cotey Morgan** (CA)
The Long and Winding Road towards the Final Act

10.00-10.20 Keynote address: **Robert van Voren** (LT/NL)
The failed attempt to Revive the Helsinki Spirit 2020-2025

10.20-10.40 Documentary: **At Last: Freedom** (by Lesya Kharchenko, UA)

10.40-11.10 Coffee break

Remembering Leonidas Donskis

11.10-11.30 Keynote address: **Paulius Gritėnas**
Moral Imagination in Donskis' Philosophy: from Unimaginability to Unimaginative

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Part II: What is left of Basket I, the Decalogue?

11.30-12.30 **Panel I:**

Moderator: Janet Anderson (UK)

Panelists: **Roy Allison** (UK); **Bradley Reynolds** (FIN/USA); Young challenger: **Bohdan Polovynko**

12.30-14.00 **Midday Break**

14.00-14.20 Keynote address:

Konstantin Kuhle (D)

The Decalogue in the Age of Hybrid Warfare

Part III: The Third Basket – Human Rights: from Hope to Despair

14.20-14.40 Keynote address: **Rachel Denber** (USA)

14.40-15.40 **Panel II**

Moderator: Janet Gunn (UK)

Panelists: **Anna Chernova** (UK); **Florian Irminger** (CH), **Jonathan Boyd** (LT); Young challenger: **Brigita Dyburytė** (LT)

15.40-16.10 **Coffee break**

Part IV: Is there light at the end of the tunnel and how can we reach it?

16.10-16.30 Keynote address: **Gabija Grigaitė-Daugirdė** (LT)

16.30-16.50 Keynote address: **John Packer** (CA)

Is there Light at the End of the Tunnel?

16.50-17.50 **Panel III**

Moderator: Janet Anderson (UK)

Panelists: **Jonathan Cohen** (UK); **Craig Oliphant** (UK); **Minna Ålander** (FIN); Young challenger: **Maka Berulava** (GEO)

17.50-18.00 **Closing of the conference**

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