



PROGRAM

Friday, September 18, 2026
Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania, Vilnius

08.00-09.00 Registration and Welcome Coffee

OPENING

09.00-09.30 **Ineta Dabašinskienė** – Rector of Vytautas Magnus University
Aušrinė Žilinskienė – Director General of the Martynas Mažvydas National Library of Lithuania
Lina Rukštelienė – Vice-Minister at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Lithuania
Robert van Voren – Executive Director, Andrei Sakharov Research Center

REMEMBERING LEONIDAS DONSKIS

09.30-10.00 **Keynote:**
Viktoras Bachmetjevas: Revisiting Donskis' Vision of Europe - a Central and Eastern Europe Perspective

SESSION I: Small and Mid-Sized States in a World of Uncertainty

10.00-10.20 **Keynote:**
Edward Lucas (UK) online

10.20-11.20 **Panel I**
 Moderator: **Janet Anderson** (UK)
Rick Fawn (UK), **Thibault Fouillet** (F) online, **Šarūnas Liekis** (LT)

11.20-11.40 Coffee Break

SESSION II: Solidarity as a Strategy

11.40-12.00 **Keynote:**
Audra Plepytė (LT)

12.00-13.00 **Panel II:**
Moderator: **Janet Gunn** (UK)
Craig Oliphant (UK), **Domitilla Sagramoso** (UK), **Victoria Vdovychenko** (UA),
Audra Plepytė (LT)

13.00-14.00 Midday Break

SESSION III: Culture and Identity as Geopolitical Anchors

14.00-14.20 **Keynote:**
Jack Twiss Quarles van Ufford (NL)

14.20-15.40 **Panel III**
Moderator: **Janet Gunn** (UK)
Karel Mueller (D/CZ), **Jack Twiss Quarles van Ufford** (NL), **Viktoras Bachmetjevas** (LT)

15.40-16.10 Coffee Break

SESSION IV: Can Small States Create a New Geopolitical Order?

16.10-16.30 **Keynote:**
Oliver Moody (UK) online

16.30-17.50 **Panel IV**
Moderator: **Janet Anderson** (UK)
Ivar Neumann (N), **Emilija Pundziūtė-Gallois** (LT/F), **Oliver Moody** (UK) online, **Negah Angha** (UK) online

17.50-18.00 **Closing of the Conference**

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