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The Path to Peace: Ending the Conflict in Ukraine

Tuesday November 26, 2019, from 14h00 to 16h00
Evropský dům, Jungmannova 24, Prague 1

Speakers:
– Dr. Maryna Vorotnyuk, Central European University, Ukrainian Prism
– Jonáš Vlk, European Security Journal
– Ondřej Nedvěd, Cinematographer
– Col. (Ret.) Ray Wojcik, Director (Warsaw), Center for European Policy Analysis

Moderator: Louis Cox-Brusseau, EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy

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Over five years after the outbreak of hostilities in eastern Ukraine, peace remains elusive along the line of contact in the Donbas. With over twenty attempts at brokering a ceasefire rendered null by continued violations – whether in the form of artillery bombardments or small-arms firefights – the conflict has continued largely unabated to the present day.

Now, after a year of great change for Ukraine, a new agreement under the controversial Steinmeier formula has been signed by the representatives of Ukraine, Russia, the so-called Donetsk and Luhansk People's Republics and the Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE). With the controversial Steinmeier formula proposing the gradual reintegration of the DPR and LPR territories into Ukraine under 'special status', some withdrawal of troops from both sides has already taken place along the line of contact.

After five years of war, attitudes toward peace are both hopeful and hesitant – will the agreement signed under the Steinmeier formula be the beginning of the end of the war in Ukraine? Will it lead to a lasting peace under fresh talks conducted under the 'Normandy format', or will further ceasefire violations mar yet another attempt at ending the conflict?

EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy invites you to attend an exclusive screening of a short documentary filmed undercover by two independent Czech journalists in February 2018. This documentary depicts the realities of life along the line of contact in eastern Ukraine and brings home the harsh truths about the human impact of this brutal conflict. A roundtable debate will follow this exclusive screening, discussing potential avenues for peace in the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and the viability of the most recent agreement signed under the so-called 'Steinmeier formula' for bringing a permanent end to the conflict.
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Maryna VOROTNYUK, PhD, is a researcher affiliated with the CEU Center for European Neighborhood Studies and working on security developments in the Black Sea region, Ukrainian and Turkish foreign policies, and the Southern Caucasus. She is a Board Member of the Foreign Policy Council "Ukrainian Prism". From 2006 until 2015 she was affiliated with the leading Ukrainian think tank – the National Institute for Strategic Studies. Dr. Vorotnyuk has taken part in many programmes, namely the EU Eastern Partnership Civil Society Fellowship (2016), High-Level Experts Programme of the German Foreign Office (2015), National Security Policymaking Institute of the US State Department (2013) and many others. She is the author of numerous publications in her field.

Andriy DIKHTIARENKO is a journalist and host for Donbas.Realities, a weekly program of RFE/RL's Ukrainian Service and Ukrainian 112 TV channel. Dikhtiarenko is also the editor of Letters From Occupied Donbas, a blog platform of RFE/RL's Ukrainian Service for people who live in the territory under control of Russian-backed forces in the Donbas region since 2014. Andriy specializes in the zone of conflict in Eastern Ukraine, and in problems of internally displaced people. He investigates life, economics, and policy in the territory under control of Russian-backed forces in the Donbas region. Andriy Dikhtiarenko is Chief Editor of Luhansk media Realnaja Gazeta since 2013.

Ray WOJCIK During his 32 years of service in the U.S. Army, Colonel (Retired) Ray Wojcik, served as a soldier, noncommissioned officer, and officer in a variety of tactical to strategic assignments. Upon completing his degree at the Embry Riddle Aeronautical University, he was commissioned as an infantry officer. Colonel (Retired) Wojcik served in numerous Command, Staff, Army, Joint and Foreign Area Officer assignments in Europe and the United States culminating in his final tour as Army Attaché, American Embassy, Warsaw. His significant strategic contributions center on enhancing U.S. and regional security, through assisting allies and partners to increase their defense capacities, capabilities and interoperability.

Jonáš VLK and Ondřej NEDVĚD are the joint producers of the documentary covering life on the line of contact in Ukraine. Jonáš is Editor-in-Chief of European Security Journal, a Prague-based news outlet covering all aspects of European security and defence. Ondřej is a Prague/Warsaw-based cinematographer whose work on documentaries and short films has been featured in international festivals such as BUSHO Hungary, Living Skies Canada, Scout Film Festival Vermont and Istanbul International Film Festival.

Louis COX-BRUSSEAU is a research fellow of EUROPEUM Institute for European Policy. Previously, Louis was engaged as a policy advisor on the European Parliament's Foreign Affairs Committee (AFET) in Brussels, including the Security and Defense and Human Rights subcommittees. During his time in Brussels, Louis was special advisor for European security and defence, budgetary and financial issues in the AFET sphere, as well as covering migration, cyberwarfare, Russia and the Eastern Partnership and foreign direct investment within the EU.