



YEAR OF CHANGES IN BELARUS

Warsaw East European Conference

July 8 – 9, 2021

University of Warsaw
Aula, Old University Library
26/28, Krakowskie Przedmieście Str.

THURSDAY – DAY 1

JULY 8

Schedule

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| 10:00 AM – 11:30 AM | OPENING CEREMONY |
| 11:45 AM – 12:15 PM | PRESENTATION of the Centre for East European Studies activities for the Belarusian issue |
| 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM | PANEL 1 Human Rights in Belarus After the 2020 Protests: Will Society Face a Catastrophe? |
| 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM | ROUND TABLE I New Language vs. Old Methods. Media that Changed Belarus |
| 6:05 PM – 6:30 PM | OPENING CEREMONY WEEC 2021 GLASS OF WINE |

FRIDAY – DAY 2

JULY 9

Schedule

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| 10:00 AM – 12:00 AM | PANEL 2 Sanctions, Repressions, Migration. Will the Belarusian Economy Survive? |
| 12:30 PM – 2:30 PM | PANEL 3 Identity Dispute. Do Belarusians Need a National Identity? |
| 2:45 PM – 3:30 PM | PRESENTATION In the Stuffy Embrace of the Brother. Belarusian-Russian Relations 2020-2021 (Analytical group "Belarus in the region") |
| 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM | ROUND TABLE II Belarus in the Shadow of Russia |
| 6:00 PM – 6.45 PM | CLOSING CEREMONY WEEC 2021 |



PROGRAMME

**DAY 1
JULY 8**

10:00 AM – 11:30 AM

OPENING CEREMONY

Pavel Latushka

Former Belarusian ambassador to Poland,
member of the presidium of the Belarusian opposition
Coordination Council,
the National Anti-Crisis Management

Marcin Przydacz

Undersecretary of State for Security, American,
Asian and Eastern Policy

Alojzy Z. Nowak (TBC)

Rector of the University of Warsaw

Jan Malicki

Director of the Centre for East European Studies,
University of Warsaw

11:45 AM – 12:15 PM

PRESENTATION

of the Centre for East European Studies activities
for the Belarusian issue

Jan Malicki, Centre for East European Studies, University of
Warsaw, Poland

Filip Urbański, Centre for East European Studies, University of
Warsaw, Poland

Anton Saifullayeu, Centre for East European Studies,
University of Warsaw, Poland

Maxim Rust, Centre for East European Studies, University of
Warsaw, Poland

Jerzy Marek Nowakowski, Centre for East European Studies,
University of Warsaw, Poland



12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

PANEL 1

**Human Rights in Belarus After the 2020 Protests:
Will Society Face a Catastrophe?**

(in Russian)

The 2020 social protest in Belarus caused an unprecedented wave of repression by the Belarusian authorities. The lack of even illusory respect for the law, the enormous brutality of the law enforcement forces, unprecedented rape and open intimidation of one's own society have also become the hallmark of the 2020 – 2021 protests. The scale of repression increased this spring and there are no signs that it will decline any time soon.

Vladimir Astapenka, Centre for East European Studies, University of Warsaw, the National Anti-Crisis Management, Belarus

Volha Kavalkova, Coordination Council, Belarus

Aleksander Lapko, Belarusian Youth Hub, Poland

Olga Salomatova, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights, Poland

Moderator:

Marek Radziwon, Centre for East European Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland



4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

ROUND TABLE I
**New Language vs. Old Methods.
Media that Changed Belarus**

(in English)

During 2020, the Belarusian media space has dynamically evolved. In the information field, new communication and mediation opportunities have emerged, and the language and format of the media have changed. The regime's fierce struggle to survive in the Belarusian media space using the Kremlin demonstrates a new stage in the development of the Belarusian information field, which has changed a lot after 2020.

Aliaksei Dzikavitski, BELSAT, Poland

Siarhei Kharytonau, The International Strategic Action Network for Security, Poland

Veranika Laputska, The Eurasian States in Transition Research Center, Poland

Andrei Yelisseyeu, The International Strategic Action Network of Security, Poland

Moderator:

Almira Ousmanova, European Humanities University, Lithuania

**DAY 2
JULY 9**

10:00 AM – 12:00 AM

PANEL 2

Sanctions, Repressions, Migration. Will the Belarusian Economy Survive?

(in English)

The crisis of 2020 not only manifests itself in the social and political dimensions, but is also beginning to be felt more and more in the economic dimension. Sanctions by the West, on the one hand, and Russia's support for the Belarusian model, on the other, make it necessary to look at the condition of the Belarusian economy and its development trends in the near future from a different perspective.

Aleš Alachnovič, CASE Belarus, representative of Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya for economic reforms, the Economic Group of the Coordination Council, Belarus

Kamil Kłysiński, Centre for Eastern Studies, Poland

Aliaksandr Papko, Analytical group "Belarus in the region", BELSAT, Poland

Kacper Wańczyk, Analytical group "Belarus in the region", Poland

Moderator:

Jarosław Kociszewski, Nowa Europa Wschodnia, Poland

12:30 PM – 2:30 PM

PANEL 3

Identity Dispute. Do Belarusians Need a National Identity?

(in Russian)

So much has changed for Belarusian society in 2020. For the first time in more than a quarter of a century, the authorities in Minsk felt a real threat to their existence and lost control over public opinion. The social outbreak in Belarus in 2020 contributed to this, which has a much deeper meaning than just an attempt at a political manifesto of society. The unfinished Belarusian protest, apart from obvious political

goals, solves a much more important problem – who
Belarusians are.

Nelly Bekus, Univeristy of Exeter, Great Britain

Alena Marková, Charles University in Prague, Czech Republic

Almira Ousmanova, European Humanities University,
Lithuania

Aliaksandr Smalianchuk, Centre for East European Studies,
University of Warsaw, Poland

Moderator:

Anton Saifullayeu, Centre for East European Studies,
University of Warsaw, Poland

PRESENTATION

2:45 PM – 3:30 PM

In the Stuffy Embrace of the Brother. Belarusian-Russian Relations 2020-2021

(Analytical group "Belarus in the region")

Jerzy Marek Nowakowski, Centre for East European Studies,
University of Warsaw, Poland

Maxim Rust, Centre for East European Studies, University of
Warsaw, Poland

4:00 PM – 6:00 PM

ROUND TABLE II

Belarus in the Shadow of Russia

(in Russian)

It is difficult to imagine a solution to the political and social crisis in Belarus without Russia or even against Russia. At the same time, however, it is difficult to talk about the modernization and democratization of the Belarusian state while maintaining the current model of Russian influence. It is necessary to reflect on the main problems related to the relations between Minsk and Moscow and how to conduct dialogue with the Russian authorities on the question of Belarus.



Maria Avdeeva, The International Strategic Action Network of Security, European Expert Association, Ukraine/Poland

Agnieszka Legucka, The Polish Institute of International Affairs, Poland

Pavel Luzin, Jamestown Foundation, Riddle, Russia

Pavel Usov, Analytical group "Belarus in the region", Centre for East European Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland

Moderator:

Jerzy Marek Nowakowski, Centre for East European Studies, University of Warsaw, Poland

6:00 PM – 6.45 PM

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Franak Viačorka

Advisor to Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya

Pavel Latushka

Former Belarusian ambassador to Poland,
member of the presidium of the Belarusian opposition
Coordination Council,
the National Anti-Crisis Management

Artur Michalski

Polish Ambassador to Belarus

Jarosław Książek

Consul General of the Republic of Poland in Grodno
(2016-2021)