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**09:00-9:15 Registration**



**09:15-09:30 Opening and welcome**

*Dr Mădălina Dobrescu, Coordinator & Principal Investigator, REDEMOS, NTNU, Trondheim*

**09:30-10:00 Keynote speech by the Prime Minister of the Republic of Moldova, Mr. Dorin Recean**

**10:00-11:30 Panel I: Democratic development in Eastern Europe in light of Russia's war on Ukraine**

*Chair: Prof Dr Tobias Schumacher, Professor of European Studies, NTNU & Deputy Coordinator, REDEMOS, Trondheim & College of Europe, Natolin*

*Ion Guzun, Member of the Supreme Council Magistracy of the Republic of Moldova, Chişinău*

*Franak Viacorka, Chief Advisor of Sviatlana Tsikhanouskaya, President-elect of Belarus & Head of the United Transition Cabinet*

*Dr Leyla Yunus, Director, Institute of Peace and Democracy, The Netherlands & The Andrei Sakharov Freedom Award Winner 2014*

*Prof Dr Richard Youngs, Professor of International & European Politics, Warwick University & Senior Associate, Carnegie Europe, Brussels*

*Dr Iryna Solonenko, Programme Director, Ukraine, Center for Liberal Modernity, Berlin*

*Nino Dolidze, Executive Director, International Society for Fair Elections and Democracy (ISFED), Tbilisi*

**11:15-11:45 Coffee break**

**11:45-13:00 Panel II: External images and self-perceptions of the EU, its actions and visibility in Eastern Europe**

*Moderator: Rikard Jozwiak, Europe Editor, Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, Prague*

*Natalia Gavrilița, Member of The Supervisory Board, National Bank of Moldova & Former Prime Minister, Chişinău*

*H.E. Amb. Jānis Mažeiks, Head of EU Delegation to Moldova, Chişinău*

*Dr Koba Turmanidze, President, Caucasus Research Resource Center (CRRRC), Tbilisi*

*Prof Dr Tina Freyburg, Chair of Comparative Politics, University of St. Gallen*

*Ion Manole, Executive Director, Promo-Lex, Chişinău*

**13:00-14:15 Lunch**

**14:15-14:45 Diagnosing political regime development in Eastern Europe through REDEMOS tools: the case of Moldova**

*Prof Dr Marianne Kneuer, Chair of Political Systems and Comparative Politics, TU Dresden*

*Dr Sergiu Bușcaneanu, Research Fellow, Chair of Political Systems and Comparative Politics, TU Dresden*

**14:45-16:15 Panel III: Beyond the EU: the role of other international actors in Eastern Europe and the return of geopolitics**

*Moderator: Dr Ragnar Weilandt, Research Fellow, REDEMOS, NTNU, Trondheim*

*H.E. Amb. Thomas Mayr-Harting, Special Representative of the OSCE Chairperson-In-Office for the Transdniestrian Settlement Process & Member of the REDEMOS International Advisory Board*

*Dr Stanislav Secrieru, National Security Advisor to the President of Moldova, Maia Sandu, Chișinău*

*Laura Hruby, Deputy Chief of Mission, U.S. Embassy in Moldova, Chișinău*

*Dr Mareike Ohlberg, Lead, Stockholm China Forum, German Marshall Fund, Berlin*

*Michaela Guerard Šimák, Head, NATO Liaison Office in the Republic of Moldova, Chișinău*

**16:15-16:30 Closing & end of conference**

*Dr Mădălina Dobrescu, Coordinator & Principal Investigator, REDEMOS, NTNU, Trondheim*

**16:30 End of event networking coffee**