

## **Czech & Slovak Freedom Lecturers 2000-2017**

- 1. Michael Novak 11/9/2000** on “The Struggle for Freedom 10 Years After in the Czech and Slovak Republics” emphasizing the role of intellectuals in the struggle
- 2. Madeleine Albright 11/19/2001** on Central European – US relations emphasizing the importance of NATO enlargement and cooperation in the fight against terrorism while maintaining our shared values
- 3. Adam Michnik 12/5/2002** on “The Czech and Slovak Legacy in the Struggle for Freedom” emphasizing the importance of contacts among dissidents throughout Central Europe in building resistance to Communism
- 4. Vaclav Klaus 11/19/03** on the Czech Republic and the EU emphasizing the importance of market oriented economic reform
- 5. Timothy Garton Ash 11/11/04** on “What Velvet Revolutions Now” emphasizing the legacy of the Velvet Revolution and its relevance for countries in transition today. (Slovak Embassy)
- 6. Martin Palous 11/17/05** on “Czech-US Relations at the Beginning of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century” emphasizing the need for maintaining close US-Czech ties and building a “pro-American Europe and a pro-European United States”
- 7. Ivan Miklos 11/13/06** on “The Political Economy of Reforms in the Slovak Experience: Do Reformers Have to Lose?” discussing the approach of the 1998-2006 Slovak government towards implementing its economic reform program.
- 8. Alexandr Vondra 11/16/07** on the “EU and US in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: What Identity for Transatlantic Relations” on the importance of maintaining US-European security, economic and energy cooperation. (CSIS)
- 9. Jan Kubis 11/21/08** on "Strengthening U.S. - Slovak Relations and the Transatlantic Partnership: Opportunities and Challenges in Today's World" on Slovakia role as a full partner in NATO and the EU and in the transatlantic relationship.
- 10. Miroslav Topolanek 12/10/09** on "Celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Velvet Revolution"
- 11. Iveta Radicova 11/10/2010** on "Freedom, Democracy and Prosperity in Central Europe: Story of Transformation and Integration of Slovakia"
- 12. Petr Pithart 11/17/2011** on “Does the Czech Constitution Provide a Solid Base for the Nation’s Political Health in Comparison with the U.S. Constitution?”

**13. Martin Butora 11/16/2012** on “Twenty Years of Independence: Reflections on Freedom and Democracy”

**14. Michael Zantovsky 11/12/13** on “The Uncertainty of Freedom, and the Freedom of Uncertainty”

**15. Pavol Demes 11/14/14** on “Slovakia’s Road to Freedom and Democracy”

**16. Tomas Halik 10/20/15** on “A Long Period of Healing”

**17. Rastislav Kacer 11/18/16** on "US Relations with Central Europe: Love and Reason”

**18. Jan Svejnar 11/7/17** on “The Czech Republic in the World Economy”