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# CONFERENCE PROGRAM

## FRIDAY, JUNE 1

1:30 pm: **CONFERENCE OPENING AND AMBASSADOR’S REMARKS**  
*His Excellency, Dr. Peter Kmec, Ambassador of Slovakia*



### SESSION 1, 2:00-5:00 pm Celebrating Creators and Paris Conference Participants

- 2:00 **President Woodrow Wilson’s Strategic Vision for a Post World War I Europe**  
ELIOT SOREL, MD, *Professor of Global Health, George Washington University*
- 2:30 **Influence of Congressman Adolph J. Sabath on Woodrow Wilson’s Creation of New Europe**  
MILA RECHCIGL, *Scholar in Residence, Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences*
- 3:00 **Who Understood the Geo-politics of 1918: Wilson or Pilsudski?**  
MIECZYSLAW BISKUPSKI, *Professor of History, Central Connecticut State University*
- 3:30 **BREAK:** Sponsored by Mrs. [MARIANNE KABES CRANE](#) in memory of her parents Mr. Vladimir Kabes and Mrs. Otilie Kabes
- 3:45 **T.G. Masaryk and the Pittsburgh Declaration**  
GREGORY FERENCE, *Professor of History, Salisbury University*
- 4:15 **The Pittsburgh Agreement and Its Role in Inter-War Political Life in Slovakia**  
MATEJ HANULA - *Embassy of Slovakia/Slovak Academy*
- 4:45 **Seeing the Post-World War I Restructuring of Central Europe as Part of a Long Intellectual Stream**  
JOHN PALKA, *Professor Emeritus of Biology, University of Washington*
- 5:30 **CONFERENCE RECEPTION:** Sponsored by the Wilsonian Club

## SATURDAY, JUNE 2,

9:00 am: **AMBASSADOR’S REMARKS FOR MORNING SESSIONS**  
*His Excellency, Dr. Hynek Kmonicek, Ambassador of the Czech Republic*



### SESSION 2, 9:15-11:00 am World War I Diplomacy

- 9:15 **World War I: Challenges of Polish Diplomacy 1914-1919,**  
TOMASZ PUDŁOCKY, *Professor of History*
- 9:45 **Romania and Its Relations with the U.S. Delegation at the Paris Peace Conference (1919),** LIVIU MAIOR, *Professor of History*
- 10:15 **President Wilson’s Czech’s Pillars for Peace: Charles J. Vopicka and the Konopište Spy,** ANNA COOKOVÁ, *Owner & Founder of CzechTalk.com and President of Wisconsin Czechs, Inc.*
- 10:45 **BREAK:** Sponsored by American Friends of the Czech Republic

### SESSION 3, 11:00-12:30 pm Celebrating New National States

- 11:00 **The Establishment of the Republic of Czechoslovakia: A How-To-Manual**  
KEVIN J. MCNAMARA, *Associate Scholar, Foreign Policy Research Institute*
- 11: 30 **The World of Two Legations: Establishing Czechoslovak-U.S. Diplomatic Relations**  
MILADA POLIŠENSKÁ, *Professor of History and International Relations, Anglo-American University, Prague*
- 12:00 **The Making of Romania**  
IOAN-AUREL POP, *Professor of History, Babeş-Bolyai University, Cluj-Napoca*
- 12:30-1:30 **LUNCH:** Sponsored by The Wilsonian Club and the Czechoslovak Society of Arts and Sciences in Washington (SVUW)

### SESSION 4, 1:30-3:00 pm Tomorrow’s Challenges

- 1:30 **Post World War I Treaties: Joys and Tears**  
KENNETH JANDA, *Professor Emeritus of Political Science, Northwestern University*
- 2:00 **October 28, 1918: Break with the Past, or Continuity?**  
HUGH AGNEW, *Professor of History and International affairs, George Washington University*
- 2:30 **Slovakia and the Making of Czechoslovakia: Controversies and Legacies**  
CAROL SKALNIK LEFF, *Professor of Political Science, University of Illinois*
- 3:00 **BREAK:** Sponsored by The Wilsonian Club



## SATURDAY, JUNE 2,

3:15 pm: **AMBASSADOR’S REMARKS FOR AFTERNOON SESSIONS**  
*His Excellency, Piotr Wilczek, Ambassador of Poland*

### SESSION 5, 3:30 -5:00 pm Geopolitical Challenges of Today’s New Europe: Immigration, EU, and Brexit

- 3:30 **Ukraine’s European Aspirations: from Dreams to Reality; Reflections on the Centennial of the 1918 Rebirth**  
PETER VOITSEKHOVSKY, *Researcher, US-Ukraine Foundation*
- 4:00 **Slovakia: 100 Years and 6 Regime Changes**  
ZUZANA PALOVIC AND GABRIELA BEREHAZYOVA, *Public Policy Researchers, University of Surrey, United Kingdom*
- 4:30 **American Security Interests and Policies in Early 21st Century Europe**  
EDWARD TURZANSKI, *Professor of History*

## SATURDAY, JUNE 2,

5:00 pm: **CONFERENCE CLOSING AND AMBASSADOR’S REMARKS**  
*His Excellency, George Maior, Ambassador of Romania*

