

## POLICYMAKING IN CHOPPY WATERS:

FOSTERING RESILIENCE IN CENTRAL EASTERN AND SOUTHEASTERN EUROPE (CESEE)

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## LIST OF SPEAKERS AND MODERATORS

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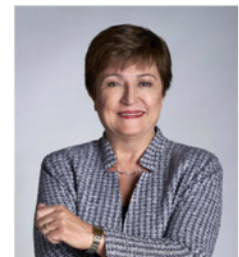
### *Introductory Remarks*

**Boris Vujčić** is the Governor of the Croatian National Bank since 2012, prior to that he was Deputy Governor (2000-12). He is the chairman of the steering committee of the Vienna Initiative. He has also been a Member of the managing board of the Global Development Network since 2006. He has taught at the University of Zagreb since 1989 in various positions; and was the Director of the Research Department at the Croatian National Bank in 1997-2000. He has also played a prominent role in the country's accession talks with the EU.



### *Opening Remarks*

**Kristalina Georgieva** is the Managing Director of the IMF since October 1, 2019. She was CEO of the World Bank from 2017 to 2019, during which time she also served as Interim President for three months. Previously, Ms. Georgieva served as European Commission Vice President for Budget and Human Resources and as Commissioner for International Cooperation, Humanitarian Aid and Crisis Response. From 1993 to 2010, she held a number of senior positions at the World Bank, including as Vice President and Corporate Secretary in 2008. Born in Sofia, Bulgaria, she holds a Ph.D. in Economic Science and a M.A. in Political Economy and Sociology from the University of National and World Economy, Sofia, where she was an Associate Professor between 1977 and 1993. She also was visiting fellow at the London School of Economics and at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



### *Welcoming Remarks*

**Andrej Plenković** is the Prime Minister of Croatia and the Chairman of the Croatian Democratic Union (HDZ) since 2016. Following his graduation from the Zagreb Faculty of Law in 1993, Plenković held various bureaucratic positions in the Croatian Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs. After completing a Master in International Law in 2002, he served as deputy chief of Croatia's mission to the EU. Between 2005 and 2010, he was Croatia's deputy ambassador to France, before leaving the post to become State Secretary for European Integration. He was subsequently elected to the Croatian Parliament in 2011. He was one of eleven Croatian members of the European Parliament, serving from Croatia's accession to the European Union in 2013 until his resignation as MEP when he took office as Prime Minister.



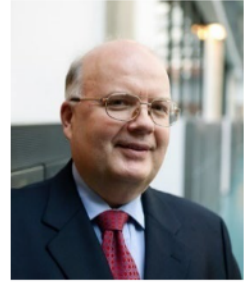
### *Closing Remarks*

**Marko Primorac** is a Minister of Finance of the Republic of Croatia since July 2022. Prior to that, he was an associate professor at University of Zagreb, Department of Finance. Besides his academic career, Mr. Primorac was a member of the Board of Directors of the Croatian Pension Insurance Institute and of the Finance and State Budget Committee of the Croatian Parliament. He was also a deputy chairman of the Supervisory Board of the Croatian Electricity Company, of the Audit Committee of the Croatian Lottery Ltd., and of the Supervisory Board of the Croatian Radio and Television, as well as a Chairman of the Audit Committee of the Croatian Radio and Television. He holds a PhD in Economics from the Faculty of Economics & Business, University of Zagreb.



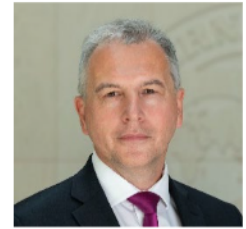
## **Keynote address**

**Peter D. Lund** is Professor in Engineering Physics and Advanced Energy Systems at Aalto University, Finland with past visiting positions in Germany and China. Honorary Professor at Southeast University, Nanjing. He has more than 40 years experience in energy technologies, innovations, systems, and policies. He led Finland's R&D on new energy technologies 1988-1998. Dr. Lund is active in senior roles with European Union initiatives in energy: he chaired the Advisory Group Energy of European Commission 2002-06, past chair of the Energy Steering Panel of European Academies Science Advisory Council 2013-2017, past member of Euro-CASE and European University Association's energy platforms, Co-Chair of European Academies' science advice to E.C. for policy on the energy transition 2019-2021. He is vice-chair of the Finnish Climate Change Panel. He has also served in advisory roles for many energy programs worldwide including the International Energy Agency. He is member of the Swedish Engineering Academy in Finland and Finnish Academy of Science and Letters. Dr. Lund is Co-Editor-in-Chief for Interdisciplinary Reviews: Energy&Environment (Wiley). Editor-in-Chief of Oxford Open Energy (OUP). He has given many invited talks, published 430 peer-reviewed journal papers, and received several awards, lastly the China Friendship Award in 2021.



## **Session I – Enhancing Energy Security Along the Green Transition**

**Alfred Kammer** is the Director of the European Department at the International Monetary Fund since August 2020. In this capacity, he oversees the IMF's work with Europe. Mr. Kammer was previously the Chief of Staff of the Office of the Managing Director; Deputy Director of the Strategy, Policy and Review Department; Deputy Director of the Middle East and Central Asia Department; Director of the Office of Technical Assistance Management; and Advisor to the Deputy Managing Director. Mr. Kammer also served as resident representative of the IMF in Russia. Since joining the IMF, Mr. Kammer worked with countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, and the Middle East, and on a wide range of policy and strategic issues.



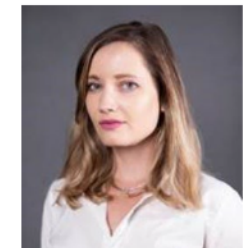
**Jan Svejnar** is the Richard N. Gardner Professor of Economics and International Affairs and Director of the Center on Global Economic Governance at Columbia University. Prior to joining the faculty of Columbia University, he was the Everett E. Berg Professor of Business Administration and Director of the William Davidson Institute, Professor of Economics, and Professor and Director of the Public Policy at the University of Michigan. From 1994 to 2002, he was an economic advisor to Czech president Václav Havel. He was honored with a Neuron Prize for lifelong achievement from the Karel Janeček Endowment for Research and Science in 2012 and the 2015 IZA Prize in Labor Economics from the Institute for the Study of Labor. He received his MA and PhD in Economics from Princeton University.



**Paula Pinho** is Director at the Directorate-General Energy in the European Commission since April 2021. She is responsible for Just Transition, Consumers, Energy Efficiency, Innovation and Energy security. A Portuguese national and lawyer by training, Ms Pinho draws on her extensive knowledge of various EU policies, and in particular EU energy policy, as well as on her leadership and negotiation skills towards her commitment to Europe's clean and just energy transition and energy security. Previously, Ms Pinho was Acting Director for Energy Policy where she has overseen the work of international energy relations, financial instruments and inter-institutional relations. Between 2004 and 2015, Ms Pinho served as Member of Cabinet for several EU Commissioners, including Commissioner for Energy Günther Oettinger. Paula speaks fluently Portuguese, German, English and French, Spanish and Italian.



**Olga Khakova** is the deputy director for European energy security at the Atlantic Council's Global Energy Center (GEC). She leads GEC's portfolio on synchronizing climate and energy security efforts through transatlantic cooperation. Khakova addresses these issues through in-depth reports and high-level convenings, such as the Central and Eastern European Energy Security Conference in Washington, DC. She conceptualized and launched GEC's Innovation Stream, as well as the Model COP26 competition. Before joining the Atlantic Council, Khakova was a senior program coordinator for the US Energy Association's Energy Technology and Governance Program. She helped start and manage the Western Balkans' Electricity Market Initiative working group. Khakova's experience also includes serving as program director for The Climate + Energy Project (CEP), a clean energy nonprofit in the Midwest. She has a professional science masters in environmental assessment from the University of Kansas.



### **Moderator**

**Karen Tso** (CNBC) Co-Anchors CNBC's flagship show 'Squawk Box' in EMEA. The three-hour programme, which broadcasts worldwide five days a week, bookends the opening of European equity markets and is a must see for financial professionals, C-suite executives and investors. Tso often reports live on location from major international events, while moderating conversations and firesides with world leaders and CEOs at the World Economic Forum in Davos, IMF conferences, Asian Development Bank, Mobile World Congress, Web Summit, Women's Forum, Cannes Lions and the Frankfurt Motor Show. In 2017 she covered both rounds of the French Presidential Election live from Paris. Tso has anchored across CNBC International, from London, New York, Singapore and Australia.





## ***Session II – Adjusting to Ongoing Shifts in International Trade and Supply Chains***

**Debora Revoltella** is Director of the Economics Department of the European Investment Bank, acting as Chief Economist. Since her arrival at the EIB in 2011, Debora Revoltella has designed and led the work for flagship publications such as the EIB Investment Report, a series of policy working papers and other region- specific research. Debora Revoltella holds a degree in Economics and a Master's degree in Economics from Bocconi University as well as a PhD in Economics from the University of Ancona in Italy. After her experience as an Adjunct Professor in Macroeconomics at Bocconi University, Debora joined the research department of Banca Commerciale Italiana, a leading Italian Bank.



**Vazil Hudák** is the Chairman of Avanea alternative investment fund, member of the Advisory Board of JP Morgan bank and Vice-Chairman of Globsec. He is responsible for policy and strategic guidance for the GLOBSEC flagship programs. Previously, he worked as an advisor to the Government of the Czech Republic on establishment of the National Development Fund; Vice-President of the European Investment Bank; Chief Negotiator for the EU Budget during Slovak EU Presidency in 2016; Minister of Economy of the Slovak Republic; Deputy Minister of Finance of the Slovak Republic; Vice – President of the ECOFIN; Industry Head of Public Sector for the Central and Eastern Europe 2010 – 2012 at J.P. Morgan Chase; Vice-President at CITIGROUP; Vice-President at Eastwest Institute; and Policy Officer at Federal Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech and Slovak Federal Republic.



**Alain Florence** is an international automotive business specialist. He has 47 years of experience in the automotive business, including 21-year experience in purchasing (supplier quality, operational purchasing, creation of the Renault purchasing project team, international purchasing, purchasing strategy, creation and development of Renault purchasing structure in Mercosur) for RENAULT, ARCAD (a Renault-CHRYSLER JV in Detroit, USA) and AvtoVAZ in Russia. He also has 19 years' experience in sales, marketing and business development with worldwide automotive suppliers (Benteler, United Technologies, Lear Corporation), and 7 years' experience as advisor/consultant for automotive suppliers such as SNECI (France and Russia), RECTICEL (France, Belgium and Germany), TPV (Slovenia), LOHR (France), GAUSSIN (France).



**Joseph Francois** is Managing Director and professor of economics at the World Trade Institute, University of Bern. He is a fellow of the Centre for Economic Policy Research, director of the European Trade Study Group and the Institute for International and Development Economics, and a board member of the Global Trade Analysis Project. He is co-editor of the World Trade Review and serves on the editorial board of the Journal of Global Economic Analysis. Past professional incarnations have included professor of economics at the Johannes Kepler Universität Linz, professor of economics at Erasmus University Rotterdam and the Rotterdam School of Management, research economist for the World Trade Organization, and chief of research and acting director of economics for the U.S. International Trade Commission. Joe studied economics at the University of Maryland and economics and history at the University of Virginia.



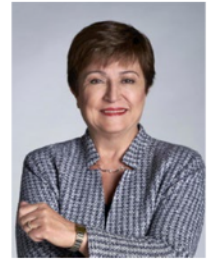
### ***Moderator***

**Mladen Sirovica** (HRT) has over 20 years of experience in journalism, mostly as an economy reporter on Croatian Public Television (HRT). His fields of expertise are macroeconomics and energetics. For the last couple of years, he is covering various topics by doing daily interviews that are being broadcasted as an integral part of Central News on HRT.



### ***Session III – Policy Roundtable: Steering Macroeconomic Policies through More Frequent Supply Shocks***

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**Gediminas Šimkus** is the Chairman of the Board of the Bank of Lithuania. He joined the Bank of Lithuania in 2002, and over the 18 years of his work at this institution consistently furthered his career, gaining experience in banking supervision, financial stability, analysis and forecasting of global and domestic economic developments, statistical compilation and dissemination, monetary policy formation, macro-prudential and economic policy decision-making. Two years spent working at the European Central Bank (ECB) contributed even more to his knowledge and experience. As the Chairman of the Board of the Bank of Lithuania, Gediminas Šimkus oversees monetary policy, research, as well as organizational management (administration).



**Delina Ibrahimaj** is Minister of Finance and Economy of Albania since September 2021. Prior to her appointment she served as the Director General of the General Directorate of Taxation and as Director General of the Institute of Statistics. Earlier she had been a Coordinator for Financial and Economic Affairs at the Prime Ministers' Office and an Economist at the Bank of Albania. She holds Ph.D. in Banking and Finance from the University of Rome, Italy, and Master of Science in General Management from the University "Luigi Bocconi" – Milan, Italy.



**Teresa Czerwińska** was appointed the Vice President of the European Investment Bank in March 2020. In this role, alongside looking after the constituency countries (Poland, Hungary, Croatia) she is responsible for Eastern Partnership countries as well as for Central Asia, China and Mongolia. She also oversees the matters of science, education, innovation, digital economy, and the InvestEU programme. Prior to becoming EIB Vice-President, Mrs Czerwińska was a member of the management board of the National Bank of Poland, Minister of Finance of the Republic of Poland, when she was also a Governor of the European Investment Bank. Earlier she held the position of the Undersecretary of State being responsible for the state budget at the Ministry of Finance.



Before, in the years 2015 - 2017, she was the Undersecretary of State in the Ministry of Science and Higher Education. Teresa Czerwińska is a Professor of Economics at the Warsaw University specializing in finances and risk management.

#### ***Moderator***

**Ali Aslan** is an internationally renowned TV Presenter, Talk Show Host, Event Moderator, Master of Ceremonies and Journalist. His international career in broadcast journalism spans more than two decades and three continents and includes work for CNN in Washington DC, ABC News in New York, Channel News Asia in Singapore and Deutsche Welle TV in Berlin. Throughout his illustrious career, Aslan has hosted international daily and weekly prime-time global affairs TV talk shows with a worldwide audience and top news-making interviews. Aslan earned two masters degrees in international Relations and Journalism from Columbia University in New York and a bachelor's degree in International Politics from Georgetown University in Washington DC.

