



**VIRTUAL ROUND TABLE**  
**30 YEARS CHARTER OF PARIS:**  
**LESSONS FOR PRAGMATIC**  
**COOPERATION IN THE OSCE AREA**  
ONLINE (VIA ZOOM) ON 8 SEPTEMBER 2020  
15.00-17.00 CEST

**ANNOTATED AGENDA AND**  
**SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES**



Federal Foreign Office

# 30 Years Charter of Paris: Lessons for Pragmatic Cooperation in the OSCE Area

The stagnation of political dialogue in the OSCE reflects Europe's return to a newly divided security order. The European security order is ostensibly dominated by tensions between Russia and the West. Above all, global issues, transnational risks, increasing mutual dependencies, and challenges originating from outside of Europe have given rise to new substantial questions regarding security and cooperation in the OSCE area as a whole – both east and west of Vienna.

The reality of this new division of Europe is a far cry from the euphoric mood and political optimism of the early 1990s. That optimism was strikingly reflected in the “Charter of Paris for a New Europe”, adopted at a meeting of the CSCE participating States' Heads of State and Government on 21 November 1990. With its vision of “a new era of democracy, peace and unity in Europe”, the Charter of Paris continues to be one of the foundational documents of the OSCE. At the same time, it has become part of history.

The 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the adoption of the Charter of Paris provides an excellent opportunity to highlight the achievements and shortcomings of the implementation of the Paris approach of comprehensive, cooperative, equal and indivisible security. Against this background, we would like to discuss the reasons for the complex situation in Europe, different views on past and current challenges, options for pragmatic cooperation in the Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian space, and the role of the OSCE.

# Key questions include:

- What political conditions made the adoption of the Charter of Paris possible, and how have the current tensions and crises arisen? Why are the objectives set out in the Charter – “democracy, peace and unity” – constantly being challenged?
- What are the obstacles to implementing a cooperative security order in the Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian space? What does this mean for the OSCE?
- What are the preconditions for achieving a regime of pragmatic cooperation in the Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian area? What role can/should the OSCE play in this context?
- Which strategies and initiatives promote pragmatic cooperation in the Euro-Atlantic and Eurasian area? How can the OSCE contribute?
- How can participating States contribute?

TUESDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER 2020, 15.00 – 17.00 (MESZ)

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from 14:30

### **Zoom-Registration**

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15:00 – 16:00

Start of Zoom-Meeting

#### **Welcome**

- **Ms Petra Dachtler**,  
Head of Division for OSCE and the Council of Europe,  
Federal Foreign Office
  
  - **Dr habil. Cornelius Friesendorf**,  
Head of the Centre for OSCE Research (CORE), Institute  
for Peace Research and Security Policy
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#### **Virtual Round Table Discussion**

- **Dr Marianne von Grünigen**,  
Ambassador (ret.), Switzerland
  
  - **Dr William H. Hill**,  
Ambassador (ret.), Woodrow Wilson International  
Center, USA
  
  - **Ms Stephanie Liechtenstein**,  
Journalist/Diplomatic Correspondent, Austria
  
  - **Prof. Andrei Zagorski**,  
Institute of World Economy and International Relations,  
Russian Academy of Sciences, Russian Federation
  
  - Moderator: **Dr Reinhard Krumm**,  
Head of the Regional Office for Cooperation and Peace in  
Europe of the Friedrich Ebert Foundation (FES), Vienna
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16:00 – 17:00

**Discussion with participants**

# SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



## **Dr Marianne von Grünigen**

Dr Marianne von Grünigen is a former Swiss diplomat and Ambassador. She joined the Swiss Foreign Service in 1967. From 1989 to 1993 she headed the Division for Peace, Security and Disarmament in the Foreign Ministry. In this function, she covered the CSCE negotiations and coordinated the drafting of the 1990 Paris Charter, a landmark document that paved the way for the transformation of the CSCE into the OSCE. She was the second woman in Swiss diplomacy to be appointed as Head of the Diplomatic Mission and served as Ambassador to Finland and Egypt. From 1997 until her retirement in 2001, she served as Head of the Swiss Delegation to the OSCE, the United Nations and the International Organisations in Vienna. Ambassador Marianne von Grünigen has dedicated her post-diplomatic career to serving as an honorary president of various NGOs, in particular of the Swiss Helsinki Committee for Democracy, Rule of Law and Human Rights.



## Dr William H. Hill

Dr William H. Hill is a retired US career diplomat and a former Professor of National Security Strategy at the National War College of the National Defense University in Washington, DC. Dr Hill is an expert on Russia and the former Soviet Union, East–West relations, and European multilateral diplomacy. In his capacity as US ambassador, he served two terms (2003–2006 and 1999–2001) as Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova, where he was charged with negotiating a political settlement of the Transdniestrian conflict and with facilitating the withdrawal of Russian forces, arms, and ammunition from Moldova. He is currently a Global Fellow at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC. Dr Hill is the author of the recently published book *No Place for Russia: European Security Institutions Since 1989*.



## Ms Stephanie Liechtenstein

Stephanie Liechtenstein has over 18 years' experience working in international organizations, think tanks and journalism. For six years, Ms Liechtenstein also worked in different positions at the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) in Vienna. In addition, she has been working as a leading member of the team that founded and established the Security and Human Rights Monitor, the only platform that combines regular news, analysis and academic insights into the work of the OSCE. As a journalist, she focuses on multilateral diplomacy and negotiations, EU foreign and security policy and international organizations, including the OSCE and the United Nations. She has written, e.g., for the *Wiener Zeitung* and *Die Presse*, *The Washington Post*, *Foreign Policy*, and *The Huffington Post* and has provided frequent commentary and live reports for television stations, including Euronews and the BBC News Channel.



## Prof. Andrei Zagorski

Prof. Andrei Zagorski is head of the Department for Disarmament, Arms Control and Conflict Resolution at the Evgeniy Primakov National Research Institute of World Economy and International Relations (IMEMO) of the Russian Academy of Sciences and a Professor at the Department of IR History of the Moscow State Institute for International Relations (MGIMO University). He is a member of the Russian International Affairs Council and the Steering Committee of the OSCE Network of Think Tanks and Academic Institutions. He belongs to the editorial boards of *Security and Human Rights* (a Journal of International Relations) in The Hague and the *OSCE Yearbook* in Hamburg. Prof. Zagorski is the author of more than 400 scientific publications on European security, post-Soviet studies, arms control, arctic studies and Russian foreign and security policy.

# MODERATOR



## Dr Reinhard Krumm

Dr Reinhard Krumm is head of the Regional Office for Cooperation and Peace in Europe of the Friedrich-Ebert-Stiftung (FES) in Vienna and a lecturer on Russian and Eastern European History at the University of Regensburg. In the 1990s he worked as a journalist in the former Soviet Union and as the Moscow correspondent of *Der Spiegel* magazine. After joining the FES, he served in leading positions in different countries in the OSCE region: as head of the Regional Central Asian office in Tashkent/Uzbekistan and head of both the Russian office in Moscow and the FES Department of Central and Eastern Europe in Berlin. Reinhard Krumm frequently comments on current political events in the international media. He has edited and contributed to OSCE-related publications (e.g. *Perceptions of the OSCE in Europe and the USA*) and is the author of the recently published book *Russlands Traum*.