

ORGANISERS

// ASSOCIATION FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

The Association for International Affairs (established 1997 in Prague) is a non-profit, non-governmental organisation whose aim is to conduct research and educate about international relations and foreign affairs.

The Research Centre at the Association for International Affairs (AMO) was established in October 2003 to coordinate the AMO's research activities. The Research Centre aims at identifying and researching issues regarding the foreign

policy of the Czech Republic and its position in today's world. The Centre provides independent expert analysis, supports discussion at different levels and provides possible solutions for these issues. Within the Research Centre three programmes have been established:

The Eastern European Programme focuses on the research of the European countries of the former Soviet Union. Main fields of interests are issues, which are highly important for the Czech Republic from a political, economical and security point of view. Attention is also paid to the broader context of political, social and economical transformation processes in this region.

The Eurasian Programme involves a broad spectrum of issues, from closed political development and state building processes over processes of social transformation and economical development to questions of security and foreign policy of the newly independent states in the Caucasus and Central Asian region (Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Turkmenistan).

Programme of Atlantic Security Studies (PASS) has been realized in co-operation with the Prague Security Studies Institute. Information about the PASS' activities is available at www.pass-prague.cz.

Furthermore, the Research Centre organises various public and internal roundtables, seminars, conferences and a number of other events.

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// PEOPLE IN NEED

People in Need is a Czech non-profit, non-governmental organisation whose mission is to inspire a largeness of spirit in Czech society by helping others in need and by promoting democratic freedoms for all. People in Need is a major advocate of democratic inclusion both in the Czech Republic and abroad, and in its 12 years of existence, has administered over 40 million EUR in 33 countries worldwide. In recognition of its achievements, People in Need received the Czech Foreign Ministry's Gratias Agit Award in 1997 for outstanding contribution to the Czech Republic's image abroad. In 1998, the foundation was honoured with the Democracy and Civil Society Award by the United States and European Union, in commemoration of the 50th anniversary of the Marshall Plan. Former Czech President Václav Havel, a long-term partner of People in Need, has also recognized the foundation's work in the field of human rights.

People in Need has a special commitment to supporting groups and people working in totalitarian regimes. The organisation is convinced that it is obligated to assist people in need; that it must aid those abroad the way that dissidents in Czechoslovakia were helped during the reign of Communism. People in Need supports political prisoners and their family members and documents torture, execution, and crimes against humanity in oppressed societies. To highlight its support for peace, democracy and human rights, People in Need established the annual Homo Homini Award given to individuals who display exceptional courage in defence of these values. Currently, People in Need is working to support human rights movements in Belarus, Burma, Cuba and North Korea.

People in Need's **Belarusian Center** (BC) was founded in 1998 in cooperation with exiled Belorussian opposition figures with the aim of supporting persecuted political groups, the independent media and pro-democracy initiatives and reforms in the country. Thanks to generous support from the National Endowment for Democracy in Washington D.C., the BC organises a number of events such as special seminars, study trips and lectures involving representatives of the democratic opposition in Belarus.

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As a foundation for liberal policy the Friedrich-Naumann-Foundation is committed to freedom – freedom of opinion and action, in all walks of life and all over the world. Such freedom can only be achieved if we can win as many people as possible for the cause of liberalism.

Only they that understand political contexts can change them. And only they that know what freedom means can take up the cause of liberalism and democracy.

That is why, with our partners in over 80 countries, we are working to change people's awareness – and their patterns of behaviour.

We have up to now been able to do a lot for the idea of freedom both in Germany and all over the world.

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