



ABOUT PASS

PASS, the Program of Atlantic Security Studies, a joint think-tank project of The Prague Security Studies Institute (PSSI) and The Association for International Affairs (AMO), was initiated in May 2003 by several leading experts and practitioners in the field of foreign policy and security issues in the Czech Republic. The direction of PASS has been shaped by its founding members, including two former ambassadors to the U.S.: Michael Žantovský and Alexandr Vondra, who served as PASS coordinators in 2003 and 2004.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Following the success of our 2004 Conference “Energy and Security”, PASS is preparing Conference on “**Business and Security**” to be held on **October 10 – 12, 2005**. It will address broader issues including security-minded corporate governance, business perspectives on global security and threat assessments, challenges to international insurance, and the role of international institutions, with an emphasis on NATO.



ANNUAL CONFERENCES

NATO AND THE GREATER MIDDLE EAST

October 17 – 19, 2003, Prague

The conference “NATO and the Greater the Middle East,” which took place on October 17 – 19, 2003 in the Czech Senate, was the most important PASS event of 2003. The conference was co-hosted by Vice-President of the Senate Jan Ruml and Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Affairs, Defense and Security of the Senate Josef Jařab. The conference was held under the auspices of the Czech Minister of Foreign Affairs Cyril Svoboda and the Lord Mayor of Prague *Pavel Bém*. Most of the 45 conference participants from abroad, including Madeleine Albright, HRH Prince Hassan bin Talal of Jordan, as well as US permanent representative to NATO R. Nicholas Burns, and 33 participants from the Czech Republic, including *Václav Havel*, agreed that the conference had brought numerous interesting insights into this multidimensional topic. The

conference discourse helped us to better understand the highly complex issues of the Greater Middle East and the potential NATO’s contribution to the resolution of the problems of the region.

ENERGY AND SECURITY: GLOBAL CHALLENGES – REGIONAL PERSPECTIVES October 19 – 21, 2004, Prague

Last year, PASS decided to provide a forum for debate on energy security from both the global and regional perspectives. The conference entitled “Energy Security: Global Challenges – Regional Perspectives” took place in the Czech Senate, on October 19 – 21, 2004. The issue of energy security remains a major challenge for the Czech Republic and other Central European countries after their entry into the EU. The conference discussions addressed a broad range of issues, including: rising oil prices; the mix of energy resources that

can achieve sustainable economic development, environmental quality, national security, and energy security; how Europe can avoid undue dependence on any one source of fuel; and how the international political situation will affect energy choices for Europe, with a particular focus on the Middle East and Russia. Key conclusions from the discussion are available on the PASS web site as “Prague Principles for Energy Security.”

Panelists were drawn from academia, industry and government experts from the Czech Republic, throughout Europe, Russia, the USA, Japan and the Middle East. Participants included the Former Prime Minister of Poland, *Jerzy Buzek*; US Under Secretary of State *Paula Dobriansky*; former President of the Tokyo Electric Power Company, Nobuya Minami; the Chairman of the Board of Directors of The Eisenhower Institute, Susan Eisenhower; David Waller, the Deputy Director General of IAEA; Kevin Rosner, Security Advisor of the BTC Pipeline Company, and many others.



PASS MISSION

The aim of PASS is to identify and analyze foreign policy and security-related issues and problems in the area of transatlantic relations, and to help propose practical solutions and ways of dealing with these issues:

1. The first area of activity focuses on general perspectives of the Atlantic bond itself. Current Euro-American issues and the future of NATO and the future of common European Security and Defense Policy are analyzed aiming at complementary and synergic solutions that would strengthen the transatlantic bond.

2. In the second area, the comprehensive approach is applied to the analysis of the security environment

and to the specific threats and methods of dealing with them, be it counterterrorism, organized crime, intelligence sharing or migration policies.

3. The third pillar of the program is dedicated to other factors that hinder the Atlantic cooperation: violations of the rule of law, protectionism and lack of transparency; therefore, our efforts are geared towards anti-corruption measures, as well as knowledge based and competitive strategies, driven by initiatives of civil society.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Since 2003, PASS has organized and convened numerous internal and public roundtables and seminars on current transatlantic issues. In conjunction with regular “policy briefings” with the participation of our International Advisory Board Members, namely Madeleine Albright, Henry Kissinger, Joshua Muravchik and Ron Asmus, these discussion forums are an essential aspect of our work.

UKRAINE IN EUROPE AND THE WORLD

February 20 – 21, 2004, Kiev

Since autumn 2003, PASS has been a member of the Friends of Ukraine Network, an international team supporting Ukraine's full integration into Europe and the World. The Friends of Ukraine sponsored the February 2004 Conference “Ukraine in Europe and the World” in Kiev that brought international atten-

tion to the challenges and opportunities Ukraine was facing in 2004. Following the conference, PASS helped to bring distinguished speakers to various regions in Ukraine to deliver important messages, with an aim to keeping those issues most important to Ukrainians in focus and to keep an energetic dialogue alive throughout the country's regions. These initiatives were vindicated during the “Orange Revolution” and PASS remains committed to assisting Ukraine in meeting its present goals and needs.

NATO BETWEEN PRAGUE AND ISTANBUL: REVIEWING PROGRESS, ASSESSING PROSPECTS May 28 – 29, 2004, Prague

The conference on „NATO between Prague and Istanbul,“ which was organized together with the Institute of International Relations in Prague (IIR), addressed the issues of the NATO



Istanbul Summit agenda. The conference welcomed over 60 renowned foreign and Czech experts from NATO member states as well as its neighbors (Russia, Ukraine and Georgia). The whole conference dealt with the debate that the Alliance was undergoing between the Prague and Istanbul summits, namely intensifying NATO partnerships, ongoing NATO transformation, strengthening of NATO out of area missions. Key speeches were delivered by Jamie Shea, Deputy Assistant General for External Relations, NATO; Andrzej Karkoszka, Senior Political Advisor at DCAF, Switzerland; Özdem Sanberk, Member of the Turkish Foreign Relations Commission, and others.



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WHO IS PASS?

The Advisory Board of PASS includes leading figures, scholars and thinkers from both sides of the Atlantic. Its members are, among others, Václav Havel, Former President of the Czech Republic, Former Secretaries of State Madeleine Albright and Henry Kissinger, Former NATO Secretary General George Robertson, editor of the Polish newspaper Gazeta Wyborcza Adam Michnik, Oxford historian Timothy Garton Ash and the French thinkers Pierre Hassner and Dominique Moisi.

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