



Prague Security
Studies Institute



20TH ANNIVERSARY

MESSAGE FROM PSSI'S CHAIRMAN

In celebration of this slightly belated 20th anniversary of the founding of the Prague Security Studies Institute (established in February 2002), it is only fitting that we should – first and foremost – pay tribute to my Co-Founder and our beloved former Executive Director, Oldřich Černý, who tragically passed away in March 2012. Olda's grace, calm, professionalism and consummate style have always set the tone and atmosphere of PSSI and blessed us with the Havel circle of associates and dear friends. We deeply miss him, as well as his long-time partner, former President Václav Havel.

Perhaps needless to say, we have had an immensely eventful journey over these more than two decades and seen over 1,500 alumni of our various programs transit our world, many of whom are with us today – and many more in spirit. I believe that they would generally concur that PSSI is a special place – with open minds and a relaxed disposition, but underpinned by deep beliefs and an energetic and dedicated adherence to the principles and values of human freedom. We see ourselves as more of a “do tank” than a “think tank” and our award-winning security policy activism is well known in our selected areas of expertise and global leadership.

Accordingly, it is with a sense of humility and profound pride that I welcome you all to this important milestone event in the history of our institution and wish to reiterate to PSSI alums and staff alike that we view you as “extended family”, not just rhetorically, but at a spiritual level. It has been a unique privilege for those of us looking after PSSI to have shared with you, and our many coveted supporters, this sacred mission of advancing the freedoms and liberties we all hold dear and steadfastly opposing those authoritarian police states and others who seek to compromise or destroy them. All I will say in closing is “not on our watch!”.



Roger W. Robinson, Jr.
PSSI Chairman and Co-Founder

SECURITY SCHOLARS PROGRAM

The Prague Security Studies Institute pioneered an intensive educational initiative, becoming the first public policy organization in the Czech Republic – and the region – solely dedicated to training future generations of security policy practitioners. For over two decades, PSSI has consolidated its leadership position regionally in this vital field.

Central to PSSI's educational commitment are distinguished undertakings such as the Robinson-Martin Security Scholars Academy, Cyber Security Academy, and our renowned NATO Summer School. These initiatives have fostered valuable skill sets urgently required to counter the predations of ever more sophisticated adversaries.

PSSI has collaborated closely with Charles University, which culminated in co-sponsoring of the University's highly regarded Master's Degree Program in International Security Studies. Additionally, the Institute co-sponsors the Oldřich Černý Ph.D. Scholarship, enabling a student to delve into Economic and Financial (E&F) Statecraft, and the four-year William P. Clark Space Security Scholarship, cultivating expertise in the dynamic space security domain.

SPACE SECURITY PROGRAM

PSSI's Space Security Program, launched in 2010, has been especially active in identifying key risks and threats to the peaceful use of space, offering creative normative, deterrence and response options for decision-makers. A centerpiece of the program has been its widely recognized Space Security Conference series, which has focused on strengthening space security through a number of modalities, including forging durable partnerships among nations and public-private sectors, as well as addressing what we term the "ground-based space race" with China and Russia. The program likewise inspired an academic course entitled 'Space Security in the 21st Century' under the auspices of Charles University's Master's Degree Program in International Security Studies.

REGIONAL SECURITY PROGRAM

In addition to its core programs referenced above, PSSI aims to identify and analyze emerging foreign policy and security-related challenges that will increasingly affect and influence the transatlantic security policy community. Indeed, less visible, unconventional avenues of conflict have come to the fore, including cyber attacks, disinformation techniques and more rarefied forms of economic and financial warfare.

Over the years PSSI has organized numerous events, gatherings, and publications on a range of issues relevant to transatlantic security ties and the current security environment, particularly with regard to aspects of Russia's current war of aggression against Ukraine, the malign influence of autocratic regimes in the Western Balkans and the burgeoning China threat to Europe and beyond.

ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL STATECRAFT PROGRAM

The Institute's experience in the Economic and Financial (E&F) domain dates back to before the Reagan Administration and includes over four decades of risk management, the targeted use of sanctions and senior policy-making expertise. This program aims to bolster allied security through original, cutting-edge research into Chinese and Russian transactions globally, external funding sources and patterns, and the state-controlled corporate entities of these adversaries deployed worldwide to advance their malevolent strategic agendas.

The overarching goal of PSSI's E&F Statecraft Program is to prevent China, Russia and other adversaries from abusing the open international financial and trading systems for purposes harmful to Western democracies and the cause of human freedom. It also seeks to ensure, as a central part of this mission, that the U.S. and other Western capital markets cease to be exploited by Chinese and Russian corporate "bad actors" to the tune of trillions of dollars over the past two decades.

20 YEARS AND COUNTING

In the more than 20 years of PSSI's existence, the Institute has surpassed many desired milestones and achieved an outsized number of accomplishments. Just a sampling includes:

- Established four successful research and educational programs;
- Conducted more than 20 consecutive years of our two-semester Robinson-Martin Security Scholars Academy;
- Contributed hundreds of bright, young security policy practitioners to fill the ranks of key senior foreign and security policy positions in the Czech Republic, the region, Europe and beyond;
- Helped establish and co-sponsor a long-running Master's Degree Program in International Security Studies at Charles University in Prague;
- Founded and co-sponsor the Oldřich Černý Ph.D. Scholarship in Economic and Financial Statecraft and the William P. Clark Ph.D. Space Security Scholarship at Charles University;
- Convened 18 NATO Summer Schools sessions;
- Held 5 Cyber Security Academies, 4 Energy Security Academies and numerous specialized security events for young journalists, politicians and aspiring civil-military experts;
- Created a large, dynamic family of alumni who can be called upon for mentorship, career counseling and as employment/academic resources;
- Organized some 200 events, conferences, and roundtable discussions;
- Awarded by the UK's *Prospect Magazine* as the top International Economic and Financial Affairs Program of any think tank worldwide in 2021 (edging out the prestigious U.S.-based Peterson Institute);
- Awarded by the Atlas Economic Research Foundation with The Templeton Freedom Award as the world's leading think tank in the category of Student Outreach in 2007.



First Robinson Martin Security Scholars Program participants' field trip to NATO headquarters, 2002

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President Václav Havel and Co-Founder and Chairman of the Prague Security Studies Institute, Roger W. Robinson, Jr., 2004



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President Václav Havel, H.H. the Dalai Lama and PSSI Executive Director Oldřich Černý, 2005



Former Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice speaking at the conference Ronald Reagan: Inspired Freedom in 2011



Co-Founder of PSSI and its first Executive Director, Oldřich Černý, at the unveiling of the Ronald Reagan street in Prague in 2011



Former Director of National Intelligence, Admiral Dennis C. Blair, U.S. Navy (Retired), addresses PSSI's First Space Security Conference, entitled Space Security Through the Transatlantic Partnership, 2011



Students of the first PSSI Cyber Security Academy visiting National Cyber and Information Security Agency, 2018



Under Secretary Andrea L. Thompson and PSSI's Managing Director Dr. Jana Robinson at the Fifth PSSI Space Security Conference, 2019



Former Program Director, Petr Lang, at the NATO's Next 70 Years conference, 2019



Speakers of the Sixth PSSI Space Security Conference, 2022



PSSI's Chairman and Co-Founder Roger W. Robinson, Jr. during the 6th PSSI Space Security Conference in Prague entitled "The Global Space Competition: Security, Markets and Sanctions", 2022



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Participants of 18th NATO Summer School, 2023

ABOUT PSSI

THE PRAGUE SECURITY STUDIES INSTITUTE (PSSI) is a non-profit, non-governmental organization established in early 2002 to advance the building of just, secure, democratic, free-market societies in the Czech Republic and other post-communist states. PSSI's mission is to educate and train an ever-growing number of informed and secu-

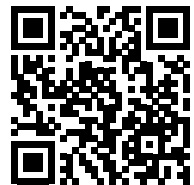
rity-minded policy practitioners dedicated to the development and protection of democratic values, principles, and institutions. PSSI offers programs that help meet the critical requirements associated with equipping new generations of young leaders to manage the complex, security-related challenges of the 21st century.

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