



**Democracy and International Security:
Human Rights Defenders at the Frontline of Freedom
Programme**

2 December 2025

[University of Warsaw, Dobra 55 Street]

8:00-9:00 *Arrival of the participants, registration*

9:15 Welcome addresses

Robert Grey, Chancellor of the University of Warsaw

Agata Duda-Płonka, Director of the Department of Global Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland

9:30 Keynote speech

Susan Kerr, Head of Human Rights Department, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

10:00 **Panel 1: Human rights defenders under pressure – protecting the voices of freedom**

Moderator: Adam Krzywosądzki, Deputy Director of the Department of Global Affairs, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland

- Álvaro Gómez del Valle, Senior Advocacy Lead for Front Line Defenders
- Aleksandra Iwanowska, Member of the Board, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (Poland)
- Oksana Pokalchuk, Co-Executive Director at Truth Hounds (Ukraine)
- Nida Aly, Executive Director at AGHS Legal Aid Cell (Pakistan)

11:20 *Coffee break*

11:40 **Insight: Democratic resilience in the age of digital threats: Protecting freedom by supporting human rights defenders**

Robert Kupiecki, Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland

- 12:00 **Panel 2: Democracy support in the age of disinformation and digital authoritarianism** (*organised by the European Endowment for Democracy*)
Moderator: Anna Zamejc (Poland)
- Marcin de Kaminski, Open Technology Fund (Sweden) – Opening remarks
 - Natalia Belikova, Belarus in Focus (Belarus)
 - Yanal Qushair, Jordan Open Source Association (JOSA, Jordan)
- 13:15 *Lunch break*
- 14:10 **Panel 3: Defending Human Rights from Exile: Strategies of Belarusian and Russian Activists** (*organised by the Centre for International Relation*)
Moderator: Adrianna Śniadowska, Chief Executive Officer, Centre for International Relation
- Nataliia Shavshukova, President of the OstMost Foundation, political scientist and civic activist
 - Paweł Łatuszka, former Belarusian ambassador to Poland, member of the Presidium of the Coordination Council, and leader of the United Provisional Cabinet
 - Aleksandra Iwanowska, Member of the Board, Helsinki Foundation for Human Rights (Poland)
 - Veronika Lapina, Protection Coordinator for Eastern Europe and Central Asia, Front Line Defenders
- 15:40 *Coffee break*
- 16:00 **Panel 4 Human rights and economic development in AI and energy transformation era** (*organised by the University of Warsaw*)
Moderator: Robert Grey, Chancellor of the University of Warsaw
- Dr. Jowanka Jakubek-Lalik, international expert on reforming public administration and the judiciary; Faculty of Law and Administration, University of Warsaw,
 - Dr. Paweł Kuczma, computer scientist; expert on Big Data analysis and artificial intelligence in modern media; Department of Information Technology, Faculty of Political Science and International Studies, University of Warsaw
- 17:30 *Reception at the invitation of the Polish Ministry of Foreign Affairs*