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UN Human Rights Council in a Fractured World:

Lessons and Challenges

Programme

27 November 2026

[University of Warsaw, 55 Dobra St., 00-312 Warsaw]

09:00 *Arrival of the participants, registration*

10:00 **Welcome addresses**

Professor Alojzy Z. Nowak, Rector of the University of Warsaw

Opening keynote speech

Radosław Sikorski, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland

10:20 **Panel 1: From Mechanisms to Impact: Twenty Years of the Human Rights Council**

Moderator: Michał Balcerzak, Professor at Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń and the University of Szczecin; Vice-Chairperson of the Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

- Mariana Katzarova, United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights in the Russian Federation
- Mary Lawlor, Adjunct Professor, Trinity College Dublin; former United Nations Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights defenders
- Mona M'Bikay, Executive Director of the UPR Info

11:30 *Coffee break*

12:00 **Insight: Key findings from GLOBSEC TRENDS 2026**

Wojciech Solak, Director of Centre for Democracy & Resilience, GLOBSEC

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12:15 **Panel 2: Human Rights in a Changing World: Disinformation, Authoritarian Trends and Digital Challenges**

Moderator: Katarzyna Rybka-Iwańska, Deputy Director, Department for Strategic Communications and Countering Foreign Disinformation, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Poland

- Robert Grey, Chancellor of the University of Warsaw
- Philip Obaji Jr., Nigerian journalist and activist
- Jerzy Pomianowski, Executive Director of the European Endowment for Democracy
- Liliana Vițu, Director of the Center for Strategic Communication and Countering Disinformation in Moldova

13:25 *Lunch break*

14:30 **Panel 3: Mobilisation or Manipulation? Youth, AI and Digital Rights from Online Activism to the Streets *(organised by the European Endowment for Democracy)***

Moderator: Marcin Walecki, Director of Programmes, European Endowment for Democracy

- Erisa Kryeziu, Journalist, Citizens Channel (Citizens.al), Albania
- Taysir Mathlouthi, Senior EU Advocacy Officer, 7amleh – The Arab Center for the Advancement of Social Media; Palestine
- Dionysia Peppa, Senior Legal and EU Policy Lead, SMEX (Social Media Exchange); Lebanon
- Anica Stamenković, Youth Activist, Okular, Serbia
- Stefan Putsila, Founder of NEXTA, Belarus

15:40 *End of the conference*