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## Ukraine's Choice: Europe or Russia?

**Friday, December 10, 2003**

**9:00 a.m.–3:30 p.m. Wohlstetter Conference Center, Twelfth Floor, AEI (conference)**

**5:30 p.m.–7:30 p.m. Second Floor, Freedom House (reception)**

*Despite campaign irregularities, the first round of the Ukrainian presidential election on October 31 was an increasingly rare event on the territory of the former Soviet Union: a genuinely contested election. Viktor Yushchenko and Viktor Yanukovych will face each other in the run-off that will take place on November 21. The outcome will likely determine Ukraine's destiny for years to come. Will Ukraine opt for integration with the West or with the Commonwealth of Independent States? Will it remain a democracy, or will it become a "managed democracy" like some of its neighbors? On International Human Rights Day, please join the New Atlantic Initiative at the American Enterprise Institute and our partners, the Friedrich Naumann Foundation, Freedom House, the International Republican Institute, the National Endowment for Democracy, and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty, for a conference that seeks to assess Ukraine's geopolitical orientation after the presidential elections.*

8:45 a.m. Registration and continental breakfast

9:00 *Welcome:* RADEK SIKORSKI, executive director, NAI

*Introduction:* PAULA DOBRIANSKY, under secretary of state for global affairs  
OLEH SHAMSHUR, deputy minister of foreign affairs of Ukraine

9:30 **Ukraine's Economy: Converging with the European Union or with the Common Economic Space?**

*Speakers:* VALERY PYATNYSKYI, first deputy minister of economy and European integration of Ukraine

PAWEL WOLOWSKI, director for Ukraine, Center for Eastern Studies in Warsaw

LARYSA DENYSENKO, program director, Transparency International–Kyiv office

OLEKSANDR SUSHKO, director, Center for Peace, Conversion, and Foreign Policy of Ukraine

*Moderator:* DONALD JENSEN, director of communications, RFE/RL

10:45 Break

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- 11:00     **Successes and Failures of Ukraine's Civil Society**  
*Speakers:*     ROMAN KUPCHINSKY, former director, RFE/RL's Ukrainian Broadcasting Service  
                     VYACHESLAV BRIUKHOVETSKY, National University of Kyiv–Mohyla Academy  
                     ADRIAN KARATNYCKY, counselor and senior scholar, Freedom House  
                     OLENA PRYTULA, editor in chief, internet periodical *Ukrains'ka Pravda*  
                     IHOR POPOV, head, Committee of Voters  
                     INNA PIDLUSKA, president, Europe XXI Foundation  
                     ANDRIY SHEVCHENKO, news director, Channel 5  
*Moderator:*     NADIA DIUK, director for Central Europe and Eurasia, NED
- 1:00 p.m. Luncheon  
*Keynote*         SENATOR CHUCK HAGEL (*invited*)  
*Speaker:*
- 2:00     **Ukraine's Armed Forces: On the Way to Join NATO?**  
*Speakers:*     JAMES SHERR, UK Defense Academy  
                     IGOR S. KOZII, head, general staff of the Ukrainian armed forces,  
                     department for Euro-Atlantic integration  
                     EVGHENI MARCHUK, former Ukrainian minister of defense (*invited*)  
                     ANATOLIY SOBORA, lt. general, commanding officer, Ukrainian troops in Iraq  
                     (*invited*)  
*Moderator:*     RADEK SIKORSKI, executive director, NAI; resident fellow, AEI
- 3:00     **A Geopolitical Assessment**  
*Speakers:*     BORYS TARASYUK, head of the European Integration Commission, Ukrainian  
                     Parliament  
                     JOHN E. HERBST, U.S. ambassador to Ukraine (*invited*)
- 3:30     Conference Adjournment
- 5:30     Reception     Reception held at the Freedom House Main Office Building, Second Floor, 1319  
                     Eighteenth Street, N.W., Washington  
*Speaker:*         ZBIGNIEW BRZEZINSKI, trustee and counselor, Center for Strategic and International  
                     Studies (*invited*)
- 7:30     Reception Adjournment

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