



GEOPOLITICS IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

REPORT OF THE SESSION

PRAGUE (Czech Republic)

2 to 8 July 2026

From 2 to 8 July 2026, the Summer University in Prague was organised successfully once more in the Czech capital in collaboration with CEVRO University. It was the opportunity to develop the very topical theme “Geopolitics in Central and Eastern Europe”.

Around 30 candidates took part in the programme, partly from the Czech Republic selected by CEVRO and partly from many different countries, selected by CIFE and the partner. They represented 12 different nationalities.

All the candidates who successfully completed the programme received a certificate of participation. Additionally, students who did some extra work after the session acquired ECTS credits.

At the end of the session, we also asked our students to fill out an evaluation questionnaire and comment upon our programme. Their observations were a great help for us for the continuation of the programme.

We hope that this session in Prague will be a very nice memory for everyone, and we warmly thank our partner, CEVRO University, for this friendly collaboration.



PROGRAMME

Thursday 2 July 2026: Arrival of the participants - Accommodation – Free evening

Friday 3 July 2026:

10.30: Opening session – welcome speeches



- **Jiří Š. Cieslar**, Director of the International Office, CEVRO University, Prague, Czech Republic
- **Marie-France Perdigon**, Director of the Summer University Programme of CIFE, Nice, France.

11.00: **“Central and Eastern Europe: The New Geopolitical Environment”**
Amb. Oleg Serebrian (Moldova),
Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova to Turkey

Lunch time

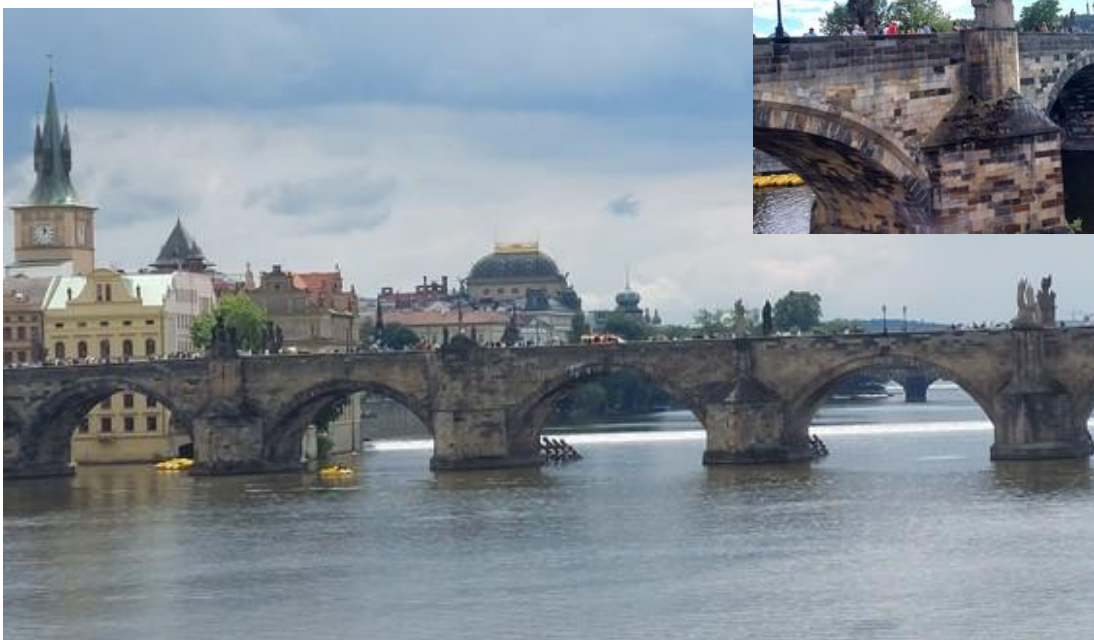
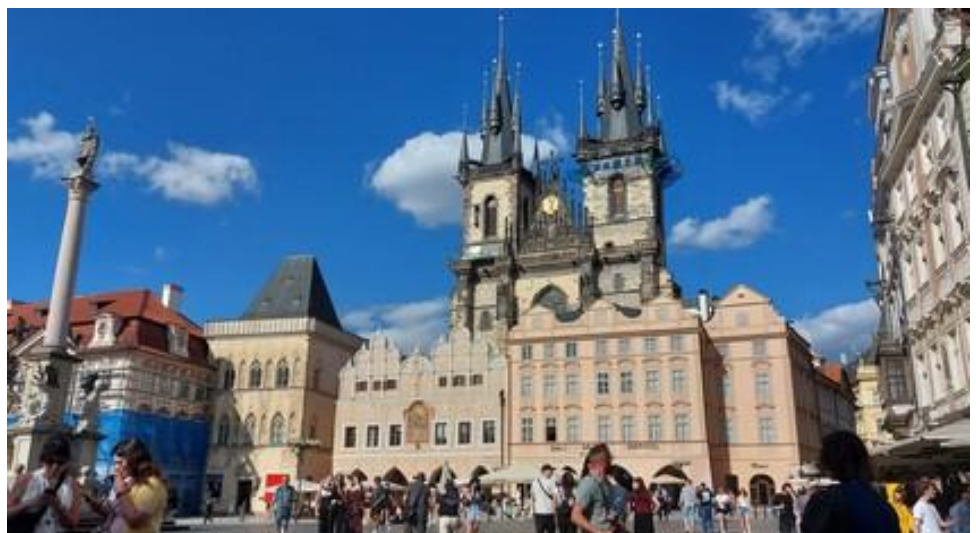


14.30: *"The EU and the Geopolitics of Critical Minerals"*

Gilles Lepasant (France), Senior researcher
CNRS, CEFRES.



16.30: *Walking tour of Prague with a guide*



Saturday 4 July 2026:

10.00: "NATO and the New US Policy"



Amb. Oleg Serebrian (Moldova), Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova to Turkey

11.30: "Shifting the Political Axis in Europe: Innovation and Power of Central and Eastern Europe"
Tomáš Pluhařík (Czech Republic), visionary leader, start-up captain, cyber security expert



Lunch time



14.30: "America, Europe, and Central Europe in the Age of Trump"

Roman Joch (Czech Republic), Director of the Civic Institute in Prague, commentator and lecturer on political philosophy and international relations



Sunday 5 July 2026:

10.00 -12.00: Visit of Prague Castle with a guide
Free afternoon for personal visits



Monday 6 July 2026:

10.00: "Between Berlin, Moscow and Washington: Polish Geopolitical Dilemmas"

Maciej Ruczaj (Poland), political analyst and former Polish diplomat. Currently he is a senior fellow at the Prague Center for Transatlantic Relations, CEVRO University.



11.30: "The New Geopolitics: Consequences/Opportunities for the Central, Respectively Eastern Europe"



Open discussion moderated **by Ivo Kaplan**, Chair of the Board European Institute Renaissance, Former civil servant at the Institute of Public Administration, Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic.

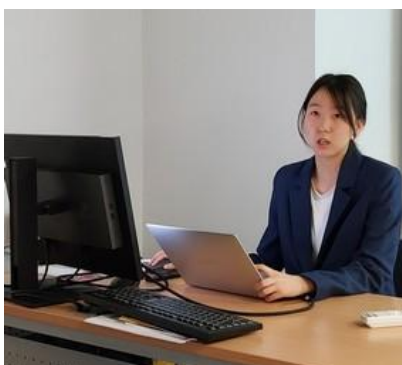
Lunch time

14.30: "The Visegrad Group and Its Future"

Cyril Svoboda (Czech Republic), Director of the Diplomatic Academy in Prague, former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic
(online presentation)



Tuesday 7 July 2026:

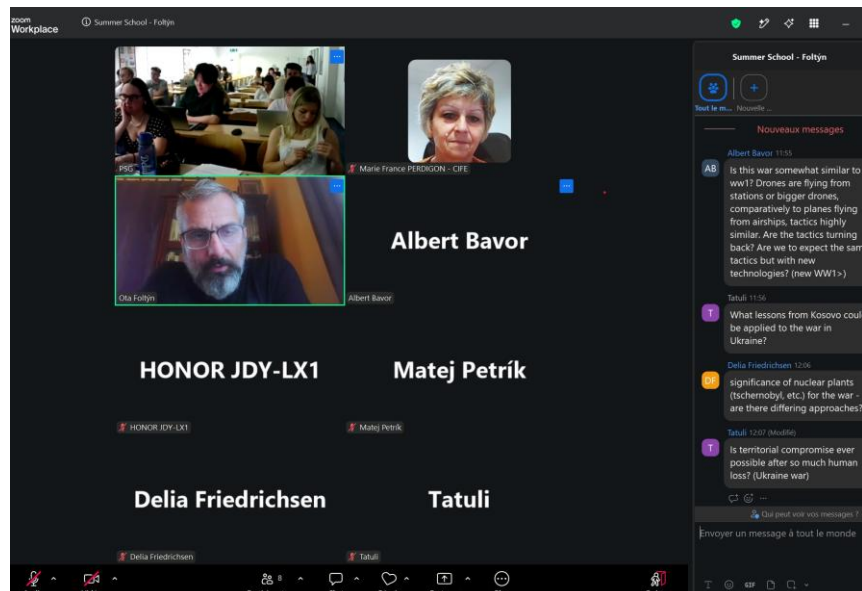


10.00: "Energy Policies in Central and Eastern Europe"

Ruoxi Lan (China), Researcher, XI'An International Studies University

11.30: "How the War in Ukraine Has Changed the Nature of War"

Otakar Foltýn (Czech Republic), Staff officer at the General Staff, Army of the Czech Republic
(online presentation)



Closing session with a friendly drink and distribution of diplomas



Lunch time

14.00h *ORAL EXAMS for candidates asking for ECTS Credits - Free afternoon for the others*

Wednesday 8 July 2026: Departure of the foreign group

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This programme attracted a large number of applicants, both from abroad and from the Czech Republic. 12 nationalities were represented for a group of more or less 30 applicants.

All the candidates were very positive about the programme and the highly topical theme. Large debates were proposed after each presentation to make the session interactive and allow the candidates to have answers to all their questions.

As for the logistics, the hotel, which was very close both to the university and and the city centre, was highly appreciated, especially for its extraordinary breakfast. The restaurant that hosted the group for working lunches offered a three-course menu that was more than sufficient, even though the vegetarian participants noted that there wasn't really a suitable option for them, despite the fact that the menus had been arranged in advance. However, we must take into account the country's cuisine, whose meals are often heavier than what most of us are used to eating.



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Last week, I participated in the Summer University program at [CEVRO Univerzita](#) in Prague, focusing on "Geopolitics in Central and Eastern Europe."

A huge thank you to [CIFE - Centre international de formation européenne](#) for organizing such a well-structured and insightful week.

The program offered great practical insights, and it was an honor to learn from and engage with experts, including Ambassador [Oleg Serebrian](#) (Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova), [Cyril Svoboda](#) (Director of the Diplomatic Academy in Prague) and many other inspiring speakers.

It was a highly productive week that provided valuable new perspectives on the region's current political landscape!





Find all the photos of the session on [Facebook “Summer University Programme-CIFE”](#)

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