



Programme universitaire d'été Summer University Programme

SUMMER UNIVERSITY IN PRAGUE

PRAGUE (Czech Republic)

2 to 8 July, 2026

in partnership with



GEOPOLITICS IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE

PROGRAM

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

Friday 3 July 2026:

10.30h Opening session – welcome speeches

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

Lunch time (organized for the foreign group)

14.30h *“The EU and the geopolitics of critical minerals”*
Gilles Lepasant (France), Senior researcher CNRS, CEFRES.

16.30h *Walking tour of Prague with a guide*

Saturday 4 July 2025:

10.00h *“NATO and the new US policy”*
Amb. Oleg Serebrian (Moldova), Ambassador of the Republic of Moldova to Turkey

11.30h *“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 (organized for the foreign group)

14.30h *“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 h-12.00h *Visit of Prague Castle with a guide*
Free afternoon for personal visits

Monday 6 July 2026:

10.00h *“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.

11.30h *“The Visegrad Group and its future”*
Cyrl SVOBODA (Czech Republic), Director of the Diplomatic Academy in Prague,
former Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

Lunch time (organized for the foreign group)

14.30h *“The new geopolitics: consequences/opportunities for the Central, respectively
Eastern Europe”*
Open discussion moderated by **Yvo 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.

Tuesday 7 July 2026:

10.00h *“Energy politics 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”*
Matyáš ZRNO (Czech), journalist and Editor-in-Chief of @aktualne.cz, former
ex-Foreign Desk Head of @cnnprima, war correspondent in Ukraine,
Afghanistan, and Balkan.

Closing session with a friendly drink and distribution of diplomas

Lunch time (organized for the foreign group)

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

Wednesday 8 July 2026:

Departure of the foreign group