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Panelist Biographies

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Dr. Andrew Bowen is an Analyst in Russian and European Affairs at the Congressional Research Service. He is responsible for advising Congress on issues relating to military, security, and intelligence issues in Russia, Ukraine, Belarus, and the South Caucasus. He has a master's degree from NYU and a PhD in International Relations from Boston College.

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Dr. Maryna Vorotnyuk is an Associate Fellow at the Royal United Services Institute for Defence and Security Studies (RUSI) in London, UK. Previously she held the position of Research Fellow at the International Security Studies department at RUSI. She works on security developments in the Black Sea region, Russian, Ukrainian and Turkish foreign policies, and the Russian-Ukrainian conflict.

Before joining RUSI in January 2021, she worked as a researcher for the Centre for European Neighbourhood Studies at the Central European University in Budapest (2017-2020), and as a visiting lecturer at the Department of Political Sciences of Comenius University in Bratislava, Slovakia (2015-2017). From 2006 until 2015 Maryna was affiliated with the National Institute for Strategic Studies in Ukraine and the Centre for International Studies of Mechnikov Odesa National University. She has held several international fellowships and authored numerous publications in her field. She speaks Ukrainian, Russian, Slovak, Turkish and English.

Katsiaryna Shmatsina

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Katsiaryna Shmatsina is a Belarusian analyst on Eurasian politics and security. She is a visiting fellow at the European Values Center for Security Policy in Prague and a fellow at the Belarusian Institute for Strategic Studies. Shmatsina's portfolio includes consulting of the

Belarusian democratic forces and research fellowships at the Eurasia Democratic Security Network (2021), German Marshall Fund (2020), and Think Visegrad (2019).

Previously, she worked for the American Bar Association (Washington, DC) and the International Republican Institute, where she managed the democratic-governance and rule-of-law projects. Shmatsina is a frequent speaker at conferences, such as the Warsaw Security Forum and Stratcom Summit. Her analyses are quoted in the Washington Post, the New York Times, and the Foreign Policy magazine. In 2020-2021, Shmatsina delivered several guest lectures on Belarus, Russia, and authoritarianism at the European University Viadrina (Frankfurt/Oder), Georgetown University (Washington DC), and her alma mater, Syracuse University (New York). In 2020, Katsiaryna Shmatsina had to leave Belarus due to high risk of prosecution for her work, as did many Belarusian experts and civil society representatives.

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