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Everyone has the right to freedom of opinion and expression; this right includes freedom to hold opinions without interference and to seek, receive and impart information and ideas through any media and regardless of frontiers.

This Transatlantic Summit will bring together Members of Parliament and political leaders from Europe, Africa and the Americas to engage in a high-level dialogue on freedom of expression as a foundational pillar of democratic societies.

The discussions will address the role of public institutions, parliaments, academia, culture, and international organizations in safeguarding this fundamental right, particularly in light of the ongoing debate surrounding the implementation and implications of the European Union's Digital Services Act.

The Political Network for Values is a global platform of political leaders committed to advancing public policies rooted in human dignity, the protection of fundamental freedoms, the culture of life, and the family as the cornerstone of society.

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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

09:30 Opening

A right prior to the State

Stephen Bartulica, Member of the European Parliament, ECR Group, and President of the Political Network for Values, Croatia
Patryk Jaki, Member of the European Parliament, Co-chairman of the ECR Group, Poland

09:45 The role of the State: custodians, not censors

Chair: **Enikő Györi**, Member of the European Parliament, PEF Group, Hungary

Luz Pacheco, President of the Constitutional Court, Peru

Victor Verdún, Vice Minister of Foreign Affairs, Paraguay

Clara Muzzio, Deputy Head of Buenos Aires City Government, Argentina

Fabiola Morales, Vice-Councilor of Lima Municipality, Perú

10:30 The role of the Parliament: legislating without silencing

The case of the EU's Digital Services Act

Chair: **Carlo Fidanza**, Member of the European Parliament, ECR Group, Italy

Raul Latorre, President of the Chamber of Deputies, Paraguay

Jesse Okey-Joe Onuakalusi, Member of the House of Representatives, Nigeria

Tom Vandendriessche, Member of the European Parliament, PEF Group, Belgium

Branko Grims, Member of the European Parliament, EPP Group, Slovenia

Paolo Inselvini, Member of the European Parliament, ECR Group, Italy

Comments

Nicolás Mayoraz, Member of Parliament, Argentina

Laurence Trochu, Member of the European Parliament, ECR Group, France

11:40 Defending truth in public debate: building spaces for dialogue

Chair: **Margarita de la Pisa**, Member of the European Parliament, PEF Group, Spain

Michel González Márquez, Member of Senate & Secretary General of PAN, Mexico

Lucy Akello, Member of Parliament, Uganda

Santiago Santurio, Member of Parliament, Argentina

Nikolas Ferreira, Member of Parliament, Brazil

Comments

Ronald Portillo, Member of Parliament, Guatemala

Andrés Castillo, Member of Parliament, Ecuador

Rodrigo Iván Cortés, Vice-chair of PNfV, Mexico

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12:45 **Spotlight case**

Eva Vlaardingerbroek, Political commentator, The Netherlands

13:00 **Networking Lunch**

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15:00 **Family picture**

15:30 **Academia, culture, and media as sanctuaries of freedom**

Chair: **Ádám Kavecsánszki**, President of the Foundation for a Civic Hungary

Fernando Sánchez, Former Ambassador to the Holy See and President of the Catholic University of Costa Rica, Costa Rica

Alvino-Mario Fantini, Director of The European Conservative, Italy

Jay Richards, PNfV Council of Experts' Member & Vice President of Social and Domestic Policy at The Heritage Foundation, USA

Fr. Benedict Kiely, Catholic priest, UK

Comments

Bart-Jan Spruyt, Opinion editor for CNE.news, Netherlands

Polonia Castellanos, PNfV Council of Experts' Member & President of Christian Lawyers Foundation, Spain

16:30 **Counteracting disguised censorship in the international forums**

Chair: **Grace Melton**, PNfV Council of Experts' Member & Senior Associate for International Social Issues, The Heritage Foundation, USA

Adina Portaru, Senior Counsel Europe, ADF International, Belgium

Gregor Puppink, General Director of the European Center for Law and Justice, France

Neydy Casillas, PNfV Board Member & Vicepresident of the Global Center for Fundamental Rights, México

Ernesto Araujo, Former Minister of Foreign Affairs, Brazil

Sharon Slater, PNfV Board Member & Family Watch International, USA

17:30 **Final remarks**

A Transatlantic Alliance for Freedom

Kinga Gal, Member of the European Parliament and First Vice President of PFE Group, Hungary

Mateusz Morawiecki, President of ECR Party, Poland

Santiago Abascal, President of PFE Party, Spain

Keynote speech: José Antonio Kast, Elected President of Chile

Stephen Bartulica, Member of the European Parliament, ECR Group, President of the Political Network for Values, Croatia

The next generation speaks: a call to action

Young leaders of the Political Network for Values

18:30 **Adjourn**