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**PhD Etienne Peyrat,  
Université de Lille, Science Po, France**

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Etienne Peyrat (Sciences Po Lille) will present his lecture "Russian Presence in the South Caucasus and Foreign Policy Perspectives (19th-20th Centuries)".

Étienne Peyrat is a lecturer in contemporary history at Sciences Po Lille and the author of *Histoire du Caucase au XXe siècle* (History of the Caucasus in the 20th century), Fayard, Paris, 2020.

## Akhmed Zakayev, Head of the Chechen Republic of Ichkeria Government in exile, United Kingdom

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Akhmed Zakayev is the former prime minister of the Chechen Republic of Ichkeria. A veteran of the First Chechen War, Zakayev was one of the signatories of the Chechen-Russian peace treaty when it was signed in 1997 and served as Chechen deputy prime minister after the war. When Russia attempted to implicate him in the planning of the Moscow theater siege in 2002, a British court refused to extradite Zakayev—who was living with his family in exile in the U.K.—stating that his life would be at risk if he returned to Russia. He was granted political asylum in 2003. Zakayev leads an alternative political movement that rejects the violent Chechen Islamist insurgency and the Russian-backed Chechen government of Ramzan Kadyrov.



## **Prof. Piotr Grochmalski, War Studies University, Poland**

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Piotr Grochmalski - Polish journalist, war correspondent, political scientist, lecturer. He was a war correspondent in Afghanistan, Armenia and Chechnya. Currently, he works at the Faculty of Science about Politics and Safety at the Nicolaus Copernicus University in Toruń and at the Faculty of Strategic Studies at the National Security Department of the War Studies University in Warsaw. He deals with the theory of politics and social communication as well as geopolitics. He is the author of studies devoted to Russia, the countries of the Caucasus and Central Asia.

## Grzegorz Wilga, Attorney at Law, Poland

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"Russian Crimes in Chechnya: the Question of Legal Responsibility"





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