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***The Dayton Dialogue:  
Conversations about Peace &  
Security in the Balkans***

**Roger Glass Center for the Arts @ the University of Dayton**

DAYTON, OHIO, USA

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**PUBLIC FORUM PROGRAM**

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**THURSDAY 22 MAY - NATO's Role in the Transatlantic Relationship**

10:30-11:45am [PANEL 1: US Global Strategy at a Historic Inflection Point \(sponsored by Atlantic Council\)](#)

1:30-2:45pm [PANEL 2: NATO's Transatlantic Economic Impact – The CEO Perspective \(sponsored by Dayton Development Coalition\)](#)

Moderator:

- [Dave Burrows, Dayton Development Coalition](#)

Panelists:

- Rich Tursic, CEO PVS Plastics Technology Corp. (Germany)
- Alberto Cracco, CEO – Westrafo (Italy)
- Frederick Gagne, Plant Manager – Heroux-Devtek (Canada)
- Greg Earle, Managing Director – HAHN Automation Group (Germany)

3:30-4:45pm [PANEL 3: Putting the Transatlantic Defense Industrial Base Back on Track \(sponsored by German Marshall Fund\)](#)

**FRIDAY 23 MAY - Dayton Accords 30 Years Later – A Historical Look Back**

10:30-11:45am [PANEL 4: To Be Announced Shortly](#)

1:30-2:45pm [PANEL 5: Why NATO Matters to Everyday Americans \(sponsored by Atlantic Council\)](#)

3:30-4:45pm [PANEL 6: Journalists' Stories: Telling the Truth During and After the Conflict \(sponsored by National Endowment for Democracy\)](#)

Moderator:

- Damon Wilson, President of NED (confirmed)

Panelists:

- Velma Saric, Founder and President of the Post-Conflict Research Center (confirmed)
- Denis Dzidic, Executive Director of Balkan Investigative Reporting Network (BIRN) Bosnia and Herzegovina (confirmed)
- Leila Bicakcic, Director of the Center for Investigative Reporting Bosnia and Herzegovina (confirmed)
- Mary McCarthy, Correspondent for the Dayton Daily News

## **SATURDAY 24 MAY - Dayton Today for the Balkans Present & Future**

- 10:30-11:45am      [PANEL 7: Economic Recovery and Development: Post-Dayton Progress and Future Challenges](#)
- 1:30-2:45pm      [PANEL 8: Next Steps After Dayton? Getting to Constitutional Reform in BiH \(sponsored by New Lines Institute\)](#)
- 3:30-4:45pm      [PANEL 9: To Be Announced Soon](#)

## **SUNDAY 25 MAY - Cultural & Societal Ties that Strengthen Relationships**

- 10:30-11:45am      [PANEL 10: NATO Spotlight on Veterans \(sponsored by German Marshall Fund\)](#)
- 1:30-2:45pm      [PANEL 11: The Role of Cultural Exchanges in Building Lasting Ties](#)
- Moderator:
- [Tom McDonald, former U.S. Ambassador to Zimbabwe and Partner at Taft, Stettinius & Hollister](#)
- Panelists:
- Sarajevo Philharmonic Director Vedran Tuce
  - DCDC Director Debbie Blunden-Diggs
  - Bosnia-American Artist Edina Seleskovic
  - Sister Cities Sarajevo City Chair Bonnie Kling
- 3:30-4:45pm      [PANEL 12: To Be Announced Soon \(sponsored by Carnegie Endowment for International Peace\)](#)

## **Ticket Information:**

Tickets will be required to attend each panel. Tickets will be first come, first served and free of charge. Tickets to each panel are limited to two (2) per transaction. Tickets are available at [tickets.udayton.edu](https://tickets.udayton.edu).