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Budapest Global Dialogue 2026
 February 9–10, 2026 | Hotel Corinthia, Budapest

Day 1: February 9, 2026	
10:00–20:00	Arrival of guests & registration
18:00–18:10	Welcome remarks Gladden Pappin (President, Hungarian Institute of International Affairs) Samir Saran (President, Observer Research Foundation)
18:10–19:10	Restoring Civilizational Self-Confidence: Which Values Will Secure Our Future? <u>Speakers</u> Sohrab Ahmari (U.S. Editor, <i>UnHerd</i>) Paul Coleman (Executive Director, ADF International, Vienna) Balázs Orbán (Political Director of the Prime Minister of Hungary) Sarah B. Rogers (Under Secretary of State for Public Diplomacy, U.S. Department of State) <u>Moderator</u> Gladden Pappin (President, Hungarian Institute of International Affairs)
19:10–21:00	Standing reception
Day 2: February 10, 2026	
8:00–16:00	Registration
8:30–9:30	Welcoming of guests

<p>9:30–9:45</p>	<p>Keynote address</p> <p><u>Speaker</u></p> <p>Péter Szijjártó (Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Hungary)</p>
<p>9:45–10:45</p>	<p>Opening plenary panel discussion:</p> <p>Sovereignty and Contestation: Has the Globe Finally Fractured?</p> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <p>Thomas Greminger (Executive Director, Geneva Centre for Security Policy, Switzerland)</p> <p>Dhruva Jaishankar (Executive Director, ORF America, Washington, D.C.)</p> <p>Ivan Krastev (Chair of the Centre for Liberal Strategies, Sofia, Bulgaria)</p> <p>Gladden Pappin (President, Hungarian Institute of International Affairs)</p> <p>Velina Tchakarova (Founder and Geopolitical Strategist, FACE (For A Conscious Experience), Vienna, Austria)</p> <p><u>Moderator</u></p> <p>Márton Ugródsy (Secretary of the Prime Minister’s Strategic Advisory Council, Hungary)</p>
<p>10:45–11:15</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>11:15–11:22</p>	<p>Keynote address</p> <p><u>Speaker</u></p> <p>Stefan Andonovski (Minister of Digital Transformation, North Macedonia)</p>
<p>11:22–12:25</p>	<p>From Tech Utopia to Tech Polarity: The Race to Own the Century</p>

	<p><u>Speakers</u></p> <p>Stefan Andonovski (Minister of Digital Transformation, North Macedonia)</p> <p>Juan E. Battaleme Martinez (Former Secretary of International Defense Affairs, Ministry of Defense, Argentina)</p> <p>Angeliki Dedopoulou (Public Affairs Director, V+O Group, Athens, Greece)</p> <p>Muhammad Faizal Bin Abdul Rahman (Research Fellow, RSIS Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies, Singapore)</p> <p><u>Moderator</u></p> <p>Trisha Ray (Associate Director and Fellow, GeoTech Center, Atlantic Council, Washington, D.C.)</p>
12:25–14:00	Lunch
14:00–14:15	<p>Keynote address</p> <p><u>Speaker</u></p> <p>Maka Botchorishvili (Minister of Foreign Affairs, Georgia)</p>
14:15–15:15	<p>Peacemakers and Peacekeepers: In Search of a Keystone for Global Security</p> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <p>Jennifer Kavanagh (Director of Military Analysis, Defense Priorities, Washington, D.C.)</p> <p>Edward Luttwak (Contractual Strategic Advisor to the U.S. Department of Defense)</p> <p>Elie Pieprz (Director of International Relations, Israel Defense and Security Forum)</p>

	<p>Alexandre del Valle (Full Professor of Geopolitics and International Relations, IPAG Business School, France)</p> <p><u>Moderator</u></p> <p>Tamás Baranyi (Director for Strategy and Board Member, Hungarian Institute of International Affairs)</p>
15:15–15:40	Coffee break
15:40–16:40	<p>Black Gold Blackmail: The Revenge of Energy Geopolitics</p> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <p>Ornela Çuçi (Head of the Research Center, Western Balkans University, Tirana, Albania)</p> <p>Tian Huifang (Research Director, China-CEE Institute, Budapest, Hungary)</p> <p>Dávid Kőhegyi (Partner and Head of Compliance and Investigations, DLA Piper Hungary)</p> <p>Carlos Roa (Director of Research, Danube Institute U.S., Washington, D.C.)</p> <p><u>Moderator</u></p> <p>Stefan Antić (Visiting Fellow, Hungarian Institute of International Affairs; Managing Editor, <i>Horizons</i>)</p>
16:40–17:15	Coffee Break
17:15–17:30	<p>Remote Keynote Address</p> <p>Graham Allison (Douglas Dillon Professor of Government, Harvard Kennedy School)</p>

<p>17:30–18:30</p>	<p>The Great Reset: Rebuilding the Global Economy</p> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <p>Sujan R. Chinoy (Director General, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses, New Delhi, India)</p> <p>László György (Government Commissioner for Economic Strategies and the Teach for Hungary Programme, Hungary)</p> <p>Andrew Peek (Director, Adrienne Arsht National Security Resilience Initiative, Atlantic Council, Washington, D.C.)</p> <p><u>Moderator</u></p> <p>Dorina Molnár (Managing Director, Hungarian Institute of International Affairs)</p>
<p>18:30–20:00</p>	<p>Dinner</p>