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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 (US Editor, UnHerd) Paul Coleman (Executive Director, ADF International) Balázs Orbán (Political Director to 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 of 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>Dhruva Jaishankar (Executive Director, Observer Research Foundation America)</p> <p>Gladden Pappin (President, Hungarian Institute of International Affairs)</p> <p>Thomas Greminger (Executive Director, Geneva Centre for Security Policy (GCSP))</p> <p>Velina Tchakarova (Geopolitical Strategist and Founder of FACE- For A Conscious Experience)</p> <p>Ivan Krastev (Chairman of the Center for Liberal Strategies; Albert Hirschman Permanent Fellow of the Institute for Human Sciences, IWM Vienna)</p> <p><u>Moderator</u></p> <p>Márton Ugródsy (Deputy State Secretary, Office of the Prime Minister’s Political Director)</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 for International defense affairs, Ministry of Defense, Argentina)</p> <p>Angeliki Dedopoulou (Public Affairs Director, V&O Group)</p> <p>Muhammad Faizal Bin Abdul Rahman (Research Fellow, RSIS Institute of Defence and Strategic Studies)</p> <p><u>Moderator</u></p> <p>Trisha Ray (Associate Director and Resident Fellow, Atlantic Council GeoTech Center)</p>
<p>12:25–14:00</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>14:00–14:15</p>	<p>Keynote address</p> <p><u>Speaker</u></p> <p>Maka Botchorishvili (Minister for Foreign Affairs, Georgia)</p>
<p>14:15–15:15</p>	<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, U.S.)</p> <p>Alexandre del Valle (Full Professor at IPAG, France)</p> <p>Edward Luttwak (Contractual Strategic Advisor to the US Department of Defense)</p>

	<p>Elie Pieprz (Director of International Relations, Israel Defense and Security Forum)</p> <p><u>Moderator</u></p> <p>Tamás Baranyi PhD (Director for Strategy & 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>Carlos Roa (Director of the Keystone Initiative, Danube Institute)</p> <p>Dávid Kőhegyi (Partner&Head of Compliance and Investigations, DLA Piper Hungary)</p> <p>Dr. Ornela Çuçi (Head of Research Center, Western Balkan University)</p> <p>Tian Huifang (Senior Research Fellow, Institute of World Economics and Politics within the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS))</p> <p><u>Moderator</u></p> <p>Stefan Antić (Visiting Fellow, Hungarian Institute of International Affairs; Managing Editor, Horizons)</p>
16:40–17:15	Coffee Break
17:15–17:30	<p>Remote Keynote Address</p> <p>Graham Allison (Professor of Government, Harvard Kennedy School; former Dean of the Kennedy School)</p>

<p>17:30–18:30</p>	<p>The Great Reset: Rebuilding the Global Economy</p> <p><u>Speakers</u></p> <p>Andrew Peek (former Senior director for European and Russian Affairs at the NSC, US)</p> <p>Sujan R. Chinoy (Director General, Manohar Parrikar Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses (MP-IDSA))</p> <p>László György (Government Commissioner for Economic Strategies and the Teach for Hungary Programme, Hungary)</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>