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## **Latest developments in the war in Ukraine and the Minsk process:**

*A high-level conversation with Ukrainian, EU and U.S. stakeholders*

**Tuesday, October 17, 2017**

12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Cloyd Heck Marvin Center

Room 307

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As the war in eastern Ukraine grinds on, the Western diplomatic effort is reaching a possible inflection point. Upcoming elections in Russia (2018) and Ukraine (2019) have fostered skepticism that the Minsk Process can be successfully revived. Even though the level of violence has declined in recent weeks, there is still plenty of reason to worry that the situation could become unglued at any time. The joint German-French-led diplomatic effort known as the Normandy Format is on a short hiatus pending the coalition talks after the recent German elections. Vladimir Putin's recent proposals for a possible UN-authorized international peacekeeping mission in the Donbas has generated understandable skepticism about the Kremlin's intentions in Ukraine, but is being taken seriously by Western governments. Meanwhile, sustaining close transatlantic cooperation and coordination at this crucial juncture in the Ukraine conflict remains paramount amid new U.S. Congressional sanctions and increased calls for providing lethal military assistance to Ukraine.

To discuss current developments in the Ukraine conflict and future prospects for a diplomatic resolution, please join us for a conversation with Ambassador Valeriy Chaly, Ambassador of Ukraine to the United States. Ambassador Chaly will be joined by Caroline Vicini, Deputy Head of the European Union Delegation in the U.S., and Ambassador John Herbst, Director, Dinu Patriciu Eurasia Center, Atlantic Council, and former U.S. Ambassador to Ukraine (2003-2006).

This event is organized in partnership with the Embassy of Estonia in the United States, and the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, which will organize a complementary closed-doors workshop on the same topic from 3:30-5pm.



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