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30 Years of Freedom: What Future for Think-Tanks?

Thursday January 30, 2020, from 17h00 to 18h30
Prague Creative Center, Room 219, Staroměstské náměstí 1

Word of welcome and moderation:

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Speakers:

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For the past 30 years of freedom, civil society and think-tanks have been touted as crucial stakeholders in the democratic transition process, contributing to the emergence of healthy democracies through strengthening the interplay between citizens and policymakers. However, in recent years certain parts of Central and Eastern Europe has seen democratic backsliding, leading to antagonism towards or outright vilification of civil society and think-tanks.

In the midst of these developments, the challenges of tomorrow – climate change, digitalization, inequality in all its permutations, globalization, as well as Euroscepticism and dividing perceptions of the EU's role – puts a strong onus on think-tanks, especially in Central and Eastern Europe, to re-orient and to some extent re-invent themselves along those rapid developments.

With the annual publication of the Global Go-To Think-Tank Index, it is an opportune time to reflect on the role of think-tanks in the past 30 years, as well as look towards the role of think-tanks in meeting the challenges of tomorrow.



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