



## Key Political Developments in Belarus

Chatham House, London, UK  
Wednesday 29 November 2017

10:00-10:15

Opening remarks: **Wolfgang Sender**, Country Director - Belarus, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung

10:15-11:45 **Session 1: Domestic politics**

- The state of the economy
- What is the state of the opposition and civil society?
- Does the opposition have a strategy?
- Is there any cooperation between the state and civil society?

Speakers:

**Andrey Kazakevich**, Director, Institute of Political Studies "Palitychnaya Sfera"

**Dzmitry Kruk**, Senior Research Fellow, BEROC

**Artyom Shraibman**, Political Commentator, TUT.BY

Chair: Orysia Lutsevych, Manager, Ukraine Forum, Chatham House

11:45-12:00 Coffee break

12:00-13:30 **Session 2: Foreign policy**

- Relations with Russia, including security links
- Relations with the EU
- What does Minsk's foreign policy strategy look like and what are its implications for regional security?

Speakers:

**Keir Giles**, Associate Fellow, Russia and Eurasia Programme, Chatham House

**Dzianis Melyantsou**, Senior Analyst, Belarusian Institute for Strategic Studies; Programme Coordinator, Minsk Dialogue Track-II Initiative

**Yauheni Preiherman**, Head, Minsk Dialogue Track-II Initiative

Chair: Georgina Wright, Research Assistant and Coordinator, Europe Programme, Chatham House