November 2014 marks the 25th anniversary of the Velvet Revolution in Czechoslovakia. Since that time, Slovakia has worked hard to overcome the communist legacy and become a modern state and part of the Euro-Atlantic democratic family. Now crises in Central Europe, such as Vladimir Putin’s efforts to rebuild Russia’s military and increase his influence in former Soviet bloc nations and the nationalism of Prime Minister Orban in Hungary, make for a very unsettled Central Europe that could challenge the stability of democracy in Slovakia. Dr. Pavol Demeš, a Transatlantic Fellow at the German Marshall Fund of the United States, will speak on Slovak contemporary foreign policy as it relates to the increasingly east-facing trends.

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