

Commemorating Václav Havel in Today's World

Held under the auspices of **Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament** and
Martin Povejšil, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the EU

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Venue: European Parliament, Room: ASP A5E-2

Moderation by: **Kristina Prunerova**, Director, Czech Centre Brussels

09.15 - 10.00 *Registration and accreditation to the EP (please remember ID/passport)*

10.00 - 10.15 *Introductory speeches*

H.E. Martin Povejšil, Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the EU

Nicolas Rougy, Executive Director, European Partnership for Democracy

10.15 - 11.00 *Havel as Dissident*

Vytautas Landsbergis, MEP and former Head of State of Lithuania

Lilia Weslaty, Tunisian Journalist and cyber-activist

Why did Havel stand out among the other dissidents? Which part of his dissident thinking is helping today's dissidents around the world?

11.00 - 11.45 *Havel as President*

Pavel Fischer, political director of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic and former collaborator of Vaclav Havel

Sorin Mereacre, President of the East Europe Foundation Moldova

What were the first days like? What was the ethos in the 90s comparing to the current political situation? What did he regret from his presidency era or decisions?

11.45 – 12.30 *Havel as Citizen*

Gabriela Dlouhá, former collaborator of Václav Havel, human rights and democracy expert

Levan Tsutskiridze, Director of Netherlands Institute of Multiparty Democracy Georgia

Interfaith dialogue, democracy, human rights, and the environment were topics of Forum2000 conferences but also other speeches and activities. What can we learn from them today?