

**KONZERVATÍVNY
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M. R. ŠTEFÁNKA
M. R. STEFANIK
CONSERVATIVE
INSTITUTE**

**MISSION
STATEMENT**

The purpose of the existence of the Conservative institute of M. R. Štefánik is the articulation, spreading and defending of conservative attitudes and values in Slovak society and especially in public life. The main goal of the Institute is, to a maximum extent, to help in creating a social atmosphere that will allow the perception and wide acceptance of conservative attitudes.

**Conservative
Institute or
CI Briefly**

The Conservative Institute of M. R. Štefánik (CI) is a non-profit non-governmental organisation – a conservatively orientated think-tank. The objective of the CI is to contribute the creation of a conservative community and the cultivation of conservative opinions. Contrary to some other think-tanks the activities of the CI are not orientated only towards one sphere of public life or society. The common denominator of the activities performed by the CI is their value definition i.e. conservative view on society and a liberal approach to economy.

ACTIVITIES

Activities of the CI are targeted at the economy, social policy, home and foreign policies, security, EU issues, agrarian and environmental policies, regional policy, civic society, battle against corruption and support of culture and arts. The CI organises conferences, seminars and debate clubs, analyses events in society and economy, issues thematic brochures and publications. The experts of the CI and co-workers publish their works in the media. The CI releases are available to the public and supplied to the media, public service, political parties, educational institutions, non-governmental organisations and to all interested persons.

Projects

In the period between 2001-2004 the CI carried out projects and events which complied with the purpose of the CI especially as regards the development and protection of conservative democratic values and a support for civil actions targeted at the development of conservative democratic values in the Slovak Republic and support of culture, research and education.

I Together into NATO and the EU I Reduction of corruption risks in agriculture I Economic effects of the accession of Slovakia to the EU I System of early warning in entrepreneurial legislation I To NATO with our head up and eyes open I Tax reform – non-governmental and non-profit organisations I Initiative against the European Constitution I USA, Europe and Slovakia I Reduction of corruption risks regarding environment protection management I Dominik Tatarka Award - an annual award for literature

Conferences and Seminars Within the years 2001-2004 the CI organised many conferences and seminars dealing with actual social and political issues not only in Bratislava, the capital, but also in other cities in Slovakia. The contributions from various authors are available at www.institute.sk, or they were published in books (in Slovak language). The Conservative Institute also held so called Conservative Clubs - seminars and other discussion meetings attended mostly by young people. Thematically, the conferences were targeted at issues concerning European integration (EU) and transatlantic relations, social and economic reforms in Slovakia and the reduction of corruption risks in society.

2001 - 2004

Publications

Area: European integration (European Union) European Union – the view from Slovakia
The EU constitution : yes or no?
Economic effects of the accession of Slovakia to the European Union
Notes on the EU Constitution Draft

Area: Defence and security structures (NATO) Civilisation values aspects linked with the accession to NATO
Future of defence and security structures in Europe
Integration and public opinion: stereotypes regarding NATO and the EU in Slovak citizens' thinking and in the Slovak media
Problems and perspectives of the euro-atlantic security partnership
Is there any alternative to NATO for Slovakia?
Do we need NATO? Security issues as seen by the conservatives and libertarians
Is there any future for NATO?
USA, Europe and Slovakia

Area: Fight against corruption Tools of agricultural policy – reduction of corruption risks
Corruption risks within the system of agricultural policy in Slovakia

PEOPLE IN THE CI Board of Directors **Peter Zajac**, University Professor, Chairman, **Ján Králik**, Civil servant, Vice-Chairman, **Vladimír Čečetka**, Entrepreneur, Member

Peter Zajac - President of the Conservative Institute, lectures on Slovak studies at Humboldt University in Berlin. He deals with the theory of literature, political journalism and essay writing. In 1989-1991 he was the

member of Parliament. **Ondrej Dostál** - Director of the Conservative Institute, he deals with social politics, civic society, minorities issues and with some aspects of the European Union. **Peter Gonda** - An analyst for the Conservative Institute, he focuses mainly on public finance, the social sphere and monetary policy. He pays special attention to the economic aspects of the EU and Economic and Monetary Union (EMU). He worked at the Ministry of Finance of the SR and was an analyst for the National Bank of Slovakia. He completed an educational study regarding macro-economic analysis and policies at the International Monetary Fund in Vienna. **Radovan Kazda** - An analyst for the Conservative Institute, he deals with agrarian and environmental policies of the SR and EU. He is an editor of The Conservative Letters – a newsletter of the Conservative Institute. **Dušan Sloboda** - An analyst for the Conservative Institute, he focuses on the field of regional development, public administration and some aspects of the Slovakia – EU relations. He was also a member of the DG Regional Policy at the EC in Brussels (In-service Traineeship). **Dana Feketeová** - A project manager for the Conservative Institute, and sociologist, she worked as a secretary of the Slovak Society for Foreign Policy and in the International Center of Family Studies.

Co-workers

Bill Baker - an analyst dealing with social politics, Association for Social Reform, **Daniel Bútorá** - a publicist, and former director of the Slovak broadcasting department of Radio Free Europe / Radio Liberty, **Jaroslav Daniška** - a political scientist, advisor to the Minister of Interior of the SR, **Fedor Gál** - a sociologist, prognosticator, publicist, founder of the reformative political movement Public Against Violence in 1989, the movement was a leading force for social change on the way to a free society after the fall of communism, **Ján Hacaj** - an entrepreneur, member of the Parliament in 1990 – 1992, **Pavel Hanšut** - a social political analyst, Association for Social Reform, **Martin Hanus** - a Germanist, publicist, editor of the weekly magazine Týždeň, **Štefan Hríb** - a publicist, editor-in-chief of the weekly magazine Týždeň, **Roman Joch** - an analyst in the field of national security, director of the Civic Institute in Prague. He focuses on political philosophy and international relations, especially defence and security issues and American politics, **Monika Kuhajdová** - a political scientist, spokeswoman for the Ministry of Interior of the SR, **František Mikloško** - a member of the National Council of the SR representing the Christian Democratic Movement, former chairman of the Parliament (1990 – 1992), **Eva Orná** - a macro-economic analyst, and pedagogue with long term experience lecturing on macroeconomic theories and monetary policy at the Faculty of National Economy of the Economic University in Bratislava. **Vladimír Palko** - the Minister of Interior of the SR (from 2002), vice chairman of the Christian Democratic Movement, in 1991 – 1992 he was a deputy director of the Federal Security Intelligence Service, he was a member of the Parliament from 1992 – 2002 and chairman of the Parliamentary Committee for Defence and Security from 1998 – 2002. He is a member of the American Society of Mathematics and the New York Academy of Science. **František Šebej** - a foreign policy analyst, in 1990 – 1992 he was chairman of the Foreign Policy Committee of the House of Nations of the Federal Assembly of the CSFR and head of the Czechoslovak

parliamentary delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe. At the same time he was also a member of the board of chairmen of the Slovak Academy of Science (1990 – 1992). In 1998 – 2002 he was chairman of the Parliamentary Committee for European Integration and member of the Parliamentary Foreign Affairs Committee and head of the Slovak parliamentary delegation to the Parliamentary Assembly of NATO.

Peter Tatár - a social political and health system analyst, chairman of the Civic Conservative Party, from 1990 – 1992 and from 1998 – 2002 he was a member of the Parliament. **Ernest Valko** - an advocate, former chairman of the Constitutional Court of the CSFR. **Tomáš Zálešák** - a political scientist, advisor to the chairman of the National Council of the SR since 2002. In his present doctoral study at Oxford University he deals with political philosophy, totalitarianism issues and relations among culture, politics and religion. **Robert Žitňanský**, a publicist, editor of the weekly magazine Týždeň.

Conservative Views on Society and Politics

The Conservative Institute of M. R. Štefánik issued within the years 2000-2002 the magazine Conservative Views on Society and Politics. The objective of this periodical was to provide space for a free presentation of sights on different areas of social life from the conservative point of view. Renowned authors presented Slovak and international conservative views.

Support of Culture

Within the framework of all activities targeted at the support of culture and arts the Conservative Institute of M. R. Štefánik in close co-operation with the Foundation of Milan Šimečka and the Jury of the Dominik Tatarka Award grants the Dominik Tatarka Award for literature every year. This award is considered to be the most prestigious Slovak award for literature and it is given to the authors who write exceptional literary works following the humanistic traditions of Slovak culture. The award is an intellectual legacy of Dominik Tatarka, who was an important Slovak dissident of the 20th century. The Conservative Institute is also involved in supporting fine arts and photographic exhibitions.

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