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organized in the framework of the Three Seas Initiative Summit in Vilnius
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Venue: the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences, 3 Gedimino Ave, Vilnius

### **PROGRAMME**

# 14.00-14.20 Opening and greetings

Dr Gitanas Nausėda, President of the Republic of Lithuania (video) Prof. Dr habil. Jūras Banys, President of the Lithuanian Academy of Sciences Gediminas Varvuolis, Ambassador at Large, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Lithuania

# 14.20-14.30 Introduction of the speakers

Moderators: Dr Mariusz Antonowicz (Institute of International Relations and Political Science, Vilnius University), Jędrzej Błaszczak (3SI Research Centre, Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences), with participation of panel speakers

## 14.30-15.20 Plenary panel

Prof. Dr habil. **Agnieszka Orzelska-Stączek** (3SI Research Centre, Institute of Political Studies, Polish Academy of Sciences): *The Three Seas Initiative:* An original concept of intra-European Union cooperation. Overcoming ambiguity

Dr **leva Gajauskaitė** (General Jonas Žemaitis Military Academy of Lithuania): Does strategic culture really matter? The Three Seas Initiative as a strategic decision

Prof. Dr **Paul Dragoș Aligică** (Romanian Academy and University of Bucharest): Constructing a future-oriented shared cultural and intellectual identity: A precondition and a strategic priority

Assoc. Prof. Dr **Matthew Earl Crandall** (Tallinn University): The Three Seas Initiative and Estonia after the war in Ukraine

Dr **Mihai Sebe** (European Institute of Romania and University of Bucharest): The 3SI from Bucharest to Vilnius and beyond: A perspective from Romania

#### 15.20–16.10 Panel discussion

Discussant: Dr Ignas Kalpokas (Vytautas Magnus University), with participation of panel speakers and conference attendants

#### 16.10–16.15 Summary of the conference and conclusion