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International Politics in the 21st Century from the Perspective of a Small State

with the Honorable Martin Palous

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Martin Palous was one of the first signatories of Charter 77, a document criticizing the Communist government of Czechoslovakia for not respecting human rights and later served as the group's spokesperson. He is also a founding member of Civic Forum, a dissident movement that helped to overthrow the Communist government in Czechoslovakia and later went on to win the first democratic elections in 1990. Mr. Palous was elected to the Federal Assembly where he joined the Foreign Affairs Committee and later became Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs. In 2002, Mr. Palous was appointed Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the US, and in 2006, became the Ambassador of the Czech Republic to the United Nations.

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