

The OSCE Mission to Moldova invites to a public lecture:

by **Dr. William Hill**National War College (Washington)

on

"US views on Russia and the "Frozen Conflicts" after August 2008"

Date: 26 September 2008

Time: 18.00

Location: <u>ULIM</u> (str. Vlaicu Pârcălab, 52), <u>Aula Magnifica</u> (et. 4), free access The lecture will be held in English - simultaneous translation in Romanian

Short biography

Dr. William Hill is currently a Professor of National Security Studies at the National War College in Washington, DC. A retired foreign service officer, Dr. Hill is an expert on Russia and the former Soviet Union, east-west relations, and European multilateral diplomacy. Most recently he served two terms – January 2003-July 2006 and June 1999-November 2001 – as Head of the OSCE Mission to Moldova, where he was charged with negotiation of a political settlement to the Transdniestrian conflict and facilitation of the withdrawal of Russian forces, arms, and ammunition from Moldova. He was a Public Policy Scholar at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington DC in 2001-2002, and an Associate of Georgetown University's Institute for the Study of Diplomacy in 2006-2007. During his foreign service career he has served in Moscow, Leningrad, Belgrade, the U.S. CSCE delegation in Vienna, and Dhaka. In Washington, DC, he has held a number of posts involving east-west relations, political-military affairs, and intelligence analysis, including CSCE Coordinator and Chief of Analysis for Eastern Europe in the State Department, European Division Chief in the Voice of America, and Senior Advisor for Russia, Ukraine, Moldova, and Belarus in the Office of the Secretary of Defense in the Pentagon.

Prior to joining the foreign service, Dr. Hill held teaching and research posts at the University of California, Santa Cruz, Virginia Tech, and the Harvard Russian Research Center. He holds BA in history from Harvard and a PhD in Russian history and Soviet politics from the University of California at Berkeley, and studied at Leningrad State University and Moscow State University as a participant in the U.S.-Soviet academic exchange. His languages include Russian, Serbian, Croatian, German, Romanian, and French.

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