

Wendy W. Luers

Chairperson of the debate at the Symposium



Wendy W. Luers is the founding President of The Foundation for a Civil Society and Co-Chair of the Project on Justice in Times of Transition.

Mrs. Luers established the Foundation for a Civil Society in New York and Prague in January, 1990 at the request of the Czechoslovaks and Americans following her residence in Prague with her husband, Ambassador William Luers from 1983 to 1986 when they became close to Vaclav Havel and Charter 77. FCS, a co-sponsor of this event, had offices in Prague from 1990 to 1999 and in Bratislava from 1993 to 1999. Nadace VIA and Nadace Pontis (Slovakia) are the successor NGO's and affiliates of FCS in NY.

Mrs. Luers serves on numerous boards at Stanford, Tufts and the University of South California and is Vice Chair of the Latin American Program at the Woodrow Wilson Center for International Scholars. She was the first woman and first non-Czech to receive Gratias Agit award from the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic.

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