

Socrates Seminar

Aspen Institute
Executive Seminar
in Central Europe

The world requires more values-based change-makers who reflect on enduring values for the purpose of building a better society. Away from the demands of your daily routine, the Aspen Institute seminars convene executive and accomplished leaders in these text-based retreat seminars to discover new perspectives in dialogue and critical discussion on contemporary issues. The Socrates Seminars excel at encouraging values-based leadership through consideration and discussion of big current issues and ideas through expert-moderated dialogue.

- ◆ Focus on the essence of leadership, not case studies or skill building format
- ◆ High-level expert moderators
- ◆ Respectful setting and retreat away from daily routine



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CENTRAL EUROPE

PROGRAM FOR ACCOMPLISHED LEADERS

Aspen Seminars are for those who realize that one cannot lead others without leading oneself first. It is an opportunity to understand tensions between ideas and goods competing in a globalized world and discover how our choices and decisions are shaped. We believe that the best leaders are those who reject easy answers in favor of asking difficult questions, evaluating different positions, and making decisions from a place of humility, surety and self-awareness.

“The Seminar helped me to better understand my own government decisions and actions.”

Madeleine K. Albright
Former U.S. Secretary of State

The Seminar is a collaborative endeavor for participants from different fields to learn from one another. They are asked to contribute their understanding of and reactions to carefully selected readings, with the guidance of moderators who are experts in their respective sectors. Participants develop an understanding of the reading material and formulate responses to the contemporary issue that is selected as a topic of the specific seminar. The Program provides stimulating dialogue, values-based introspection, and dynamic debate that serves to enhance participants' leadership capabilities.

“As a CEO, taking time to sharpen the saw is critical. The Aspen Executive Seminar is the best whetstone out there.”

Reed Hastings
Founder and CEO, Netflix



What makes the Socrates Seminar unique?

Why you should attend



1. The Seminar attracts leaders interested in critical problems facing the world.
2. It demonstrates and champions the Aspen method of moderated learning and bringing diverse views to the table.
3. The length is designed for optimal balance between serious content and interdisciplinary thought for busy professionals.
4. It creates a unique professional network and engages people with ideas to move into action.
5. By attending, you become a part of a diverse alumni network which has grown to over 7,000 emerging leaders from the US and abroad only in the Socrates Program, and even more within the other Aspen Seminars.

“An amazing and useful program. It offers an opportunity to look at important current problems outside of the toxic froth of the everyday routine.”

Martin Kratochvíl
Jazzman Composer and Film-maker

What are the objectives of the Seminar?

What you should gain

1. Meaningful conversations challenging you with in-depth debating experience that brings you to think out of the box
2. Feeling of empowerment to take action as a more effective leader
3. A sense of personal renewal that challenges your existing views and belief systems
4. Knowledge and moral fortitude to make sound decisions for the good of your organizations and society
5. A broader professional network with leaders from other disciplines and countries, chance to join our diverse and international alumni network



Socrates Seminar

in Central Europe:

Technology and Innovation

September 29 – October 1, 2022
**The Next Wave of Tech Innovation:
What It Means for How We
Live and Do Business**

Digital technology is radically changing just about everything we do, from raising families to running businesses. Optimists welcome this shift, arguing that technology is growing up and starting to take care of us. Are they right? What are the specific ways in which technological change is improving our individual and collective lives? What are the dark sides? Do the new technology trends we hear so much about have costs as well as benefits? Will today's emerging technologies put more power in the hands of the individual, the corporation or the state?

DAY 1

(September 29)

Welcome dinner and networking

DAY 2 – 3

(September 30 – October 1)

Sessions 1-3 and other programming

MODERATORS

Cordell Carter

Cordell brings 20 years of experience to his leadership of the *Aspen Institute Socrates Program*, a global education forum for leaders and Expectant Advisory, a privately-held leadership consultancy. Previous to his current roles, Cordell held leadership roles with *TechTown Foundation*, the *Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation*, *Business Roundtable*, *National Alliance for Public Charter Schools* and the *IBM Corporation*.

Wilson L. White

Wilson L. White is Vice President, Government Affairs & Public Policy at Google, where he is the global head of government affairs and public policy for Google's core product areas. With 20 years of experience as an engineer and technology attorney, Wilson has used his multidisciplinary background and expertise to provide lawmakers, regulators and other key opinion formers across the Americas, Europe and Asia with thought leadership on the rapidly growing and changing technology landscape and the societal implications of emerging technologies.



Registration:

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Dates:

September 29 – October 1, 2022
(on Sept 29, we start at dinner time)

Venue:

Prague & Liblice Castle,
a conference centre of the Academy
of Science of the Czech Republic

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