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## **Hungary's Media Law**

A video-conference question and answer with

**András Koltay**  
Media Law Expert and  
Member of Hungary's Media Council

and

**Zoltán Kovács**  
State Secretary for Government Communications

**Amb. Kurt Volker, Moderator**  
Senior Fellow and Managing Director, Center for Transatlantic Relations

Few pieces of legislation in Europe have generated as much controversy as Hungary's recent passage of a new media law, giving wide-ranging powers in addressing media content to a government-appointed oversight board. Articles have appeared throughout the European and American press denouncing the law as reversing basic democratic freedoms that have been in place since Hungary first cut the Iron Curtain in 1989. But defenders of the law argue it is based on European norms and a necessary correction to prior abuse of the media. Address your questions on the media law directly with András Koltay, a media law expert, and a Fidesz-government appointee to the new oversight board, along with Zoltán Kovács, a Hungarian State Secretary for Government communications.

**When:** Thursday, January 20, 2011

**Time:** 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

**Where:** Rome auditorium, 1619 Massachusetts Ave N.W. Washington D.C.

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