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Brief Bio

Grigorij Mesežnikov is a graduate of the Faculty of Arts at Moscow State University (MGU). Between 1983 and 1993, he worked at Comenius University in Bratislava; from 1993 to 1997, he served at the Political Science Institute at the Slovak Academy of Sciences. He is a founding member of the Institute for Public Affairs (IVO), which he joined full-time in June 1997. In February 1999, he became the Institute's president. Between 1994 and 1998, he was the secretary of the Slovak Political Science Association, while from 1996 to 1997 he lectured at Trnava University's Department of Political Science. He has published expert studies on political aspects of transformation in post-communist societies in various monographs, collections and scholarly journals in Slovakia and other 20 states. He regularly contributes analyses of Slovakia's political scene to domestic and foreign media. Since 1993, he has been an external correspondent for Radio Liberty/Radio Free Europe. He has co-edited and co-authored dozens of books, including the *Global Reports on Slovakia* (1995 – 2011), the annually published comprehensive analysis of country's development in all relevant sectors of society (domestic politics, foreign policy, economy, social policy etc.). He is a key author of the report on Slovakia in *Nations in Transit* published by Freedom House (1998 – 2014).