Andrei Sannikov—the Belarusian politician and diplomat who led the opposition movement in his country before being imprisoned and exiled—is offering his unique insights on Belarus, Eastern Europe, and the EU on a speaking tour this spring at universities and policy research centers throughout the United States.

Highlights of Ambassador Sannikov’s long and distinguished career include serving as Deputy Foreign Minister of Belarus and running in the 2010 Belarusian presidential election.

With decades of experience in international relations, diplomacy, and human rights advocacy, he is a frequent lecturer at European and American universities, acts as a keynote speaker at international conferences and meetings, and has testified in the US Congress, European Parliament and parliaments of several other European countries. He regularly comments on current developments for Belarusian, Ukrainian and international media.

Ambassador Sannikov’s background gives him a unique perspective on democracy, human rights, and freedom in Belarus and Eastern Europe. His reflections on the current state of politics in Belarus, the impact of the Russia-Ukraine war, and the prospects for democracy in the region will no doubt be of interest to a broad audience.

Copies of Ambassador Sannikov’s book *My Story: Belarusian Amerikanka or Elections Under Dictatorship* (2015) will be available for purchase at events during the tour, while supplies last. In this candid and powerful memoir, he recounts his journey from the top echelons of political power to the pro-democracy opposition movement. The heart of Sannikov’s book is a first-hand account of his arrest immediately after the 2010 election, and his subsequent interrogations, trial, and day-to-day experience in various prison colonies and labor camps.