



**The Center for Transatlantic Relations**  
**at the Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies**  
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Invites you to a *Transatlantic Leaders Forum* Event  
with

**Ilir Meta**  
**Deputy Prime Minister and**  
**Minister of Foreign Affairs of Albania**

*Albania in the*  
*Balkans and the World*

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

**When:** Thursday, March 18, 2010  
**Time:** 2:00 – 3:00 PM  
**Location:** Rome Auditorium, 1619 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington DC

**\*\* RSVP by email to [transatlanticsvp@jhu.edu](mailto:transatlanticsvp@jhu.edu) with “March 18 Meta” in the subject line.**

Ilir Meta is Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs of Albania. Since taking office, DPM Meta has pursued an ambitious agenda to establish Albania as a regional leader and force for stability and peace in the Balkans. Minister Meta is an active champion of a strong US-Albania bilateral relationship that includes increased cooperation in commerce, security, democracy promotion and diplomacy. He believes that by working together, the United States and Albania can achieve their mutual goals of promoting further integration, increasing trade and investment, supporting the rule of law, fighting human trafficking, and consolidating democratic institutions. Mr. Meta’s career in politics and activism started in 1990, when he was an active leader in the student movement that overthrew the communist regime. He served as Prime Minister from 1999 to 2002.