





Ministerstwo Nauki i Szkolnictwa Wyższego



Research seminar<sup>1</sup>

# CHALLENGES OF THE EUROPEAN UNION

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The Faculty of Political Science and International Studies of the University of Warsaw is issuing a **call for papers for a conference** on contemporary challenges of the European Union and their impact on its future shape.

The European Union is facing various challenges which create discord among its member states and impact its future. The methods used to manage crises, the polarization of societies as well as the lack of agreement as to the future paths of the EU's development cast a shadow over the existing practice of the community method, consensus and democratization. They also bring the question of the probability of integration by means of the Europe of nations with dominating intergovernmental cooperation and a decreased role of democratically elected institutions. The purpose of the seminar is to consider if and how contemporary challenges impact the nature and future of the European Union. In which direction are the European Union and its Member States heading, taking into account the challenges they face today?

# The seminar will consist of two parts:

- I. Deliberative debate in the form of a round table with two keynote speakers and a discussion regarding the general subject-matter of the seminar.
- II. Several focused workshops<sup>2</sup> concerning specific topics:
  - a. Legal and institutional challenges (e.g. treaty reforms, brexit, institutional balance, internal organization of institutions)
  - b. Economic challenges (e.g. budget, eurozone, internal market, MFF)
  - c. Political challenges (refugees, globalization and disintegration, security)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The seminar is also organized by the Polish Society of European Studies (Polskie Towarzystwo Studiów Europejskich – PTSE).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The final titles and subject-matter of workshops will be announced after the closure of the admissions deadline.

### Abstract submission

The Organizing Committee invites mostly junior scholars to submit abstracts containing: a research problem, question and hypothesis. The Committee will provide experts to moderate workshops and participate in discussions. The goal of the seminar is to exchange opinions and develop research skills.

# Submission deadline

We kindly ask everyone willing to participate in the seminar to send application with a title and a short description of a research problem through the <u>online application form</u> by 15 November 2019.

### Seminar language

The seminar will be held in the Polish language but the Organizing Committee invites submissions of presentations and workshops also in the English language.

# Quarterly journal Przegląd Europejski provides media patronage

The Organizing Committee offers the possibility to publish presented papers in Przegląd Europejski. Please visit our website for <u>precise instructions</u> regarding submissions.

### Venue

University of Warsaw, Faculty of Political Science and International Studies, ul. Krakowskie Przedmieście 26/28, Warsaw, Poland.

### Financing

Participation in the seminar **is free of charge**. The seminar is financed by the Ministry of Science and Higher Education of the Republic of Poland and within the "DIALOG" program as a result of a competition won by the Faculty of Political Science and International Studies of the University of Warsaw.

The Organizing Committee provides snacks and drinks. Accommodation and travel expenses are covered by participants.

Should you have any questions, please contact Karolina Boiret: k.boiret@uw.edu.pl

Looking forward to hearing from you.

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