



Oxford



Leiden



Geneva



Paris



Prague



Madrid



Helsinki



Krakow



Barcelona



Munich



Lisbon

EVROPAEVM

Graduate Workshop

Post-Truth, Populism, Prejudice: Europe's Values in Crisis?

16th-18th February 2017

Charles University, Prague

Hosted with the Centre for Political Philosophy, Ethics and Religion,
the Faculty of Social Sciences, and the Institute of Political Studies

What does it mean to be a "good" European? The question recurs as Europe grapples with a series of simultaneous crises - refugees, multi-culturalism, uneven economic development, and bailing out neighbours at a time of low economic growth. On top of these comes the new politics of Post-Truth, of prejudice, and the rise of populism, nationalism and jingoism. Do we respond with walls OR willkommenskultur? These are tests for each of us - and for our communities, regions, and nations.

THURSDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY

VENUE: room 217, Faculty of Arts, Nám. Jana Palacha 2, second floor

14.00 **Arrivals** – Coffee

14.30 **Welcome and Introduction**

Dr Paul Flather (Oxford / Europaeum)

Dr Jakub Jirsa (Prague)

Dr Janusz Salamon (Prague)

15.15 **Panel I: The rise of new Populism: Democracy under pressure?**

Chair: Dr Paul Flather (Oxford)

Speaker: H.E.Karel Schwarzenberg (Former Czech Minister of Foreign Affairs)

Speaker: Radko Hokovsky (European Values Think Tank, Prague)

Discussants: Ludmiła Władyniak (Prague), Cassandra Jacobson Russo (Oxford), + 1

16.30 **Tea / Coffee**

17.00 **Panel II: Faith and Europe: How are "Good" Europeans made?**

Chair: Dr Jakub Jirsa (Prague)

Speaker: Professor Ivana Noble (Prague)

Speaker: Monsignor Tomáš Halík (Prague)

Speaker: H.E. Pavel Fischer (STEM Institute)

Discussants: Albert van Wijngaarden (Leiden), Vilém Anzenbacher (Prague), + 1

- 18.30 **Panel III: The Return of Prejudice: Europe's Migration crisis?**
Chair: Martin Mejstřík (Prague) (*tba*)
Speaker: Pavel Telička (European Parliament) / Štefan Füle (EC Prague) (*tbc*)
Speaker: Dr Paul Flather (Oxford)
Discussants: Francisco Mouraz (Lisbon), Aleksandra Czarnecka (Cracow), + 1

FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

- 09.30 **Working Groups Session I** – convened by Dr Paul Flather (Oxford / Europaeum)
Group A – *Why might Europeans be becoming less tolerant?*
Group B – *Can Europe continue to be hospitable in a hostile world?*
Group C – *Are secularism and diversity threats to good citizenship?*
Group D – *Why have European values been overstated across the world?*
Group E – *How is "post-truth" politics changing Europe and its values?*
- 10.30 **Graduate Presentations – Session I – on Identity and Mobility**
Chair: Dr Paul Flather (Oxford)
Central European borderlands in search of identity in today's Europe
Speaker: Ludmiła Władyniak (Prague)
Discussants: Miguel González Santos (Complutense University of Madrid) , + 1
European values and immigration: a favorable or a detrimental nexus?
Speaker: Zeíla Maria (Geneva)
Discussants: Théo Muller (Leiden), + 1
- 11.30 **Tea / Coffee**
- 11.45 **Panel IV: Homo Economicus: Searching for Moral Sentiments?**
Chair: Dr Michal Mejstřík (Prague) (*tbc*)
Speaker: Dr Vladimír Benáček (Economics Faculty, Prague)
Speaker: Dr Tomáš Sedláček (Chief macro-economic strategist for the ČSOB bank)
Discussants: Anthony Garai (Geneva), Sophia Bunemann (Leiden), + 1
- 13.00 **Lunch**
- 14.30 **Panel V: Has the European Project Made Us Better Citizens?**
Chair: Dr Janusz Salamon (Institute of Politics, Prague)
Speaker: Dr Jan Sokol (Harvard / Prague)
Speaker: Péter Balázs (CEU and former EC)
Speaker: Dr Ľubica Kobová (Prague)
Discussants: Achim Alan Merlo (Geneva), Christian Davies (Wrocław), +1
- 15.45 **Working Groups: A, B, C, D, E- Session II**
Tea / Coffee
- 16.45 **Graduate Presentations – Session II – In the Public Sphere**
Chair: Dr Jakub Jirsa (Prague)
"Hate speech" laws: are they really effective?

Speaker: Anthony Garai (Geneva)

Discussants: Andreea Rusu (Barcelona), +1

The Impact of audiovisual content on social behavior and values

Speaker: Miguel González Santos (Madrid)

Discussants: Zeíla Maria (Geneva), +1

17.45 **Keynote Lecture : *Post-Truth politics and Alternative Facts* (in room 104)**

Chair: Professor Martin Butora (Institute for Public Affairs) (*tbc*)

Big Lies ? : Post-truth politics in Poland today

Speaker: Mr Aleksander Smolar (Stefan Batory Foundation)

Discussants: Péter Balázs (CEU and former EC), Petr Dvořák (Czech Television),

Tomas Vrba (Forum 2000), Martin Mejstřík (Prague) (*tbc*)

SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

09.15 **Working Groups: A, B, C, D - Session III**

10.00 **Graduate Presentations – Session III**

Chair: Dr Janusz Salamon (Prague)

Liberalism and anti-systemic movements in Europe

Speaker: Achim Alan Merlo (Geneva)

Discussants: Sophie Brocard (Paris), +1

The Triumph of Pathos in Europe Today

Speaker: Cassandra Jacobson Russo (Oxford)

Discussants: Klara Klausova, +1

Cursed Fans and Patriotic Kebabs: Poland's Populist Youth Culture

Speaker: Christian Davies (Wroclaw)

Discussants: +2

11.30 **Coffee Break**

11.45 **Working Group Reports**

13.00 **Conclusions & Next Steps?**

Dr Jirsa (Prague), Dr Salamon (Prague), Dr Flather (Oxford) and Péter Balázs (CEU and former EC).