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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

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:

14.00 Arrivals – Coffee14.30 Welcome and Introduction

Dr Paul Flather (Oxford / Europaeum)

Dr Janusz Salamon (Prague)

Dr Jakub Jirsa (Prague)

15.15 Keynote Lecture:Europe's Values: Where Did They Come From? Where are They Going?**Chair:** Dr Paul Flather (Oxford)**Speaker:** Professor Lord (Raymond) Plant (London University)**Discussants:** (tba)16.30 Tea / Coffee17.00 Panel I: Faith and Europe: How are "Good" Europeans Made?**Chair:** Dr Jakub Jirsa (Prague)**Speaker:** Professor Ivana Noble (Prague)**Speaker:** H.E. Pavel Fischer**Speaker:** Monsignor Tomáš Halík (Prague)**Speaker:** Professor Aziz Al-Azmeh (CEU) (tbc) / Professor Nadia Al-Bagdadi (CEU) (tbc)**Discussants:** 2 (tba)With support from: **SEKYRAGROUP**

- 18.15** **Panel II: Borders, Migration and the Return of Prejudice**
Chair: Prof Vladimír Benáček (Prague)
Speaker: *Professor László Kontler (tbc) / Pavel Telička (tbc)*
Speaker: *(tba)*
Speaker: Dr Paul Flather (Oxford)
Discussants: *(tba)*
- 19.30** **Drinks**
- 20.30** **Dinner** hosted by Ludek Sekyra
Venue: *Restaurace Blatnice, Michalská 511/6, 110 00 Praha 1-Staré Město, Czechia*

FRIDAY 17TH FEBRUARY

- 09.30** **Working Groups Session I** – convened by Dr Paul Flather (Oxford)
Group A – *How is post-truth politics changing Europe and its values?*
Group B – *Why are Europeans becoming less tolerant?*
Group C – *Is the rise of secularism a threat to being a good citizen?*
Group D – *Why have European values been overstated across the world?*
Group E – *Can we continue to be hospital in a hostile world?*
- 10.30** **Graduate Presentations Session I** – *to be announced*
Chair: Dr Paul Flather
Speaker: *(tba)*
Speaker: *(tba)*
Discussants: *(tba)*
- 11.30** **Tea / Coffee**
- 11.45** **Panel III: Homo Economics a Search of Moral Sentiments?**
Chair: Dr Michal Mejstřík (Prague) *(tbc)*
Speaker: Dr Vladimír Benáček (Prague)
Speaker: *Dr János Mátyás Kovács (IWM) (tbc) / Professor Julius Horvath (CEU) (tbc)*
Speaker: Mr Tomáš Sedláček, Chief macro-economic strategist for the ČSOB bank
Discussants: *(tbc)*
- 13.00** **Lunch** at Havelská Koruna, Havelská 21/23 *(tbc)*
- 14.35** **Panel IV: Are Europe's Values in Crisis?**
Chair: Dr Paul Flather (Oxford)
Speaker: Dr Janusz Salamon (Prague)
Speaker: Dr Jan Sokol (Prague)
Discussant: *(tba)*
- 16.00** **Tea / Coffee**

- 16.15 **Working Groups: A, B, C, D - Session II**
- 17.00 **Graduate Presentations – Session II to be announced**
Chair: Dr Jakub Jirsa (Prague)
Speaker: (tba)
Speaker: (tba)
Discussants: (tba)
- 18.00 **Panel V: Has the European Project Made Us Better Citizens?**
Chair: Senator Vaclav Hampl (Prague)
Speaker: Mr Aleksander Smolar (Stefan Batory Foundation) (invited)
Speaker: Professor Martin Bútora (invited)
Speaker: Professor Miloš Vec (IWM) (tbc)
Discussants: (tba)
- 19.30 **Night Walking Tour**
- 20.30 **Dinner** – Venue tba

SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY

- 09.15 **Working Groups: A, B, C, D - Session III**
- 10.00 **Graduate Presentations – Session III**
Chair: Dr Janusz Salamon (Prague)
Speaker: (tba)
Speaker: (tba)
Speaker: (tba)
Discussants: (tba)
- 11.30 **Coffee Break**
- 11.45 **Working Group Reports**
- 13.00 **Conclusions & Next Steps?**
Dr Jirsa, Dr Salamon, Dr Flather and others
- 13.30 **Informal Lunch**
- 14.15 **Optional Excursion**
- PM **Departures**