

## **EARLY MILLENNIAL TRANSFORMATIONS: INTEGRATION, INEQUALITY, AND INSECURITY IN EUROPE AND THE WORLD**

**22-23 SEPTEMBER 2022**

Our joint conference celebrates the 50th anniversary of WIIW (Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies) and the 30th anniversary of Central European University (CEU), both of whose founding moments marked historical turning points in European and world history. WIIW was founded at a time when the Iron Curtain divided Europe and a global competition between alternative systems, each with its own strategic alliances, dominated international relations. The Institute, therefore, focussed on in-depth analyses of economic and social developments in Eastern Europe, and facilitated cooperation between Eastern and Western European researchers and policy-makers. CEU's establishment at the so-called „the end of history”, to use Fukuyama's phrase, marked the beginning of an optimistic period of democratization, market transition, national sovereignty. It envisaged a „return to Europe” for the countries of the region by providing liberal education to a new generation of scholars as well as a political and policy elite.

Europe has undergone a remarkable process of integration since the momentous events of 1989/90. However, the „two steps forward, one step backward” pattern of EU integration has produced serious economic, social, sectoral, and regional disparities with negative political consequences that are still unfolding. The conference brings together scholars to reflect on current trends and future trajectories by situating them in a global perspective. It will do so against the backdrop of the dramatically changing geopolitics of our times which forces us to deal simultaneously with all four biblical Apocalyptic Horsemen – war, conquest, pestilence death, and famine.

### **The Program**

Session 1 analyzes the challenges of EU integration, contestations of global hegemony and the move towards multi-polarity. It focuses on how economic social, and political disparities interact to produce policy and political outcomes.

Session 2 addresses socio-economic disparities through the optic of country or regional case studies on Turkey, India, Italy, Poland and the Balkans. It is attentive to common patterns as well as the specificities of each context.

Session 3 focuses on transborder mobility of capital, labor, and finance to understand how policy makers and social movements attempt to mitigate the problems of international integration and structural change in the world economy.

Session 4 and the concluding panel deal with political and ideological battles in the current crises due to intensifying tensions between capitalism and democracy, core and periphery, global/EU integration pitted against national sovereignty. It will discuss the ongoing attacks on rule of law, womens' and LGBTQI rights, migrants amidst energy and food insecurity, on the one hand, and attempts to regain national „greatness”, on the other.

## DAY 1: ORATORIUM, AUSTRIAN NATIONAL LIBRARY (JOSEFPLATZ 1)

### 9:00 – 9:30: Welcome and introduction

- Shalini Randeria (President/Rector, Central European University, Vienna) and Hannes Swoboda (President, Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies)
- Michael Landesmann (Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies) and Bela Greskovits (Central European University)

### SESSION 1: CHALLENGES OF INTEGRATION // CHAIR: DOROTHEE BOHLE

#### 9:30 – 11:00: Part I

1. Ivan Krastev, Institute for Human Sciences and Centre for Liberal Strategies  
*Global and European Integration and its Political Backlash*
2. Fiona Tregenna, University of Johannesburg  
*Regional integration and industrialisation in Africa*
3. Jeremy Adelman, Princeton University  
*Integration or Fracture? What Global History Reveals and Conceals About The Future*

#### 11:00 – 11:30: Coffee

#### 11:30 – 12:30: Part II

1. Ivano Cardinale and Michael Landesmann, Goldsmiths University, London and wiiw  
*Centrifugal and centripetal forces of European integration: a Structural Political Economy (SPE) approach*
2. István György Tóth, Tarki Social Research Institute  
*Is there a social convergence of CEE to the core?*

## **12:30 – 14:00: Lunch**

### **SESSION 2: COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES // CHAIR: MICHAEL LANDESMANN**

## **14:00 – 15:30: Part I**

1. Jayati Ghosh, University of Massachusetts  
*The making of a catastrophe: Covid-19 and the Indian economy*
2. Cengiz Günay, Austrian Institute for International Affairs  
*Erdoğanism – a political economy in crisis - „I want to lead Turkey like a company”*
3. Annamaria Simonazzi, University of Rome  
*Italy's structural challenges and its social and political stability*

## **15:30 – 16:00: Coffee**

## **16:00 – 17:30: Part II**

1. Wojciech Przybylski, Res Publica Foundation  
*Polish Politics and Political Economy under the PiS government in the New Global Context*
2. Rumen Dobrinsky, United Nations Economic Commission for Europe and Vienna Institute for International Economics Studies  
*Does Growth Bring about Prosperity on EU's Eastern Periphery? Bulgaria and Romania*
3. Branimir Jovanovic, Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies  
*Western Balkans: Lost Between YU and the EU*

## **18:00 – 19:00: Keynote lecture**

### **Human Security in Insecure Times**

Mary Kaldor (London School of Economics and Political Science)

## DAY 2: CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, AUDITORIUM

(QUELLENSTRASSE 51)

### SESSION 3 TRANSBORDER MOVEMENTS OF CAPITAL AND LABOR, CONFLICTS AND THEIR REMEDIES

// CHAIR: ROBERT STEHRER

#### 9:30 – 11:00: Part I

1. Zuzana Zavorska, Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies  
*The functional division of labour in EU value chains and implications for CEE economies in the 'New Normal'*
2. Vera Scepanovic and Gergő Medve-Bálint, Leiden University and Centre for Social Sciences, Hungarian Academy of Sciences  
*No Friends of Cohesion. How Eastern Enlargement changed the EU's regional development policy*
3. Martin Kahanec, Central European University  
*Migrants and labor markets: Vicious or virtuous economics-politics cycles?*

#### 11:00 – 11:30: Coffee

#### 11:30 – 13:00: Part II

1. Andreas Goldthau, University of Erfurt  
*After Ukraine. Wither European energy security?*
2. Brigitte Aulenbacher and Wasana Handapangoda, Johannes Kepler University Linz and University of Sri Jayewardenepura  
*The Global Brokerage of Domestic Services and Social Inequalities: The Austrian and Sri Lankan Case Compared*
3. Felipe Gonzalez Santos, Department of Sociology, City University of London  
*Care and Empowerment Strategies among the Urban Poor*

#### 13:00 – 14:00: Lunch

## SESSION 4: POPULISM AND AUTHORITARIANISM // CHAIR: SHALINI RANDERIA

### 14:00 – 16:00: Part I

1. Ruzha Smilova, University of Sofia  
*Democratic illiberalism: conceptual and normative issues*
2. Béla Greskovits, Central European University  
*Nationalist Passion and Economic Interest: The Moral Economy of the Hungarian Civic Right*
3. Éva Fodor, Central European University  
*War on gender, weaponizing gender in the service of anti-liberal rule*
4. Rainer Bauböck, European University Institute, Florence  
*Who is the populists' people?*

### 16:00 – 16:30: Coffee

### 16:30 – 17:30: Closing roundtable discussion

#### **What Have We Learned, What Have We Missed, What Do We Need to Know More About?**

**Panel:** Hannes Swoboda, Mary Kaldor, Michael Ignatieff, Misha Glenny  
Shalini Randeria (chair)