

International Scientific Conference
Jean Monnet Module

Europe, Democracy and Fundamental Rights

Pedagogical University of Krakow
POLAND

2-3 June 2022

It is now 30 years since the Maastricht Treaty was signed in February 1992, bringing the European Union into existence. This period in the history of European integration has been full of successful events and processes, but it has also been a time of problems and difficulties. In particular, the last decade, which started with the financial crisis of 2008 and ended with the still uncontrollable COVID-19 pandemic, has proved to be extremely turbulent for the European project. Today, the European Union is facing serious political, legal, economic and social challenges, which should activate European public opinion as they pose a serious threat to the European integration project.

On behalf of the Institute of Law and Economics and the Conference Organising Committee, we cordially invite you to participate in a scientific conference devoted to the future of European integration, democracy and fundamental rights in the current context. The conference is part of the Jean Monnet Module didactic and scientific project “Protection of Fundamental Rights in the European Union” co-financed by the Erasmus+ programme Jean Monnet Module (project number 620847-EPP-1-2020-1-PL-EPPJMO-MODULE).

The conference will take place on 2-3 June 2022 in the building of the Pedagogical University of Krakow, with the possibility of hybrid participation - online via MS Teams platform. The proceedings will be broadcast via online social networks.

During the two-day session, we would like to discuss the following issues, presented in four thematic panels:

1.

Democracy and law.

Scenarios for the future of the European Union in the strategic dimension. In this panel we would like to refer to the ongoing discussion about the future of the European Union, the axis of which may be determined by six scenarios: continuity, single market, two-speed Europe, reduction and efficiency, communitarisation, Europe of values - freedom, equality and respect for the rule of law. In particular, we invite you to address the following issues, which have a political (strategic) basis and which take structural shape in the form of institutions and law:

- the opportunities for deeper integration versus the scenario of disintegration of the EU
- the conditions of the EU as a *sui generis* organisation, the coexistence of supranational and intergovernmental decision-making mechanisms: politicisation versus juridification of European integration, hegemonic European integration and supranational

intergovernmentalism in the EU's political institutions

- models of supranationalism in the political system of the European Union
- the updating of European values and the European Union in the age of populism
- the phenomena of ‘non-politics’, technocratic pragmatism and the judicialization of politics in the EU institutions
- the principle of subsidiarity, and the bureaucratisation and division of competences within the EU, horizontally and vertically.

2.

Polish institutions

for the protection of fundamental rights.

Both the European and national legal orders provide for institutional solutions guaranteeing the realisation of fundamental rights, and in particular their protection. In the panel, we would like to jointly consider particular aspects of the activity of institutions guarding the observance of individual rights, in particular issues concerning.

- the nature and place of fundamental rights in the European system of human rights
- legal regulation of fundamental rights: origins and future, sources of fundamental rights
- the importance of the case-law of the CJEU and the ECtHR, as well as national case-law in the development of fundamental rights
- the catalogue of fundamental rights in the context of the axiology adopted in the EU (dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, rule of law).

3.

Fundamental rights - the material dimension.

undamental rights are rights and freedoms which individuals enjoy within the European Union legal system. They constitute an expression of respect for the fundamental principles and values on which the European Union is to be based. With this in mind, in this panel we propose to develop, in particular, such issues as:

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4.

European climate (change) law and collective fundamental rights.

With the adoption of the European Green Deal, whose main objective is to achieve climate neutrality by 2050, the European Union has embarked on a number of initiatives to ensure a multidimensional approach to climate change. In this panel, we particularly encourage reflection from a bottom-up perspective by addressing the response of non-state actors to climate change. Topics within this panel may specifically address the following issues:

- European climate law - opportunities and constraints for active citizens
- socio-economic impacts of climate change
- climate education, climate activism and structural obstacles
- environmental justice - is real access possible?
- the right to clean environment as a personal right - the courts' approach
- corporate responsibility and environmental indicators - a practical approach to green business
- low-emission transport and transport exclusion - socio-economic effects of the sale of only low-emission cars from 2035.



Organisational matters

Place of proceedings:

The conference will be held in the building of the Pedagogical University of Krakow, Poland with the possibility of remote participation via MS Teams platform. The conference proceedings will also be broadcasted via social media streaming platforms (Facebook, Youtube).

- **Date of the conference:** 2-3 June 2022.
- **Deadline for submission of paper abstracts:** until 28 February 2022.
- **Deadline for confirming acceptance as panellists and determining the final version of the conference programme:** by 31 March 2022.
- **Deadline for payment of the active participation fee:** by 30 April 2022.
- **Deadline for passive participants:** by 15 May 2022.
- **Deadline for submission of articles for post-conference publication in the Yearbook of Public Administration (RAP):** by 31 May 2022.
- **Deadline for sending final texts for publication in the Yearbook of Public Administration (RAP):** until 30 June 2022.

Post-conference publication:

After successfully passing the review procedure the articles submitted for publication by the participants of the Conference will be published in the scientific journal of the Institute of Law and Economics of the Pedagogical University of Krakow, *Rocznik Administracji Publicznej* (20 points on the list of scored journals of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education). Publication is free of charge for authors of articles.

Conference Fee:

There is a fee for active participation in the Conference (regardless of the form: on-site or remote):

- For academics: 300 PLN or 70 EUR
- For students and PhD students: 150 PLN or 40 EUR

Accommodation:

Several single and double rooms (as requested) have been reserved for active conference participants at the Academic Hotel of the Pedagogical University KRAKOWIAK, not far from the conference venue. The cost of one night accommodation for one person with breakfast is 160 PLN. The amount is payable separately and is not part of the above-mentioned fees for active participation in the Conference. We encourage you to choose this accommodation option, please indicate your preferences on the registration form.

More details: <https://krakowiak.up.krakow.pl/krakowiak.pl>
There is no charge for passive participation (on-site or on-line).

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Applications and enquiries:

Applications for active or passive participation, regardless of the form of participation chosen, should be sent via the form available at: <https://eurights.up.krakow.pl/conference2022>.

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