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### **Rationale and objectives**

Organized at the 50 years anniversary of WIIW and the 30 years anniversary of CEU, the conference reflects on an era of historical turning points and complex and partly radical changes in Europe and the World. WIIW had been founded when the Iron Curtain was characterising the situation in Europe and global competition between alternative systems and strategic alliances dominated international relations. WIIW in this period focussed on in-depth analysis of economic and social developments in Eastern Europe, and served as a bridge to facilitate cooperation between Eastern and Western European researchers and policy-makers. CEU, in turn, was established, in Fukuyama's phrase, at „the end of history“, that is, in an optimistic period of democratization, market transition, regained national sovereignty, and a „return to Europe“ as a hotbed of liberal education of a competent new political and policy elite for the transforming Eastern Europe and beyond.

The current situation could not be more different. 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 ample economic, social, sectoral, and regional disparities with negative and partly still unfolding political consequences. Building on WIIW's and CEU's rich expertise in these subjects, the conference will reflect on these trends and whether they might temporarily halt or accelerate, or rather allow European integration stumbling forward.

We shall attempt to broaden the perspective of the conference from a Euro-centric to a global context. Challenging as it is, the global approach is no less justified by the global and dramatically changing geopolitics of our times when all four of the biblical Apocalyptic Horsemen – war, conquest, pestilence death, and famine – seem to be on the ride.

Along these lines, Session 1 reflects on the trials of EU integration in the context of challenged global hegemony and the move towards multi-polarity, and investigates, from a multidisciplinary perspective, the manifold ways in which economic social, and political disparities interact to produce policy and political outcomes. Section 2 will delve into country and regional studies of Turkey, India, Italy, Poland and the Balkans, to show how the issue of social and economic disparities manifest themselves in different country contexts.

Session 3 focuses on transborder mobility of capital, labor, and finance, and the ways in which policies and social movements react and also attempt to mitigate the problems associated with international integration and structural change in the world economy.

Session 4 and the concluding panel discussion will focus on the fierce political and ideological battle and true crisis situations, which have emerged from the intensifying tensions between capitalism and democracy, core and periphery, global and EU integration, and national sovereignty: the wars on rule of law, gender, migrants; wars for regaining „Greatness“; and energy and food insecurity.

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

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

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

### SESSION 1 (MORNING): CHALLENGES OF INTEGRATION // CHAIR: DOROTHEE BOHLE

#### 9:30 – 11:00: Part I

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

#### 11:00 – 11:30: Coffee Break

#### 11:30 – 12:30: Part II

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

#### 12:30 – 14:00: Lunch

## SESSION 2 (AFTERNOON): COMPARATIVE PERSPECTIVES // CHAIR: MICHAEL LANDESMANN

### **14:00 – 15:30: Part I**

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

### **15:30 – 16:00: Coffee break**

### **16:00 – 17:30: Part II**

1. Wojciech Przybylski, Res Publica Foundation  
Title: *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  
Title: *Transformations on the EU's Eastern Periphery: Why Bulgaria and Romania are so different?*
3. Branimir Jovanovic, Vienna Institute for International Economic Studies  
Title: *Western Balkans: Lost Between YU and the EU*

### **18:00 – 19:00: Keynote lecture**

Mary Kaldor (London School of Economics and Political Science): 'Human Security in Insecure Times'

## DAY 2: CENTRAL EUROPEAN UNIVERSITY, AUDITORIUM (QUELLENSTRASSE 51)

### SESSION 3 (MORNING) 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  
Title: *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  
Title: *No Friends of Cohesion. How Eastern Enlargement changed the EU's regional development policy*
3. Martin Kahanec, Central European University  
Title: *Migrants and labor markets: Vicious or virtuous economics-politics cycles?*

#### **11:00 – 11:30: Coffee break**

#### **11:30 – 13:00: Part II**

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

#### **13:00 – 14:00: Lunch break**

## SESSION 4 (AFTERNOON): POPULISM AND AUTHORITARIANISM // CHAIR: SHALINI RANDERIA

### 14:00 – 16:00: Part I

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

### 16:00 – 16:30: Coffee break

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

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

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