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Poland and the Crossroads

International Conference, Warsaw, 17 – 19 Nov 2017

What is it all about?

Poland has been in the news a lot recently. Soon after the “Law and Justice Party” (PiS) won the last parliamentary elections, it started ‘reforming’ the country, in particular the state media and the juridical system. While the parliamentary opposition remains fragmented, we have seen many protests on the street, regularly dominated by young people considering themselves ‘European’. The Polish society seems deeply divided between supporters of a consolidation of catholic state putting the “nation” first and proponents of a liberal society in an increasingly “European” Poland.

How will it work?

We are glad to meet you in Warsaw – no matter your age, background and origin. Simply come and join us – for an insightful meeting with interesting people. We arrange the programme together with our local partners. If needed, we can give you hints regarding hotels and hostels. Your ideas, suggestions and contributions are more than welcome, both regarding content and logistics.

Tell us ASAP if you want to come and if you would like to contribute something yourself. Please, write to office@citizens-of-europe.eu stating „Citizens Weekend 2017” in the e-mail topic.

Who are we?

Citizens of Europe is a politically independent, non-governmental and non-profit oriented network of people from diverse backgrounds which is open for everybody perceiving diversity as an opportunity. We initiate and cooperate in a wide range of projects. We support each other to assure high quality standards in everything we do. We are active as we want to contribute to an active civil society in Europe and to learn and gain experience. For more info have a look at: <http://www.citizens-of-europe.eu> or <https://www.facebook.com/Citizens.of.Europe/>

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PROGRAMME

Friday, 17 November

(Polska Fundacja im. Roberta Schumana, Aleje Ujazdowskie 37/5, 00-540 Warszawa)

- 19:00** **Opening**
Welcome, Introduction
Overview: The political Poland. People, parties, constellations
Dr Martin Dahl, Lazarski University Warszawa

Saturday, 18 November

(Łazarski University, ul. Świeradowska 43, 02-662 Warszawa)

- 09:00** **Common breakfast**

Chapter I: Current debates in Poland

- 09:30** **Workshop 1:** Juridical reform (Sektor F, 7th floor, room 763)
Anna Wojcik, Institute of Law Studies at the Polish Academy of Sciences

Workshop 2: Education Reform (Sektor F, 7th floor, room 764)
Ela Kielak, Trainer, Activist, Antidiscrimination Education Association

- 10:30** **Coffee Break**

- 11:00** **Workshop 3:** The role of religion (Sektor F, 7th floor, room 763)
Dr Justyna Bokajto, Wrocław University

Workshop 4: The role of media (Sektor F, 7th floor, room 764)
Maria Kadzielska, Wprost Journalist and Book Author

- 12:00** **Lunch Break**

- 13:30** **Summing up the workshops:** Controversies and findings
(Sektor F, 7th floor, room 761)

Chapter II: Contemporary challenges in Poland and beyond

- 15:00** **Panel Debate**
What is going on in Poland? What are the similarities with other countries?
How could the current controversies become so tensed?

Are we facing a transformation crises?
Or a turn towards different political paradigms?

Dr Adrian Chojan, Polish Academy of Science
Dr Jan Grzyski, Lazarski University, Warsaw
Dr Ostap Kushnir, Lazarski University Warsaw

17:00 End of conference day one

City tour
Pub crawl

Sunday, 19 November

(Łazarski University, ul. Świeradowska 43, 02-662 Warszawa)

Chapter III: Europe – Problem or Solution?

10:00 Final Debate

Marcin Swiecicki, President of the European Movement Poland
Member of the Sejm
Prof. Dr. Andrii Verstiak, Czernivtsi University

12:00 Evaluation of the project – any future plans?

12:30 Common Lunch

14:00 General assembly of Citizens of Europe e.V.

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