



2nd Interdisciplinary Graduate Conference  
at the Andrassy University Budapest  
20 – 21 November 2020  
**CALL FOR PAPERS**

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**Current developments and challenges in the EU –  
The role of institutions**

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**Background of the conference**

The European Union faces many challenges. With the withdrawal of the United Kingdom on 31.01.2020, the European Community was reduced to 27 members. How the relationship between the EU and Great Britain will be shaped in the future, and which (long-term) consequences resulting from the resignation, remains unexplained. Current topics such as migration, especially from the Middle East and Africa or climate change, give rise to numerous debates and complex socio-economic

issues. The COVID-19 pandemic, which has been raging since the beginning of 2020, is triggering further economic and social obstacles, the extent of which cannot yet be estimated.

All these present problems are occurring against the background of a regionally highly diverse EU, which is affected by numerous legacy problems: Due to their history under socialism, the Central and Eastern European states are still in an unfinished social and economic transformation process. The financial crisis and the ensuing euro crisis triggered economic and social upheavals, the negative effects of which are still present. They are the reason for the regionally partially high youth unemployment, high national debt levels and the low-interest rate policy of the European Central Bank. In addition, the misdemeanours committed during the financial crisis intensified the ethical debate regarding the general way in which economic and social policy is conducted.

As an example, these historical factors create significant regional, economic and social disparities within the EU and inhibit potential convergence. Therefore, an understanding of historical developments is of great importance to cope with current problems.

Megatrends, e.g. urbanisation and an ageing society, represent additional challenges affecting, amongst others, pension and health systems and lead to numerous interactions with other problem areas. Of particular importance for all problem areas is how different social levels interact and which formal and informal norms and laws influence human activity.



According to the 1993 Nobel economics laureate Douglas C. North, institutions are man-made rules and laws, which limit political, economic and social interactions within societies. Correspondingly, the conference pursues an interdisciplinary approach to connect researchers of different scientific disciplines to find new ideas for current complex issues by bringing together different perspectives.

For this deliberately broad framework, interdisciplinary contributions by young researchers who approach current developments and challenges of the EU from an economic, historical, political or legal perspective are welcome. Besides, academics from other disciplines are invited to submit thematically appropriate approaches and research results in the form of contributions.

Contributions can be based on the following exemplary subject areas:

- Further development of European administrative structures
- Opportunities for cooperation in areas such as foreign policy, taxation, health, military, manufacturing, environmental protection, etc.
- Convergence and regional development
- Reform options for EU agriculture
- Effects of the megatrends urbanisation and demographic change on e.g. pension, health, banking, taxation and administrative systems
- Influence of global trade trends on the economy and infrastructure of individual EU - Member States
- Historical development of European institutions
- Challenges of corporate and social responsibility
- Strengthening inner-European values in the area of conflict between different social and economic systems

### **Lectures**

The lectures should be about 25 minutes long, followed by a 15-minute discussion. The submission on which the lecture is based must not yet have been published. Please send contributions to [phdconference@andrassyuni.hu](mailto:phdconference@andrassyuni.hu) with the following information or documents:

- Author information (name, address and e-mail address)
- extended scientific abstract (500 - 700 words)
- if the contribution is accepted, submission of the complete paper (approx. 15 - 20 pages)

The extended abstract and paper can be written in German or English. The language of the paper determines the language of the presentation at the conference. It is intended to publish submitted contributions after a successful peer-review process.

### **Conference site**

The event takes place in the premises of the Andrassy University of Budapest. Should this not be possible due to the COVID-19 situation, the conference will be held online.

### **Organization**

The conference is chaired by a group of scientists from the interdisciplinary Doctoral School of the Andrassy University of Budapest. They decide on acceptance of contribution.



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### **Registration fee**

The registration fee is €80. No hotel and travel expenses can be taken. On request, we will be happy to help you to find accommodation.

Please transfer the registration fee to following bank account:

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### **Dates**

31.08.2020 Deadline for extended abstract submission  
30.09.2020 Notification of acceptance or rejection of contributions  
10.10.2020 Obligatory registration by transfer of the registration fee  
31.10.2020 Submission of the complete scientific contributions  
11.01.2021 Submission of the revised articles for the conference proceedings

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