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Alternative forms of European
integration

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Central European Academy of the University of Miskolc

DATE OF THE CONFERENCE

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CONCEPT

The scientific conference will bring together leading experts to discuss the political, economic, and cultural dimensions of the „Three Seas Initiative“, a regional cooperation framework connecting Central and Eastern European countries. Topics include the foundations of a social market economy, judicial reforms, historical roots of regional integration, and the role of cultural transformation in strengthening European unity. Energy security and geopolitical challenges will also be addressed, alongside an analysis of whether the Intermarium concept and the Three Seas Initiative represent synergy or competition. The event aims to provide a comprehensive understanding of integration processes and strategic opportunities for the region, fostering dialogue among scholars and policymakers.

PARTNERS

Faculty of Law of the University of Miskolc,
Central European Association for Comparative Law,
Hungarian Association for Comparative Law,
MTA - Miskolc Academic Committee



OPENING PANEL

Moderator: Dr. Katarzyna Zombory, Research Director, Central European Academy of the University of Miskolc, Hungary

09.00 - 09.10

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Prof. UKSW Dr. Marcin Wielec, University Professor, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Poland

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INTRODUCTION OF THE CENTRAL EUROPEAN ACADEMY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MISKOLC PROGRAMMES

Prof. Dr. János Ede Szilágyi, Strategy Director, Central European Academy of the University of Miskolc; Full Professor, University of Miskolc, Hungary



PANEL 1

Moderator: Prof. UKSW Dr. Marcin Wielec, University Professor, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Poland

- 09.40 - 10.00 **FROM THE INTERMARIUM TO THE THREE SEAS – THE HISTORY OF CENTRAL EUROPEAN INTEGRATION**
Prof. Dr. Mieczysław Ryba, Full Professor, John Paul II Catholic University, Poland
- 10.00 - 10.20 **SOCIAL AND CULTURAL TRANSFORMATIONS AS A TOOL FOR EUROPEAN INTEGRATION**
Prof. KUL Dr. Wojciech Lis, University Professor, John Paul II Catholic University, Poland
- 10.20 - 10.40 **AXIOLOGICAL FOUNDATIONS OF AN EFFECTIVE, SOCIAL MARKET ECONOMY – A MODEL FOR THE THREE SEAS COUNTRIES**
Prof. KUL Dr. Przemysław Czarnek, University Professor, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland
- 10.40 - 11.00 **DISCUSSION**
- 11.00 - 11.30 **BREAK**

PANEL 2

Moderator: Dr. Bartłomiej Oręziak, Assistant Professor, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński University in Warsaw, Poland

- 11.30 - 11.50 **ENERGY SECURITY IN THE THREE SEAS INITIATIVE AREA – CHALLENGES AND PROBLEMS**
Prof. KUL Dr. Marcin Szewczak, University Professor, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland
- 11.50 - 12.10 **BETWEEN DECOMMUNIZATION AND STABILIZATION – THE TRANSFORMATION OF THE JUDICIARY IN THE THREE SEAS COUNTRIES**
Prof. Dr. Bogumił Szmulik, Full Professor, Cardinal Stefan Wyszyński, Poland
- 12.10 - 12.30 **THE ACTIVITIES OF THE CHRISTIAN SERVICE FOR THE LIBERATION OF NATIONS IN SUPPORT OF THE FREEDOM OF THE THREE SEAS COUNTRIES**
Dr. Robert Derewenda, Assistant Professor, John Paul II Catholic University of Lublin, Poland
- 12.30 - 12.50 **HOW TO NAVIGATE THROUGH A PERFECT STORM? OPPORTUNITIES AND RISKS FOR ROMANIA**
Ioana Constantin-Bercean, Researcher, Ion I.C. Brătianu" Institute of Political Science and International Relations, Romania

12.50 - 13.10

SLOVAKIA'S FUTURE IN THE EUROPEAN UNION PROJECT

Andrej Karpat, Associate Professor, Pan-European University, Slovakia

13.10 - 13.30

ALTERNATIVE FORMS OF COOPERATION BETWEEN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES TO THE EU – THE CASE OF CROATIA

Prof. Dr. Petar Bacic, Full Professor, University of Split, Croatia

13.30 - 13.50

DISCUSSION

13.50 - 14.00

CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE

Prof. UO Dr. Paweł Sobczyk, University Professor, University of Opole, Poland


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