

II International Congress „European Security and Stability in a Complex Global Order” and II CEWSE Roundtable Debate „EU Facing Current Challenges, Opportunities, Crisis and Conflicts” – a Report

On 16-17 April 2018 at the Jacob of Paradies University in Gorzów Wielkopolski, two scientific events took place – II International Congress „European Security and Stability in a Complex Global Order” and II CEWSE Roundtable Debate „EU Facing Current Challenges, Opportunities, Crisis and Conflicts.” They were organized in the framework of prestigious EU project conducted by Professor Ewa Latoszek at the SGH Warsaw School of Economics in 2016-2019 and co-financed by the Erasmus+ Programme of the European Union.

The 2018 edition of the Congress and Roundtable Debate were organized by the Faculty of Administration and National Security of the Jacob of Paradies University in Gorzów Wielkopolski and the Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence at the SGH Warsaw School of Economics in cooperation with the Jean Monnet Chair of European Union Studies, SGH Warsaw School of Economics; Centre for Europe, University of Warsaw; University of Economics in Katowice; Research Centre on European Integration, Gdańsk University; Academic Center for German and European Studies, Jacob of Paradies University in Gorzów Wielkopolski; Department of Political Studies, SGH Warsaw School of Economics; College of Economics and Social Sciences, Warsaw University of Technology; University of Oradea; European Community Studies Association (ECSA-World); Polish European Community Studies Association (PECSA); ECSA Moldova; ECSA Ukraine; ECSA Georgia.

The main aim of the Congress and the Roundtable was to develop an academic debate with the participation of representatives of various circles on the subject of broadly understood EU security and its international significance. Practitioners and theorists of research on the European Union from Poland and abroad analyzed the strategic issues from the point of view of the EU countries related to the development of the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy (CFSP); the challenges facing the European Union in this context; energy, IT, and social

security. The possibilities of developing a more effective way of solving identified problems in the indicated areas were discussed.

On 16 April 2018, the participants to the Congress were welcomed by: Dr. Przemysław Słowiński, Pro-Rector for Student Affairs (on behalf of Prof. Elżbieta Skorupska-Raczyńska, Rector) of the Jacob of Paradies University in Gorzów Wielkopolski; Prof. Ewa Latoszek, Jean Monnet Chair Holder, The Director of Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, SGH Warsaw School of Economics, President of Polish European Community Studies Association (PECSA) and Prof. Grzegorz Kucharczyk, Dean of Faculty of Administration and National Security, Jacob of Paradies University in Gorzów Wielkopolski.

Then the Keynote Speeches Session took place, moderated by Prof. Ewa Latoszek, with participation of Prof. Bogdan Góralczyk (University of Warsaw, Poland), Prof. Willemus Molle (Erasmus University Rotterdam, The Netherlands) and Prof. Christian Schweiger (Chemnitz University of Technology, Germany).

The first panel, titled “European Security: Trends, Challenges and Priorities. European Union as an Actor in Security and Peace?”, was moderated by Dr. Olga Barbarska (University of Warsaw). The group of speakers presenting papers on selected aspects of European security included: Dr. Anna Visvizi, Deree-The American College of Greece, Greece, Dr. Martin Dahl (Chernivtsi National University, Ukraine), Dr. Artur Adamczyk (University of Warsaw, Poland) and Dr. Yaman Kouli, (LabEx EHNE/Université Paris I-Sorbonne, France). They discussed i.a. the future of the Common Security and Defence and the EU efforts foreconomic and political stability in Eastern Europe.

The second panel, “Technical innovation, people and processes: cyber threat, energy security and migration”, was chaired by Prof. Małgorzata Dziembała (University of Economics in Katowice, Poland). During the panel, Prof. Christian Schweiger from Chemnitz University of Technology, Germany presented the paper titled „The migration challenge and the European Union’s deepening core-periphery divide”, and Dr. Miklós Somai, representing Centre for Economic and Regional Studies HAS, Hungary discussed the issue of Brexit in the wider perspective of disintegration processes in the European Union. After the speeches, a vivid discussion on the subject-matter took place.

The third panel, titled “The European Union of Shared Values – What Is the Role of Civil Society?” was moderated by Dr. Aleksandra Szczerba-Zawada (Jacob of Paradies University in Gorzów Wielkopolski, Poland/University of Bari Aldo Moro, Italy). The discussion, involving Prof. Leonce Bekemans (University of Padua, Italy), Prof. Angela Maria Romito (University of Bari Aldo Moro, Italy),

Prof. Nico Groenendijk (University of Tartu, Estonia), and Prof. Tatjana Muravska (University of Latvia, Latvia), concentrated on the need to improve the democratic character of the European Union through the deeper engagement of the societies of the Member States in European governance. The attention was paid to the significance of the European values for the integration within the European Union.

The discussion was concluded by Prof. Ewa Latoszek, Prof. Willemus Molle and Dr. Anna Masłoń-Oracz (SGH Warsaw School of Economics, Poland). They thank all participants for their contribution to the Congress as well as invited them to the next day CEWSE Roundtable Debate „European Union facing current challenges, opportunities, crisis and conflicts.”

CEWSE Roundtable Debate „European Union facing current challenges, opportunities, crisis and conflicts” was held on 17 April 2018 at the Main Library of the Jacob of Paradies University in Gorzów Wielkopolski. The event was opened by Prof. Ewa Latoszek (Jean Monnet Chair Holder, The Director of Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence, SGH Warsaw School of Economics, President of Polish European Community Studies Association (PECSA). The debate concentrated on three main topics: “The Backgrounds of the Current Refugee Crisis – How to Overcome Them” (elaborated by Dr. Anna Visvizi, Deree-The American College of Greece, Greece), “The Refugee Crisis – Sharing Common Values vs. the Interests of EU Member States” (presented by Prof. Nico Groenendijk, University of Tartu, Estonia), and “Solidarity in the European Refugee & Migration crisis – Working Together?” (referred to by Prof. Willemus Molle, Erasmus University Rotterdam, the Netherlands). The session was moderated by Dr. Marta Pachocka from the SGH Warsaw School of Economics, Poland. The speeches were the point of reference for the intense discussion among the speaker and the audience that gathered at the conference venue. The debate was concluded by Prof. Ewa Latoszek. The closing remarks were made by the representatives of main organizers of CEWSE events: Dr. Anna Masłoń-Oracz (SGH Warsaw School of Economics, Poland) and Dr. Aleksandra Szczerba-Zawada (Jacob of Paradies University in Gorzów Wielkopolski, Poland/University of Bari Aldo Moro, Italy).

