

A REPORT FROM THE “EUROPE IN THE WORLD: THE TIME OF BREAKTHROUGH” SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE, WARSAW, 6 OCTOBER, 2017

On October 6, 2017 at SGH Warsaw School of Economics a scientific conference entitled “Europe in the World: time of breakthrough” took place. The conference was organized by the units of the SGH Collegium of World Economy, i.e. the Institute of International Economics, the Department of International Law and International Organizations, Jean Monnet Chair of European Integration. The co-organizers of the conference were: the Department of International Economic Relations, Cracow University of Economics, the Faculty of International Economics, the Jan Kochanowski University in Kielce, the Institute of Administration and Law, Humanitas University in Sosnowiec, the Department of International Law of the Public Faculty of Law and Administration of the University of Szczecin.

The conference was opened and the participants were greeted by prof. Jerzy Menkes, the head of the Department of International Law and International Organizations, who emphasized that it was necessary to assess and evaluate the perspectives of Europe in the era of new challenges brought by the year 2016. What constituted the main objective of the Conference, successfully achieved, was the assessment and evaluation of the perspectives of Europe in the era of new challenges, such as President Trump’s decision on non-ratification of the TPP agreement, the United Kingdom’s decision on withdrawal from the EU, migration crisis, intensified anti-integration sentiment among European societies, announcement of NAFTA review, which entails threats to the effectiveness of further cooperation within the EU and with its external partners. The evaluation of the economic and geopolitical situation of the European Union AD 2016 was expedient for the organizers of the Conference.

Prof. Jerzy Menkes was the Moderator of the first session, during which the papers were delivered by: prof. Adam Budnikowski, *The Benefits of Poland and Western Europe from International Trade*, prof. Edward Molendowski, dr. Laxmi Remer, dr. Małgorzata Żmuda, *The Cumulative Value of Foreign Direct Investments in the Economies of EU-10 Countries and Shaping their International Competitive Position*, prof. Alina Szypulewska-Porczyńska, *Poland in the EU: the reform of access to regulated professions on the example of the real estate market*, dr. Ewelina Cała-Wacinkiewicz, *European Law as an Example*

of *Legal Specialization*, as well as prof. Elżbieta Czarny, prof. Jerzy Menkes, *TTIP – hibernation*.

The papers delivered during the second session, moderated by dr. Eliza Chilimoniuk-Przeździecka, included: prof. Piotr Misztal, *The Prospects and Challenges of Europe's Monetary Integration*, prof. Beata Stępień, *How does Political Turmoil Shape Economic Patriotism and Influence Purchase Decisions? – the case of Polish apparel sector*, dr. Anna Odrobina, *The European Union in Global Research and Development: current situation and prospects*, dr. Jacek Pera, *Europe's Economic Position in the Modern World. A risk analysis*, Dr. Dominik Skopiec, *Sovereign Wealth Funds in the Modern World Economy*, and a joint speech was delivered by dr. Eliza Chilimoniuk-Przeździecka and dr. Honorata Nyga-Lukaszewska, *Energy Security and Export Competitiveness*.

The third panel of the conference, moderated by dr. Paweł Folfas, included papers delivered by prof. Elżbieta Czarny, *The Competitiveness of Goods from the New Member States and Germany – does convergence occur?*, prof. Andrzej Janik, *The Instruments Counteracting the Lengthiness of an Arbitration Procedure*, dr. Małgorzata Czermińska, *European Union-West Africa Trade Relations: with or without the European Partnership Agreement (EPA)*, dr. Kamila Pieczary, *European Project: a breakthrough in theoretical analysis*, as well as the moderator of the panel, dr. Paweł Folfas, *Forrester's Effect in the International Trade in Final Goods and Intermediate Products*.

The last panel was moderated by prof. Adam A. Ambroziak. The following papers were delivered during this part of the Conference: prof. Elżbieta Kawecka-Wyrzykowska, *Implications of Brexit for Financing of Poland with a Special Stress on Poland*, prof. Jerzy Menkes, dr. Andżelika Kuźnar, *BREXIT – step by step*, dr. Bożena Pera, *Brexit and its Potential Impact on Trade between the European Union and Developing Countries*, dr. Magdalena Suska, *Debate on Issues Related to EU Citizens' Rights after Brexit*, prof. Adam A. Ambroziak, *The Evolution of the Structure of the EU Internal Market*.

The conference was summed up by a substantive discussion of all the participants.

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