



Invitation and Call for Papers

German-Polish Scientific Conference

20 years together in the EU: Achievements and challenges - German and Polish perspectives

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SGH Warsaw School of Economics

Organizers

- Department for Research on the German Economy at the World Economy Research Institute of the SGH Warsaw School of Economics
- German Polish Academic Forum at the SGH Warsaw School of Economics
- Konrad-Adenauer Foundation in Poland

Background:

The year 2024 marks the 20th anniversary of the accession of Poland and seven other formerly socialist countries from Central and Eastern Europe into the European Union (EU), making it the largest in-one-go enlargement of the EU. It not only helped Poland and the other new member states to complete successfully their political and economic reforms, but also created new business opportunities for both new and old member states. During these 20 years, the EU-27 has been plagued by multiple crises, including the eurozone and migration crises, Brexit, and lately the war in Ukraine and an increasingly instable geopolitical environment. Simultaneously, the EU faces as a stagnating economic development coupled with technological disruptions, environmental challenges and the prospect of further enlargements – involving the Western Balkans, Ukraine and Moldova. This raises new challenges on how to ensure and improve the EU's workability and competitiveness.

Against this background, the conference will reflect on the past 20 years of EU's eastern enlargement mainly, but not exclusively, from Polish and German perspectives. It takes stock of what has been achieved, what lessons can be learnt and discusses how current challenges can best be met. Core areas of interest are the following issues:

- What kind of Europe are we striving for? Reforms of the European institutions
- Fiscal and monetary policy of the EU and Eurozone
- The future of the Green Deal and the role of industrial policy
- Geo-political and security challenges and its impact on foreign trade and trade policy

Call for papers

To address these issues, we invite scholars from economics, political science and related disciplines as well as practitioners to participate in our debate on the achievements of 20 years of EU's eastern enlargement and on current challenges with or without presentation. We explicitly encourage contributions of different theoretical and methodological background as well as of interdisciplinary character.

Conference structure and language:

The conference will consist of a keynote speech, a moderated plenary debate and two topical sessions with presentations and discussions. The conference language is English.

The detailed program of the conference will be available in early June.

Organisational Information:

1. Conference participation is free.
2. Please register your participation with or without presentation *online* until **May 30, 2024** via this [link](#).

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