

Young Europe Forum

Common History. Common Future.

Krakow, 19-24th September 2010

Young Europe Forum is a five day conference organized by Klub Jagiellonski in cooperation with the Jagiellonian University, with an aim to become the basis for later broad cooperation among circles of young intellectuals from Central and Eastern European countries. Young scientists, journalists, activists and senior students from 10 countries (Belarus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Lithuania, Latvia, Moldova, Poland, Slovakia and Ukraine) are invited. We are expecting the participation of about 40 people up to 35 years of age.

The goal of the conference is to create a forum for the exchange of opinions and experiences by young participants of public affairs. Issues discussed during the workshops are to constitute the basis for further analysis and comparative studies. The underlying topic of the event will be integration, however, such that does not seek only to reproduce Western patterns, but strives mostly for the creation of their own ones within common regional interests and history.

The idea of the project is to highlight the importance of the region's common experiences, threats and aspirations. The region shares not only history (the experience of communism and the subsequent transformation), but also present common interests, which are often different from those of Western or Eastern Europe. In this conference we aim to revise the way how international relations in this part of Europe are perceived by projecting ways of alliances based on smaller countries. We will attempt to form our own conception of such a revision, however, in order to do so, first it is crucial to know the reality of other countries, which can be achieved mainly through actual contact and debates.

The workshops of the conference will be based on four main themes: history and identity, society and politics, economy and international relations. We also intend to invite experts to take part in the conference, among others Ryszard Legutko, Geoffrey Van Orden, Mikuláš Dzurinda, Mart Laar. All presented papers and lectures given by the experts will be published on the project's web page, which will be a place for exchanging ideas after leaving Kraków as well. A separate summary of the conference will be published and distributed among key government institutions and think-tanks in participant countries.

If interested and need more information, please contact

fme@kj.org.pl

PARTICIPATION

The participants are expected to prepare an essay on one of four topics: history and identity, society and politics, economy and international relations. These essays can focus on national as well as regional issues, with regard to mapping ways for future cooperation and common interests that could be expressed among Eastern European countries. All essays will be presented and later discussed in workshop groups based on these four themes. Working language is English. Guidelines for essays please find below.

We expect participation of PhD students, leaders of organizations, journalists, persons working in think-tanks and others, interested in issues of Eastern Europe, up to 35 years old.

Persons, that would like to participate in the conference, should confirm this by sending their:

- 1) name and surname
- 2) citizenship
- 3) birth date

- 4) education
- 5) occupation
- 6) membership in organizations
- 7) one of the four conference topics
- 8) preliminary title of the essay

This information should be sent to fme@kj.org.pl *until 15th of August*.

Participation fee in the conference is 40 Euros. Accommodation, food and other costs in Krakow will be covered by organizers. For each participant travel costs to Krakow and back will be partially reimbursed (exact sum is to be decided later).

For more information, please contact: fme@kj.org.pl

ESSAY GUIDELINES

General remarks

1. Each essay should be dedicated to one of the below-mentioned main YEF's themes concerning particular Central and Eastern European country represented by the participant or the region as a whole:

- a) History and Identity
- b) Society and Politics
- c) Economy
- d) International Relations

2. Both, abstracts and essays, should be written in English.

3. Essays submitted for the Young Europe Forum should be original contributions and should not be derived from existing or planning publications.

4. The abstract should be in the range of 200-300 words without references.

5. The main title of the article should appear at the top of p. 1, followed by the author's name.

6. Each essay must be of maximum 2000 words (excluding the abstract, references and bibliography).

7. Each essay must be accompanied by a short biographical note in English.

8. Essay must have a proper structure with an introduction, a question and/or thesis, argumentation (pros/cons) and conclusion.

Submission

1. All submissions should be emailed as a word file attachments to the address fme@kj.org.pl
2. **Abstracts** should be delivered after confirming of participation from 16th August to 31th August 2010.
3. **Full essay** should be delivered **before** the start of the Young Europe Forum - 19th September 2010.

Manuscript style

Normal page margins

Footnotes: Times New Roman Font 10, single-spaced

Main text: Times New Roman Font 12, Line spacing: 1.5

Alignment: Justified

Numbered pages: Top of the page, to the right

Use distinct paragraphs

Non-English words should be put in *italics*