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The EU and the Czech Republic in 2014 - a reflection of the current state and future perspectives

The third annual Conference of the Czech Association for European
Studies

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the Czech Republic

Organizer: Czech Association for European Studies and the Department of EU Law, Faculty
of Law, Palacky University in Olomouc, in cooperation with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs
of the Czech Republic

12 – 13 June 2014

The Conference takes place at the time of *10th anniversary of the accession of the Czech Republic into the EU and the 5th anniversary of the launching of the Eastern partnership policy*; it shall reflect relevant actual problems as well as summarize the fresh results of *the elections to the European Parliament* and related issues in the connection with the continuation of the *Year of the European Citizenship*.

Conference Programme

Venue: Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Grand Hall at the Czernin Palace (Loreta Square 5, Prague 1, 118 00)

12 June 2014

9.30 – 10.00 registration

10.00 – 10.45

I. Opening of the Conference

Welcome address of Assoc. Prof. et Assoc. Prof. JUDr. **Naděžda Šišková**, Ph.D. (President of the Czech Association for European studies, Jean Monnet Chair in EU Law, Head of the Department of European law, Faculty of law, Palacky University Olomouc)

PhDr. **Juraj Chmiel**, CSc. (Special Envoy for the External Dimension of the EU at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic, former Minister for European Affairs)

“The Czech Republic and the EU in the turning year and the crucial times – the new challenges and reflections”

Assoc. Prof. JUDr. **Pavel Svoboda**, DEA, Ph.D. (elected Member of the European Parliament, Faculty of Law, Charles University in Prague)

“The elections to the European Parliament 10 years after the Czech accession to the Union – some considerations.”

10.45 – 11.15 Coffee break

11.15 – 12.30

II. EU after the economic crisis – some political, legal and economic reflections. The reform of the Union and the new redistribution of powers between the EU and the Member States.

Chair: JUDr. **Emil Ruffer**, Ph.D. (Director, European Law department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic)

prof. Dr. **Fausto de Quadros** (Department of Administrative Law, European Law and International Law, Jean Monnet Chair in EU law, Faculty of Law, Coordinator of the Center of Excellence of the University of Lisbon)

“Europe after the economic crisis: towards a political Union”

prof. **Takis Tridimas** (Chair of European Law, Director, Centre of European Law, The Dickson Poon School of Law, King's College London)

“The post-Lisbon integration paradigm: EU competences and EU rights”

JUDr. **Lenka Pitrová**, CSc (Head of Strategies and Institutions Department, EU Affairs Section, Office of the Government and Faculty of Law, Charles University in Prague)

“The new trends in the modification of the content of the primary law of the EU”

Ing. **Lubor Lacina**, Ph.D. (Jean Monnet Chair in European Economic Studies, Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, Mendel University in Brno)

“Ex-ante Coordination of Economic Policies in Eurozone - Impact on Czech Republic”

12.30 – 13.00 Discussion

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch

14.00 – 15.00

III. European citizenship and the deepening of elements of the civic dimension of the Union (in connection with the continuation of the Year of the European Citizenship).

Chair: Assoc. Prof. PhDr. **Běla Plechanovová**, CSc., (Jean Monnet Chair, Head of the Department of International Relations, Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague)

JUDr. Ing. **Jiří Zemánek**, CSc. (Judge of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic)

“The Identity – building and democratic legitimacy beyond the nation state: the role of European citizenship”

Priv.-Doz. Dr. Alexander Balthasar (Director, Institute for State Organization and Administrative Reform, Austrian Federal Chancellery, Vienna; University of Graz)

The Future Legal Relevance of the "Cultural, Religious and Humanist Inheritance of Europe"

Assoc. Prof. JUDr. **Josef Blahož**, DrSc. (Institute of State and Law of the Czech Academy of Science)

"European Union and Welfare (Social) State - Reforms and Transformation"

15.00 – 15.30 Discussion

15.30 – 16.00 Coffee break

16.00 – 17.00

IV. European citizenship and human rights. New challenges for the European Union in the field of protection of fundamental rights.

Chair: Assoc. Prof. et Assoc. Prof. JUDr. **Naděžda Šišková**, Ph.D. (Jean Monnet Chair, Head of the department of European law, Palacky University in Olomouc, President of the Czech Association for European studies)

Univ.-Prof. Dr. **Werner Schroeder**, LL.M. (Head of the Institute, Institute for European and international law, University of Innsbruck)

"The EU and the Rule of Law - Dealing with a Rule of Law Crisis in the Member States."

Prof. JUDr. **Pavel Šturma**, DrSc. (Head of the Department of the International law, Faculty of law, Charles University in Prague)

"Protection of Fundamental Rights in the EU: how many levels?"

JUDr. **Emil Ruffer**, Ph.D. (Director, European Law department, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic)

"The accession of the EU to the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms"

17.00 – 17.30 Discussion

17.30 Award ceremony – alumni ceremony of decoration by the awards of the Czech Association for European studies

18.00

Glass of wine

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9.00 – 10.00

- V. The EU, the Czech Republic and external relations. Perspectives of the Eastern Partnership. The destiny of the EU – Ukraine Association Agreement. The Association Agreements with other states of Eastern Partnership.**

Chair: JUDr. **Michal Petr**, Ph.D. (Department of European Law, Faculty of Law, Palacky University, Olomouc and Office for the Protection of Competition of the Czech Republic)

PhDr. **Petr Mareš**, CSc. (Special Envoy for Eastern Partnership of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic)

“Eastern Partnership: the Czech Contribution to the Development of the Policy”

As. Prof. **Liudmyla Falalieieva**, Ph.D., (Academy Advocacy of Ukraine, Kiev)

“Adaptation of the Eastern Partnership to the new geopolitical realities: legal aspects”

10.00 – 10.15 Discussion

10.15 – 10.45 Coffee break

10.45 – 12.30

- VI. Rule of Law, human rights and approximation of laws as a *conditio sine qua non* for acceptance of duties of the Associated state.**

Chair: JUDr. **Ondrej Hamulak**, Ph.D. (Vice-dean of the Faculty of Law, Palacky University, Olomouc)

prof. **Natalie Kuznetcova** (prof. of the Department of civil law Kiev National University Schevchenko)

“The reform of the judicial system of the Ukraine – in accordance with the standards of the quality of justice”

As. Prof. **Olena Zakharova** (Department of Justice, Kiev National University Schevchenko)

“The access to justice and its integral parts under the Ukrainian legislation”

As. Prof. **Oksana Grabovska** (Kiev National University Schevchenko)

“European Convention on the protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms and its application in the civil proceedings of the Ukraine”

Assoc. Prof. **Lydia Gruzinova** (Academy Advocacy of Ukraine, Kiev)

“Influence of EU law on the reformation of the labour legislation of Ukraine”

12.30 – 13.00 Discussion and conclusions

13.00 Lunch

14.00 End of the Conference

Working languages are English, Czech and Ukrainian (simultaneous interpretation is provided)

Admission fee is not required.

The best contributions will be selected for the publication in European Studies. *The Review of European Law, Economics and Politics*, published by Wolters Kluwer (2014/2).

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