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

Under the auspices of Lubomír Zaorálek, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

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

12. – 13. 6. 2014

The Conference which 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 will reflect the 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.
Preliminary programme

12. June - venue:

Ministry of foreign affairs, Grand Hall at the Cernin Palace (Loreta Square 5, Prague 1, 118 00)

8.30 - 9.00 registration

I. Opening of the Conference

9.00 – 9.50 Welcome address of As. prof. et As. Prof. JUDr. Naděžda Šišková, Ph.D., President of the Czech Association for European studies, Jean Monnet Chair, Head of the Department of European law, Faculty of law, Palacky University Olomouc

prof. Ing. Petr Drulák, Ph.D., First Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Czech Republic

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

Jan Michal, Head of the Representation of the European Commission in the Czech Republic... to be confirmed

II. European Parliament and national parliament’s, principles of their cooperation. Considerations about the fresh results of the elections to the EP.

10.00 – 11.00 Chair: As. Prof. PhDr. Běla Plechanovová, CSc.,
(Jean Monnet Chair, Head of the Department of International Relations, Faculty of social sciences, Charles University in Prague)

JUDr. Pavel Telička (former commissioner)

“The elections to the European Parliament, 10 years after the accession to the Union.”

Ing. Bc. Miroslav Krejča, CSc. (Head of the Committee of European affairs of the Senate of the Czech Republic)… to be confirmed

Mgr. Ondřej Benešík (Head of the Committee of European affairs of the Chamber of Deputies of the Czech Republic)… to be confirmed
III. Modification of the Establishing Treaties of the EU and other constitutional aspects. The reform of the institutions and the new redistribution of powers between the EU and the Member States, the position of the Czech Republic.

11.30 – 12.40 Chair: JUDr. Jiří Georgiev, Ph.D. (Managing director of the administrative section of the Ministry of Agriculture 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, University of Lisbon)

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

prof. Takis Trimidas (Professor Takis Tridimas, Chair of European Law, Director, Centre of European Law, The Dickson Poon School of Law, Somerset House East Wing, King's College London) ...

JUDr. Lenka Pitrová, CSc (Government office of the Czech Republic, Head of the Department of conceptual and institutional issues)

“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 Euroteam member Jean Monnet Center of Excellence Mendel University in Brno)

“Ex-ante Coordination of Economic Policies in Eurozone - Impact on Czech Republic Mendel University in Brno, Jean Monnet Centre of Excellence.”

12.40 – 13.00 Discussion

13.00 – 14.00 Lunch
IV. European citizenship and human rights. The deepening of other elements of the citizenship dimension of the Union (in connection with the continuation of the Year of the European Citizenship).

14.00-15.30 Chair: As. Prof. JUDr. Naděžda Šišková, Ph.D. (Jean Monnet Chair, Head of the department of European law, Palacký University in Olomouc, President of the Czech Association for European studies)

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

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

Dr. Alexander Balthasar (Director, Institute for state organization and administration reform, Austrian federal Chancellery, Vienna)

“Cultural, religious and humanist inheritance of the Europe”

As. 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.”

15.30-16.00 Coffee break

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. (Head of the Department of European law, Ministry of Foreign affairs of the Czech Republic)

“The accession of the EU to the Convention of Human Rights and Fundamental freedoms.”
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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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.

9.00 – 10.00 Chair: As. Prof. Vlasta Kunová, CSc. (vice-rector of Paneuropean University in Bratislava, President of the Slovak Association for European studies, Jean Monnet Chair)

PhDr. Petr Mareš, CSc. (Ambassador for the Eastern Partnership of the Ministry of foreign affairs of the Czech Republic) …

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

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

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

“The reform of the judicial system of the Ukraine – in accordance with the standarts od the quality of justice.”

10.00 – 10.20 Discussion

10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break

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.”
As. Prof. Lydia Gruzinova (Academy Advocacy of Ukraine, Kiev)

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

Dr. Valentyna Goncharuk (member of the Kiev Bar Association)

“Legal protection of citizens in civil proceedings.”

12.30 – 13.00 Discussion and conclusions

13.00 Lunch

14.00 End of the Conference
**Scientific and organization committee:**

**Head of the committee:**

As. Prof. et. As. Prof. JUDr. Naděžda Šišková, Ph.D. - Head of the Committee

**Members of the committee:**

prof. Dr. Fausto de Quadros, University in Lisbon

Prof. Ing. Eva Cihelková, CSc., Faculty of international relations, Charles University

As. Prof. PhDr. Běla Plechanovová, CSc., Charles University

As. Prof. Vlasta Kunová, CSc., Pan-european University

JUDr. Emil Ruffer, Ph.D. Ministry of foreign affairs of the Czech Republic

JUDr. Ondrej Hamulák, Ph.D., Palacky University

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

**Participants:**

The following departments (members of the CAES) we be actively engaged in preparation of the Conference: Faculty of Law, Palacky University, Olomouc, Department of EU law; Ministry of foreign affairs of the Czech Republic; Faculty of International Relations, Economic University in Prague; Faculty of Social Sciences, Charles University in Prague.

We also count with invited speakers from the ranks of leading academics and Jean Monnet professors from Great Britain, Portugal, Austria, Slovakia and Ukraine.

Also will be invited the freshly elected members of the European Parliament, representatives of the Constitutional Court of the Czech Republic. We also count with representatives of the European integration Department of the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic, the Committee on EU Affairs of the Senate of the Parliament of the CR, members of the Ambassies from Member states of the EU and the Partnership states.

Expected number of participants: approximately 100

**Admission fee is not required.**

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