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# EVROPAEVM

## Graduate Workshop

# Post-Truth, Populism, Prejudice: Europe's values in crisis ?

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Cohosted with Charles University's Faculty of Economics, Institute of Politics,  
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*What does it mean to be a "good" European ? The question recurs as Europe grapples with a series of simultaneous crises - refugees, multiculturalism, uneven economic development, and bailing out neighbours at a time of low economic growth. On top of these comes the new politics of Post-Truth, of prejudice, and the rise of populism, nationalism and jingoism. Do we respond with walls OR with Willkommenskultur ? These are tests for each of us - and for our communities, regions, and nations.*

Our next three-day graduate workshop, planned for late February 2017, will explore these important questions. Our keynote speaker will be **Aleksander Smolar**, Deputy Chairman of the Institute for Human Sciences in Vienna, member of the International Forum Research Council in Washington, D.C., member of the Board of Directors of the Institute for Human Sciences at Boston University and the President of the Stefan Batory Foundation in Warsaw. He will give a lecture on post-truth politics in contemporary Poland.

As with all Europaeum activities, this event will be participatory and engaging, involving talks and lectures from expert academics and professionals, as well as younger scholars, together with working groups and debates. It is designed for 25+ advanced graduates from Europaeum universities graduates.

**SPEAKERS** will include (among others): **Aleksander Smolar**, political scientist, politician, President of the Stefan Batory Foundation in Warsaw, **Prof Jan Sokol**, former Dean, Faculty of Humanities, Charles University; **Monsignor Tomáš Halík**, leading public intellectual, philosopher, sociologist and priest; **Prof Vladimír Benáček**, Economist, Charles University; **Dr Jakub Jirsa**, philosopher, Charles University; **Dr Paul Flather**, Secretary-General, The Europaeum, and Fellow, Mansfield College, Oxford, **Prof Ivana Noble**, Theologian, Charles University, **Mr Tomáš Sedláček**, Chief macro-economic strategist for the ČSOB bank and **H.E. Pavel Fischer**, former Czech ambassador to France.

*Applications are now being accepted from doctoral or advanced graduates from the universities within the Europaeum network. All local costs will be covered (apart from travel). Applications in the form of a CV (max. 2 pages), one or two letters of recommendation, a letter of motivation, and a brief abstract of the proposed paper should go to the Europaeum Office by **early February**.*

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