Leadership & Politics & Governance in Turbulent Times: Global and Geopolitical Challenges in a Changing Europe

Day 1: March 14th, 2024 – Prague University of Economics and Business

Meeting link: Click here to join the meeting via MS Teams

8:30 – 9:30  Registration, coffee/drinks

09:30 – 10:00 Welcome & Introduction to the conference

Speakers:
- **Prof Martin Pelucha**, Prague University of Economics and Business. *Conference opening words*
- **Representatives of the University (TBC)**. *Welcome speech*
- **Dr John Gibney**, University of Birmingham, **Prof Joyce Liddle, prof John Shutt**, Northumbria University. *Leadership - information on the forthcoming special issue of Regional Studies Journal*

10:00 – 11:45 Session I

Leadership from the Czech Perspective of Recent Crises and External Shocks

Speakers:
- **Assoc Prof Marian Piecha**, Czech Ministry of Industry and Trade. *The potential and limitations of Czech industry and the business in the context of EU support in a period of turbulent changes*
- **Mr Roman Matoušek**, Czech Ministry of Regional Development. *From initial shock to future challenges: the complex issue of adaptation and integration of refugees from Ukraine in the Czech Republic*
- **Assoc Prof Tomáš Hudeček**, University lecturer and former politician - Mayor of Prague 2013-2014, member of the European Committee of the Regions, Director of the Urban Development Department at the Institute for Planning and Development of the City of Prague 2021-2022. *Resilient city: Opportunities and limitations of urban responses to frequent, rare and new crises*

11:45 – 13:00  Lunch break

13:00 – 15:00 Session II

Framing of Leadership – From Local Challenges to Macroeconomics Shocks

Speakers:
- **Prof Rob Wilson**, Northumbria University. *Local challenges of collaborative leadership and a framework for organisational ambidexterity*
- **Ms Nikola M. Taylor**, Prague University of Economics and Business. *Transition and challenges of peripheries under macroeconomic shocks: Time to Merge?*
- **Prof Markku Sotarauta and Prof Andrew Beer**, Tampere University. *Leading local change: what do we know about place leadership?*
- **Assoc Prof Oto Potluka**, Center for Philanthropy Studies (CEPS) at the University of Basel. *Urban Planning for Social Resilience in Urban Neighbourhoods. Transformative Change through Civic Engagement*

15:00 – 15:30 Coffee break

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**15:30 – 17:00 Session III**

**Leadership from the Perspective of European PhD Students**

**Speakers:**
- Ms Šárka Tomanová, Prague University of Economics and Business.  
  *Empirical reflection on the Czech energy crisis in 2022*
- Ms Olena Shelvytska, Ms Stanislava Brnkaňáková, Ms Zuzana Šarvašová and Tatiana Kluvánková, Board of European Students of Technology Bratislava, Slovak University of Technology in Bratislava.  
  *Rewilding as Nature Based Solution? Policy implications of global climate changes in turbulent times*
- Ms Fanny Gantier, ESSCA School of Management.  
  *The Rare Earth Elements Market and Its Impacts on the European Printed Circuit Boards Market*

**19:00 Conveners’ dinner**  
(Note: Only for speakers and participants with confirmation of early registration to the dinner event. The dinner is financially supported by the VŠE.)

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**Day 2: March 15th, 2024 – Prague University of Economics and Business**

**8:30 – 9:00**  
**Coffee break**

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**9:00-10:45 Session IV**

**Leadership in the Context of Entrepreneurship and Business Development**

**Speakers:**
- Ms Veronika Špírková, Czech Ministry of Industry and Trade.  
  *Effectiveness of Czech support programmes for SMEs*
- Ms Lucie Jarešová, Czech Ministry of Industry and Trade.  
  *The possibilities and limits of government leadership in setting up and managing investment incentive systems in times of geopolitical crises, decarbonization and Industry 4.0 processes*
- Ms Hana Trávníčková and Mr Ondřej Moš, Technical University of Liberec, Czech Republic.  
  *Leadership of Czech High Educational System in Entrepreneurship Development*
- Prof Joyce Liddle, Northumbria University.  
  *Local and regional leadership in the context of international cases in public sector entrepreneurship – reflection of the book preparation*

**10:45 – 11:15**  
**Coffee break**

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**11:15-13:15 Session V**

**Leadership and Green transition in turbulent times**

**Speakers:**
- Thomas Hoerber, ESSCA School of Management.  
  *Euroecology, Mezzo climate change*
- Prof Martin Pelucha, Prague University of Economics and Business.  
  *Energy transition and leadership context in Czech Coal Regions*
- Prof John Shutt, Northumbria University.  
  *Leading the transition to a green European economy: The UK and EU Perspective*
- Prof Ignazio Cabras and Prof Gabriel Weber, ESSCA School of Management.  
  *Nuclear Energy, Environmental Conflicts and Place Leadership in the European Union*

**13:15-13:30 Closing words**

**Speakers:**
- Prof Martin Pelucha
- Prof John Shutt

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