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. Welcome speech
- Prof Joyce Liddle, Prof John Shutt, Northumbria University, Dr John Gibney, University of Birmingham. Leadership - information on the forthcoming special issue of Regional Studies

10:00 – 11:45 Session I

Leadership from the Czech Perspective of Recent Crises and External Shocks

Speakers:
- 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
- Dr Nikola M. Taylor, Prague University of Economics and Business. Transition and challenges of peripheries under macroeconomic shocks: Time to Merge?

11:45 – 13:00 Lunch break

13:00 – 15:00 Session II

Framing of Leadership – From Local Challenges to Macroeconomics Shocks

Speakers:
- Prof. Dr Habil. Łukasz Mamica, Krakow University of Economics. Energy crisis in Europe - consequences and possibilities to mitigate its negative effects
- Prof Markku Sotarauma 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
- 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

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, STU in Bratislava, Slovakia, Ms Stanislava Brnkaláková, Ms Zuzana Sarvašová and Prof 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. *(on-line presentation)*
  - 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.)*

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

8:30 – 9:00 Registration, coffee/drinks

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. Prague University of Economics and Business. *Effectiveness of Czech support programmes for SMEs*
- Ms Lucie Jarešová, Czech Ministry of Industry and Trade. Prague University of Economics and Business. *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*
- Prof Rob Wilson, Northumbria University. *(on-line presentation)*
  - ‘Local’ challenges of collaborative leadership and a framework for organisational ambidexterity
- 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

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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