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 - Faculty of Economics. Dr. Adéla Zubíková, Statutory Deputy Dean, Assoc Prof Helena Chytilová, Vice-Dean (International Relations), 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 Sotaraanta 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
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
  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 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