Second Edition of the International Conference

Forum for Institutional Thought

INSTITUTIONS AND SURVIVAL
CHALLENGES FOR SUSTAINABILITY

22-23 February 2024

Faculty of Economics and Finance, University of Bialystok, Poland

Conference objective

To create a scientific platform for the multiplication and dissemination of knowledge in the field of institutional economics among representatives of research and teaching staff as well as PhD students and students from various academic centers, politicians, activists, entrepreneurs from Poland and abroad, with a special focus on:

- the latest achievements of institutional economics;
- the possible redefinition of the global role of economics in the social and political life of the contemporary world;
- the specific conditions of Central and Eastern Europe in the context of institutional determinants of economic and social governance;
- the issue of sustainability and balancing of economic goals in the face of contemporary socio-economic crises, including energy, financial, military and others.

Conference themes

The areas explored through the prism of the maturation of institutions, through the factors determining the evolutionary emergence of institutions both as effects of intra-socially
reproduced transactional relations and as exogenous legislative or regulatory influences of the state, are a potential source for arriving at important contemporary answers to questions about the shape of the social order.

The revolutions experienced by modern man generate a natural need for new insights and deeper inquiries. Showcasing the instrumentality provided on the ground of institutional research as part of the conference event being prepared can contribute to the initiation of many interesting reflections, discussions, and research.

A special role in this process is to be played by the lectures of the conference's special guests and the discussions of the panelists, whose strength of argumentation and intensity of delivery are expected to have a significant impact on the objectives set by the conference organizers.

The lectures by each of the invited guests are designed as an important platform for reflecting on the notion of the economy as an evolving information-processing system, centered on the institutions and legal relations that bring together the authority spread across contemporary society. A particular strand of these reflections will be devoted to the situation of Central and Eastern Europe undergoing the experiment of post-socialist institutional transformation.

The study of the social sciences, through which metanarratives viewed from different perspectives permeate, is often an insufficient offer for young intellectuals reaching for alternative explanations of the foundations of contemporary social structures and the factors that define them.

The conference will focus on the following themes:

- Transactional organisation – types of organisation (markets, hybrid organisations, hierarchical organisations) and criteria for forms of coordination (intensity of incentives, supervisory administration, contractual/contractual governance);
- Institutional change in the context of the challenges of balancing socio-economic objectives;
- Sources of economic crises and opportunities to neutralise their negative consequences;
- Sustainable development – essence and determinants;
- State and legal institutions;
- Public policy and institutions – collective action, delegation to public agencies, regulation of infrastructure of particular economic importance; institutional sources of public policies in Central and Eastern European countries.

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**Keynote speakers**

**Prof. Annica Kronsell**  
(School of Global Studies, University of Gothenburg, Sweden)

**Prof. dr hab. Ewa Bińczyk**  
(Faculty of Philosophy and Social Sciences, Nicolaus Copernicus University, Poland)
Important dates

3 December 2023 – end of registration and submission of abstracts
15 December 2023 – information on acceptance of abstracts
1 February 2024 – publication of the conference programme
22 February 2024 – opening of the conference

Registration and abstract submission: https://forms.office.com/e/RUmaCBjqcn

Participation in the conference is free of charge (lunch is payable on your own; the fee for those willing to join for gala dinner is 100 PLN/25 euro).

The results of the research presented at the conference can be published in journals:
- *Optimum: Economic Studies* (fee 700 PLN);
- *Catallaxy* (free of charge).

Conference languages: English, Polish

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Prof. dr hab. Michał Pietrzak (Warsaw University of Life Sciences, economics)
Prof. dr hab. Marzanna Poniatowicz (University of Białystok, politics)
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