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Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznań

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Organized Lectures/Conferences

Conference: **ISA 2021 Annual Convention**

Date: April 6- 9, 2021

Venue: Virtual Platform



Two members of Jean Monnet Center of Excellence, Prof. Paulina Pospieszna and Dr. Joanna Skrzypczyńska, participated in the International Studies Association (ISA) conference, which was organized in the online format on April 6th - 9th, 2021. Prof. Pospieszna's paper was about simultaneous use of EU aid and economic sanctions, and effectiveness of these democracy promotion tools. Dr. Skrzypczyńska, however, presented a paper co-authored with Dr. Rafal Wisniewski on EU's role as a global actor in an era of great power competition. Both presentations took place within the panel entitled "A Europe that Protects... from what? – Examining European Union's Role as a Security Provider in the Age of Uncertainty."

Topic: **"Europe of the 21st century"**

Date: September 16-17, 2021

Venue: Collegium Polonicum Słubice, Poland

On September 16-17, the 21st International Scientific Conference of the "Europe of the 21st Century" series was held and the title of the edition was "Europe and the European Union in the face of the challenges of 2020-2021." The Słubice was a platform for the presentation of the results of scientific research on the current problems of the Old Continent, including, in particular, phenomena and processes that have deepened, exposed or developed in the last several months, i.e. during the COVID-19 pandemic. Within the conference, the Jean Monnet Center of Excellence organized two panels on the EU's foreign policy, such as the panel "EU policy towards third countries".





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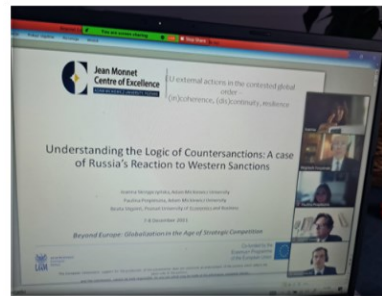
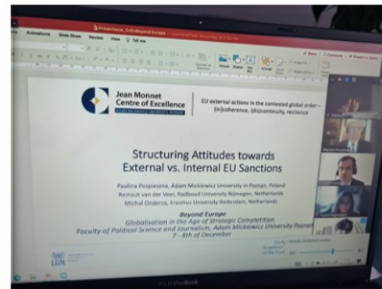
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Conference: Beyond Europe

Date: December 7 - 8, 2021

Venue: Adam Mickiewicz University, Poznan, Faculty of Political Science and Journalism

Jean Monnet Center of Excellence was present at the 4th International Scientific Conference "Beyond Europe" Globalization in the Age of Strategic Competition organized by the Department of Non-European Political Systems. Prof. Paulina Pospieszna and Dr. Joanna Skrzypczyńska participated in the panel entitled "System Change and the Role of Sanctions of IR." Prof. Pospieszna presented a paper on attitudes towards external vs. internal EU sanctions, and Dr. Skrzypczyńska on Russia's reaction to Western sanctions imposed against Russia for the first time in 2014.



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09:20-09:30	rejestracja	
09:30-09:40	otwarcie konferencji - Przodziekan WNPiD ds. studenckich prof. UAM dr hab. Szymon Ossowski	
09:40-10:40	wystąpienia – panel nr 1 (moderator: dr Marcin Łukaszewski)	
lic. Alija Zaworska	S Koto Naukowe Polityki Ekonomicznej i Społecznej	Pandemia Covid-19 a wysokość i możliwość uzyskania zniżek z podatków i opłat lokalnych na terenie gmin na przykładzie Gminy Jarocin
lic. Weronika Wilkomska	S Koto Naukowe Politologów i Dziennikarstwa	Igrzyska Olimpijskie w cieniu pandemii – kontrowersje wokół Tokio 2020
lic. Michał Stefanowski	S Koto Naukowe Politologów i Dziennikarstwa	Covid-19. Konflikty, które nasiliły się po pandemii
lic. Karolina Gzieska	S Koto Naukowe Politologów i Dziennikarstwa	„Narkobiznes w dobie pandemii koronawirusa
Z – forma zdalna / S – forma stacjonarna		
10:40-10:55	dyskusja	
10:55-12:05	wystąpienia – panel nr 2a (moderator: dr Maciej Magiera)	
Aleksandra Mazurek	S Koto Naukowe Bezpieczeństwa i Obronności	Czy Polakom grozi segregacja sanitarna?
Justyna Sztybel	S Koto Naukowe Bezpieczeństwa i Obronności	Ekstremizm w internecie w dobie pandemii COVID-19
Martyna Erlichowska	S Koto Naukowe Bezpieczeństwa i Obronności	Praca Policji w dobie pandemii COVID-19, a odczucia społeczeństwa
Zuzanna Fornalik	S Koto Naukowe Bezpieczeństwa i Obronności	Działanie służb Państwowej Straży Pożarnej w dobie pandemii COVID-19, teoria, a rzeczywistość
Hanna Wiśniewska	S Koto Naukowe Bezpieczeństwa i Obronności	Bezpieczeństwo psychiczne w dobie pandemii COVID-19
12:05-12:25	dyskusja	

Conference: National Congress of Student Research Groups

Date: December 7, 2021

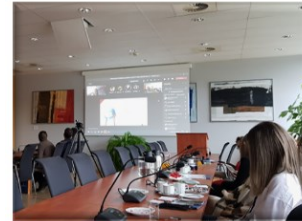
Venue: Adam Mickiewicz University Poznan, Faculty of Political Science and Journalism

On December 7, a conference in form of the congress of research groups was held at the Faculty of Political Science and Journalism of the Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznań, which was organized within Jean Monnet Center of Excellence. During the conference, members of research groups presented the results of their research. Due to the circumstances, most of the speeches were linked to the politics in the context of the Covid-19 epidemic. Among the speakers there were issues related to internal security, human rights



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and the impact of the epidemic on the international situation. The main goal of the conference was the exchange of ideas and discussion of young researchers. The event was attended by 25 students / doctoral students, members of the AMU research clubs (including 19 speakers) and 7 faculty members.



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New Publications

1) Grabina, Ganna. 2020. The Influence of Russian Propaganda on the EU's Interstate Relations With the Eastern European Countries (Case of Poland-Ukraine). *Rocznik Integracji Europejskiej* 14, 113-123.

The article is devoted to the analysis of the influence of Russian propaganda on relations between the European Union member states and its eastern neighbors in the case of Poland and Ukraine. The analysis is related to an issue that can be formulated as the following research question: how exactly does propaganda affect domestic and foreign policy processes in countries? A multidisciplinary approach to the study of the impact of political propaganda enabled the use of such methods as: systemic, institutional, structural-functional, content analysis, and descriptive. The article gives definition and main characteristics of the concept of propaganda in political context. Special attention is paid to reasons for the successful use of propaganda by Russia in fanning the conflict in Ukraine, which is presented in the article. The author presents the main narratives of Russian propaganda, and identifies the features of its pressure on interstate relations between Ukraine and Poland by analysing articles in pro-Russian periodicals of Poland and Ukraine.

2) Skrzypczyńska, Joanna. 2020. *Polityka Unii Europejskiej wobec Rundy Rozwoju WTO [The European Union's policy towards the WTO*

3) Osiewicz, Przemysław. 2020. The Cyprus Talks 2015–2017: Their Course, the Outcome, and Consequences for the European Union. *Rocznik Integracji Europejskiej* 14, 141-151

The main aim of the article is to present political consequences of the failure of the Cyprus talks 2015–2017 for the European Union. Although its institutions and representatives were engaged in the negotiation process there, the issue seems to be more complex when it comes to defining what their role was. One can find the answer to such a question analysing the course and the final outcome of the negotiation process in Cyprus. The main research question are as follows: What was the course of bicomunal negotiations? What brought the negotiations to a halt in 2017? How did the European Union engage in the process? What are political consequences of the talks failure for the EU? The selected method is sources analysis and the technique is qualitative content analysis. On this basis one can study, for example, selected speeches, declarations as well as official documents. As regards the main sources, these are selected EU and UN documents, monographs, and academic articles.

4) Clara Portela, Paulina Pospieszna, Joanna Skrzypczyńska & Dawid Walentek. 2021. Consensus against all odds: explaining the persistence of EU sanctions on Russia. *Journal of European Integration* 43 (6), pp. 683-699.

In response to Russia's actions in Ukraine in 2014, the EU introduced sanctions on Moscow. Despite increasing polarisation among member states after imposition, the sanctions package was consistently

Development Round]. *Środkowoeuropejskie Studia Polityczne* 3, pp. 5-20.

The European Union is a key and active player in the WTO Doha Development Round. These negotiations on agriculture, access to markets for industrial goods and investments are particularly difficult and time-consuming. The aim of this paper is to analyze the European Union's negotiating position in these selected areas. In order to achieve the goal of the paper, a thesis has been assumed regarding the defensive nature of the EU's proposal in the field of agricultural negotiations, while taking an offensive negotiating position in the field of access to markets for industrial goods.

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renewed. How can sanctions persistence be explained? While scholarly accounts highlight German leadership, commitment to norms, and policymakers' engagement, the EU's ability to uphold the sanctions in the face of uneven support among member states remains puzzling. With the help of a two-level game framework, according to which actors make decisions based on the interplay between the domestic and international levels, we argue that the interaction between the Council and domestic politics helped sustaining the consensus. To illustrate this dynamic, in an exploration of domestic factions in Spain and Poland, two member states displaying opposite attitudes towards Russia, we identify the presence of at least one actor whose preference deviates from the core, thereby facilitating consensus.

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Call for Visiting Fellowship 2022

The Jean Monnet Center of Excellence EU EX/ACT is inviting applications for a short research visit (two weeks) for foreign young researchers in the period between February 2022 and June 2022. The Center offers grants (up to €1,500) to cover travel, accommodation and subsistence allowances.

Requirements and research focus

The accepted researcher should:

1. hold a PhD in political science, international relations, European studies or a related discipline, obtained not more than 5 years before the beginning of the visit
2. have an academic record of studying the European Union's relations with external partners and propose a research theme for his/her stay at the AMU,
3. stay for two weeks and be involved the research and training activities of the Centre,
4. present a lecture to the Center, as well as at his/her home university, after returning, based on the research stay at the AMU
5. publish an academic article in the thematic field of the Centre's activities.

Application procedure

Applicants should deliver the following information in a single pdf format file:

- Academic CV (max. 2 pages)
- Research project proposal (max. 2 pages)
- List of publications
- One letter of recommendation issued by a senior scholar from an academic institution
- Declaration about already received individual or institutional funding from the Jean Monnet program.

Applications should be made directly to Prof. Jarosław Jańczak, by email to:

jaroslaw.janczak@amu.edu.pl by January 16, 2022; the decision will be made and announced by January 26, 2022.

Preference will be given to scholars who have not yet received Jean Monnet funding or those representing institutions that have not yet received Jean Monnet funding.



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