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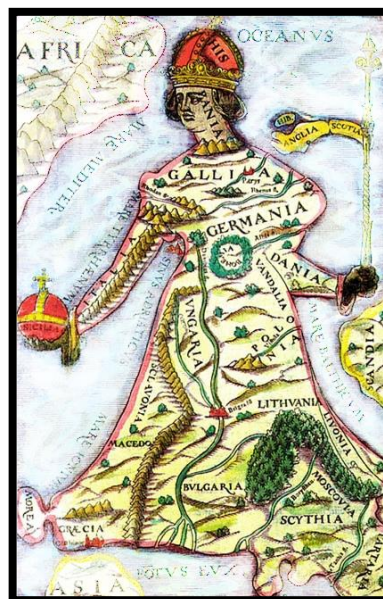
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WARSAW REGIONAL FORUM 2021

Towards supranational spatial structures in Europe



Warsaw, 20 -22 October 2021

FIRST CIRCULAR & CALL FOR PAPERS

The Warsaw Regional Forum is organized since 2004 regularly once every two years (biennially) by the Institute of Geography and Spatial Organization Polish Academy of Sciences, together with the Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy, Committee of Geographical Sciences, Polish Academy of Sciences and Polish Geographical Society. To date, there have been nine meetings held under the common title **Warsaw Regional Forum**. During those meetings more than 420 papers have been presented and the participants came from 35 different countries.

The conference theme will concern the formation of transnational spatial structures in Europe resulting from the expansion and deepening of cooperation between countries or regions. Participants of the conference will have the opportunity to get acquainted with the structures already operating or being created in various areas of the European Union. The proposed topics of the papers will focus on cross-border cooperation and the socio-economic and environmental dimension of spatial structures. Particular attention will be paid to the geopolitical idea and practical challenges resulting from the formation of supranational structures in Central and Eastern Europe, including the conditions of shaping the Three Seas Initiative.

The following topics are expected to be held at the conference:

- *The scale of spatial structures - from cross-border to macro-regions cooperation*
- *The socio-economic dimension of supranational spatial structures*
- *Environmental issues and the idea of shaping macro-regions*
- *The geopolitical idea and practical dimension of the Three Seas Initiative*
- *The Carpathian macro-region - environmental potential and opportunities for joint development*
- *Supranational spatial structures and interregional relations in Europe*
- *Functional areas vs cross-border cooperation – theoretical and empirical evidences*
- *Cross-border and functional areas cooperation in the light of the new EU Territorial Agenda 2030*
- *Barriers to cross-border cooperation related to the pandemic COVID-19*
- *Challenges of the EU Enlargement in the Western Balkans*
- *Future cooperation between the European Union and the United Kingdom*

Field study trips have always been an inherent part of each of the Warsaw Regional Forum conference. During these trips, there are usually meetings held with representatives of various institutions that play an essential role in local development. Thanks to a diverse group of speakers, the participants have an opportunity to confront their theoretical knowledge with the practicalities of regional and local development. Moreover, every time a route of field study trip is invariably planned in such a way to

include interesting tourist sites. This year, there will be one day trip for all the conference participants who confirm it in the Registration Form. A study trip before this year's conference will provide a possibility to discuss issues related to **international relations of Warsaw and Mazovia region**.

The **conference will be organized jointly** by the research institute, ministry and scientific societies. This will enable gathering a broad spectrum of representatives of science and practice and exchanging the findings, experiences and views on the subject of international relations of regions and countries and functioning a supranational spatial structures.

Preliminary Program

20.10.2021 (Wednesday)	
8 ⁰⁰	Departure from Warsaw for one-day pre-conference excursion
19 ⁰⁰	Reception on the study tour
22 ⁰⁰	End of the study tour; arrival to Warsaw
21.10.2021 (Thursday)	
9 ⁰⁰ –10 ⁰⁰	Registration for the Conference
10 ⁰⁰ –18 ⁰⁰	Plenary Sessions & Panel Discussion
19 ⁰⁰	Conference Reception
22.10.2021 (Friday)	
9 ⁰⁰ –17 ⁰⁰	Parallel Sessions
17 ⁰⁰ –18 ⁰⁰	Closing of the Forum

Conference venue

- 21.10.2021 – Ministry of Development Funds and Regional Policy
- 22.10.2021 – The Institute of Geography and Spatial Organization PAS

Cost of participation

Conference fee: **250 €** (for PhD students and members of the Polish Geographical Society **150 €**) – covers conference materials, lunches, coffee breaks, receptions, participation in the study tour and possibility to publish an article in Institute's journals. **All participants** are expected to cover travel and accommodation costs.

Accommodation

We recommend hotels in the vicinity of the Institute: * Premiere Classe, ** Campanile, *** Golden Tulip (all three: Towarowa St. 2) or **** Holiday Inn - Warsaw City Centre (Twarda St. 52).

Papers and posters

Participants who wish to give a presentation or present the poster **should submit an abstract** (150-200 words) together with the registration. Submitted abstracts will be published in a *Book of abstracts*. In every conference room, the following technical equipment will be available: laptop, and beamer. The language of the Forum is English. Posters will be exhibited on the third day of the conference.

There will be an opportunity to submit papers in scientific journals: [Geographia Polonica](#) or [Europa XXI](#). Full texts should be delivered till **30 November 2021** due to the publication process.

Deadlines

Registration with a presentation + **abstract** – **1.08.2021**

Registration without a presentation – **15.09.2021**

THE CONFERENCE IS PLANNED AS A TRADITIONAL "FACE-TO-FACE". DUE TO THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC EMERGENCY, THE ORGANIZERS RESERVE THE RIGHT TO CANCEL THE EVENT UNTIL 1 AUGUST 2021.

Organizing Committee

- Prof. Jerzy Bański (**Chair**)
- Prof. Tomasz Komornicki
- Dr. Konrad Czapiewski
- Denis Cerić
- Patryk Duma

Registration & Contact

Registration form and abstract should be sent only via the [on-line form](#).

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Further information

More information will be available soon on the conference website.