

The Institute of Political Science
in cooperation with
The Institute of Philosophy and Sociology,

has the honour to invite you to the conference
organised within the programme
of Excellent Science – Support for Scientific Conferences

on “The Generational Potential of Politics”

Kraków-Wieliczka, 20-21 September 2021

Not only the distance of more than half a century from the events associated in the world with the youth revolt or the thirty years of political transformation in Central Europe, but also developments of global significance constitute an important reason for rethinking the category of the generation. Developments affecting the condition and prospects of a thriving life must be associated with crises – climatic, demographic, related to unequal redistribution of resources, including labour. The COVID-19 pandemic means that all previous diagnoses should be reconsidered and elaborated once again.

When thinking about generations, we cannot forget the historical contexts influencing their identity. We also want to reflect on intergenerational relations, ways of perceiving the world and the participation of citizens of different age groups. Interesting are the challenges, opportunities and limitations of involvement of different generations in the social, economic and political life.

The participation of young and older citizens in elections, in parties and social organisations, in protest movements and in decision-making processes is certainly an indicator of contemporary revaluations taking place and/or being carried out nowadays. There is a need to reorient public policies towards specific solutions dedicated to specific generations.

Changes in the demographic structure (in 2018 almost 1/4 of Poles were 60+) and technological changes, affecting the transformations of the labour market, are a challenge for researchers and planners of public policies. Interesting (and for this reason important) are various aspects of actions taken by the central or local governments, targeted either at groups of older citizens (senior policy) or at young people (youth policy).

Among the numerous publications that are coming out, there is not one that would direct attention to the **generational potential of politics** – that is, everything that inspires and supports political strategies and actions of the state. The aim of the conference is to present the research conducted in this area by different teams of researchers in Poland and abroad.

We invite political scientists and sociologists who specialise in the study of political culture, political and electoral behaviours, public discourse, those who study political movements (especially their contestatory and deliberative character), political parties and their orientation towards different generations of recipients (stakeholders), local government

strategies and promoted or implemented solutions of public policies to take part in the conference.

The conference will be held in the second half of September 2021. It is organized from the funds of the Ministry of Science and Higher Education (Excellent Science – Support for Scientific Conferences) and the Pedagogical University of Krakow – **no conference fee is expected.**

Due to the sanitary-epidemiological conditions in force and expected, the meeting will take place in a smaller town, i.e. Wieliczka, in a hotel with conference facilities to allow the maintaining of social distance (Turówka Hotel, turowka.pl). **Participants will be required to meet their own travel expenses.**

We plan to record some of the contributions (after discussing that with the speakers) and make them available on the website of the Institute of Political Sciences (INPA) under the conference tab.

Chairwoman of Conference Organisational Committee

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