

1st CIVICA at SGH Conference „The EU economy and society in the 21st century – governance, environment and democracy at the crossroads”

SGH Warsaw School of Economics, Warsaw, Poland

Venue: Batorego Street 8 (SGH building S)

Auditorium Hall I

April 16th-17th, 2026



CONFERENCE PROGRAM

April 16th, 2026

8.30 Conference registration

9.00 Opening remarks

9.15-10.45 Session 1

1. **Jakub Borowski** (SGH)

Is Coronation Theory Still Valid for the Pace of Monetary Integration in Europe?

2. **Honorata Nyga-Łukaszewska** (SGH)

Energy Diplomacy 2.0 - New Paradigm, New Actors and New Challenges

3. **Mikołaj Pindelski** (SGH), **Arnstein Aassve** (Bocconi University), **Artur Bogucki** (SGH), **Kaitlin Lucas** (CEU), **Natalia Menéndez González** (EUI), **Pusa Nastase** (CEU), **Anna Piętka** (SGH), **Florina Pinzaru** (SNSPA), **Catalin Vrabie** (SNSPA), **Richard Wahlund** (SSE), **Lily Xuehui Gao** (SSE)

From Gatekeeper to Gateway Institutional Challenges in Adopting Social Mobility-Centric AI Algorithms in EU Higher Education

4. **Kamil Harla** (SGH), **Marta Ekner** (SGH)

Managing Investments in Dual-use Technologies as a Driver of the Economy and Defense

10.45-11.15 Coffee break

11.15-12.45 Session 2

1. **Roberta Carlini (EUI), Konrad Bleyer-Simon (EUI), Jan Erik Kermer (EUI)**
Assessing the Democratic Potential of European News Platforms in the Age of US Tech Dominance
2. **Krystian Jaworski (SGH), Adam Wałach (SGH)**
Are Large Language Models Smarter than Central Banks? Evidence from Real-Time Inflation Forecasting
3. **Flavia Durach (SNSPA), Sebastian Fitzek (SNSPA), Alina Bârgăoanu (SNSPA)**
Governing AI-generated Content in Europe's Digital Public Sphere: A Systematic Review and Meta-analysis of Labels, Provenance Signals, and Misinformation
4. **Anna Grabiec (SGH)**
When AI Speaks to Citizens: Language, Risk, and Trust in Large Language Models

12.45-13.45 Lunch

13.45-15.15 Session 3

1. **Noa De La Vega (EUI)**
When a Child Falls Ill: Effects of Shared Temporary Parental Leave on Parental Caregiving and Labor Market Outcomes
2. **Michał Aliński (SGH), Tarık İliman (Aydın Adnan Menderes Üniversitesi)**
Population Ageing and Healthcare Expenditure Dynamics: Comparative Evidence from Poland and Türkiye
3. **Maja Rynko (SGH), Tomasz Drabowicz (University of Lodz)**
Returns to Digital Skills Around the World: Evidence from PIAAC's Second Cycle (2022-2023)
4. **Norbert Duczkowski (SGH), Lubomir Słowik (Jagiellonian University)**
Cultural Determinants of AI Adoption Pace: Evidence from European Countries

15.15-15.30 Coffee break

15.30-17.00 Session 4

1. **Pier Luigi Parcu (EUI)**
From Factories to Platforms: European Institutions and the Challenge of Digital Inequality
2. **Ryszard Rapacki (SGH), Piotr Maszczyk (SGH), Mariusz Próchniak (SGH)**
Patchwork Capitalism in Central and Eastern Europe
3. **Ana Raluca Alecu (SNSPA)**
Governing in the Spotlight: Reputational Crises and the EU's Governing Capacity
4. **Dariusz Mongiato (SGH)**
The Janus-Faced Interest Representation: How Lobbying Shapes European Union Governance

19.00-22.00 Networking dinner (upon invitation)

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9.15-10.45 Session 5

1. **Iryna Degtyarova (SGH), Maksym Bondar (National University of Kyiv-Mohyla Academy), Małgorzata Mołęda-Zdziech (SGH)**
Democracy and the Rule of Law in Times of War: Ukraine's Lessons for Europe
2. **Robert Dygas (SGH)**
Economic Governance, Green Investment, and Democratic Constraints in the European Union: An Overview
3. **Małgorzata Mołęda-Zdziech (SGH), Kinga Torbicka (University of Warsaw)**
The War in Ukraine as an Anomie of Values. Case Studies: Poland and France in the European Context
4. **Wojciech Trzebiński (SGH), Richard Wahlund (SSE), Dilney Goncalves (IE University)**
Revisiting the Effects of European (vs. National) Identities on Attitudes Towards the Euro

10.45-11.15 Coffee break

11.15-12.45 Session 6

1. **Beny Saputra** (CEU)
Credit as Conservation Policy in EU Green Finance
2. **Florina Pinzaru** (SNSPA), **Alexandra Zbucnea** (SNSPA)
AI Literacy, Technological Anxiety, and Career Adaptability Among Generation Z
3. **Ramon Marimon** (EUI), **Luca Zavalloni** (European Stability Mechanism), **Adrien Wicht** (University of Basel)
Making Sovereign Debt Safe and Sustainable in the EU
4. **Jakub Anusik** (SGH), **Rafał Szymanowski** (Adam Mickiewicz University in Poznan)
Deepening Financial Integration: Political Economy of the EU Savings and Investments Union

12.45-13.45 Lunch

13.45-15.15 Session 7

1. **Rebeca Cojocar** (University of Bucharest), **Alexandra Zbucnea** (SNSPA), **Bogdan Hrib** (SNSPA)
Substance Use Prevention and Democratic Governance: Perceptions from Generation Z in Romania
2. **Jürgen Wandel** (SGH)
EU's Green Deal – Catalyst for Economic Miracle or for Economic Demise? A Robust Political Economy Perspective
3. **Mateusz Zawisza** (SGH), **Krzysztof Siegieda** (SGH)
Algorithmic Collusion in Oligopolistic Markets: Assessing the Capacity of Reinforcement Learning to Sustain Collusive Pricing
4. **Artur Bogucki** (SGH)
EU-US Age Assurance and the Challenge of AI Companions

15.15 Closing remarks