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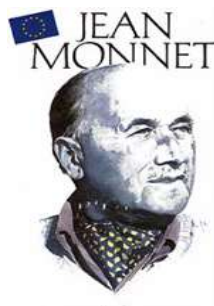
**“THE EU- EASTERN PARTNERSHIP IN TERMS OF GEOPOLITICAL CHANGES
AND SECURITY CHALLENGES: EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES AND NOVEL
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Dear colleagues!

You are cordially invited to take part in the International Conference

“THE EU-EASTERN PARTNERSHIP IN TERMS OF GEOPOLITICAL CHANGES AND SECURITY CHALLENGES: EXPLORING OPPORTUNITIES AND NOVEL COOPERATION FORMATS”

Since its creation in 2009, the Eastern Partnership (EaP) has played an important role in supporting political, economic and socio-cultural reforms in the participating countries, with the aim of strengthening stability, strengthening democracy in the region and forming closer economic ties with the EU countries. This initiative quite flexibly combined the differentiation and inclusiveness of the participating countries. On the one hand, it made it possible to develop relations according to the interests, ambitions and progress of each of the EaP partner. On the other hand, proper prerequisites have been created for joint efforts to jointly counter global challenges, promote regional cooperation and implement sustainable development policies. In the context of the Russia’s war against Ukraine, and granting Ukraine the status of an official candidates for the EU membership, the role of the Eastern Partnership requires a complete rethinking and search for new formats of relations that would allow the partner countries, aimed at the development of integration processes with the EU, to overcome security threats and challenges through joint efforts, ensure strengthening of stability, promotion of economic development and protection of democracy in the region.

The conference aims to facilitate in-depth exploration and dialogue on vital facets of the EaP development amidst contemporary geopolitical shifts and security issues. It seeks to foster the exchange of insights, the generation of fresh ideas, initiation of innovative projects aimed at the effective use of the advantages of cooperation to counter Russia's full-scale armed aggression against Ukraine. Additionally, the conference endeavors to establish a platform for sharing perspectives, analyzing, and discussing the present state and future prospects of regional cooperation among EaP countries and European Union member states.

THEMATIC STRANDS

- ✓ The evolution of EU policy towards the European post-Soviet countries and the institutional and legal foundations of the Eastern Partnership.
- ✓ EaP policy after 2020: towards increasing sustainability (sustainable and integrated economy, good governance and rule of law, environmental and climate sustainability, strong digital transformation, sustainable and inclusive societies).

- ✓ The significance of the Eastern Partnership in the context of the preparation of Ukraine and other participating countries for full membership in the European Union.
- ✓ Partnership of academic and public communities of the EaP countries and the EU under the conditions of the Russian aggression against Ukraine.
- ✓ EaP through civil society interaction, dialogue and cooperation.
- ✓ The main achievements of the Eastern Partnership in the conditions of global changes, in particular in the field of economic development, energy security, environmental protection, digital transformation and others.
- ✓ Enhancing collaboration between academia and civil society within Eastern Partnership.
- ✓ Public sentiment within EaP countries regarding both domestic and international contests.

The EU and EaP countries' educators and researchers, local academia and civil society representatives, policy-makers, wider public with a professional interest in the EU-EaP relations are invited to join the Conference.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS OF THE CONFERENCE

Conference format: hybrid

Conference languages: Ukrainian and English.

Venue: Yuriy Fedkovych Chernivtsi National University

Dates: June 6-7, 2024

Registration: There is no participation fee

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