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## Europe's Futures Symposium 2022

**Institute for Human Sciences IWM, « Europe's Futures – Ideas for Action”  
programme  
In cooperation with University of Rijeka Center for Advanced Studies Southeast  
Europe**

**15 – 19 June 2022, Moise Palace (Cres, Croatia)**

*Dear Friends,*

*Europe and the European Union were already seriously being challenged in 2018 when we launched the Europe's Futures Fellowship. Russia had invaded Georgia in 2008 and then Ukraine in 2014. A financial and Eurozone crisis had put the EU to the test as of 2008 only to be followed by the migration wave in 2014. And now we are confronted with a dramatic watershed moment, a breaking point, historically epoch-making, equal in so many respects to the fall of the Berlin Wall. Russia invaded on Thursday February 24, 2022, Ukraine, a sovereign European state whose aspirations were and are freedom, democracy and Europe.*

*Europe's Future is at stake – A Time to make Bold Choices.*

*Can we preserve an international order based on the rule of law, and can our European societies show resilience faced with the rise of authoritarian regimes now on the warpath, but also with the populist, nationalist, far right and far left movements across the world?*

*Can we all together help save Europe, democracy and the rule of law, upholding basic historically hard-won freedoms, human rights, pluralism, diversity and inclusion? We need the heart, the passion and the ideas for action that can sustain our freedom.*

*That is why we gather today.*

*We are a community of individuals committed, in all our geographic, professional, gender diversity, to taking a deep gaze into Europe's challenges and put forward practical proposals about how to address these in a determined, bold, courageous manner. Backed wholeheartedly in this attempt by the Institute for Human Sciences and ERSTE Foundation, who collectively share the vision and the goal of Europe whole and free.*

*Welcome to Europe's Futures Annual Symposium 2022.*



## **Wednesday 15 June 2022**

### *Arrivals*

**20.00**      **Welcome dinner** Restaurant *Riva*

## **Thursday 16 June 2022**

**09.45**      Welcome and introduction by *Ivan Vejvoda* and *Hedvig Morvai*

**10.00-11.15** Public discussion: **Chinese Engagement in Southeastern Europe and the Future of Enlargement** Keynote: *Valbona Zeneli* Panelists **Nikola Dimitrov** and **Ioannis Armakolas**

### *Coffee Break*

**11.45-13.00** Public discussion: **Democratic Resilience in the Post-Truth Era**  
Keynote: *Oana Popescu Zamfir* Panelists **Niccolo Milanese** and **Peter Krekó**

**13.15**      **Lunch** Restaurant *Riva*

**14.30 – 15.45**      Public discussion: **Ultra-Conservatism in Central Europe**  
Keynote: *Amanda Coakley* Panelists **Alida Vračić** and **Wojciech Przybylski**

**16.00 – 17.00**      Presentation and discussion: **Ideas for the next phase of the Europe's Futures**      **Alumni Group**

**20.00**      **Dinner** Restaurant *Riva*



## **Friday 17 June 2022**

**10.00-11.15** Public discussion: **The EU-China Nexus on the Green Tech Transition**

Keynote: **Janka Oertel** (via Zoom) Panelists **Valbona Zeneli** and **Tim Judah**

*Coffee Break*

**11.45-13.00** Public discussion: **The Future Relationship Between Turkey and the EU** Keynote: **Soli Özel** Panelists **Isabelle Ioannides** and **Dimitar Bechev**

**13.30** **Lunch** Restaurant **Riva**

**18.30** Public discussion: **Memory of the World**  
Speakers: **Sanja Bojanić** and **Marcell Mars**

**20.30** **Dinner** Restaurant **Riva**



## **Saturday 18 June 2022**

**10.00-11.15** Public discussion: **EU's Role in the World: from Peace Project to Strategic Autonomy** Keynote: *Wojciech Przybylski* Panelists **Rosa Balfour** and **Stefan Lehne**

*Coffee Break*

**11.45-13.00** Public discussion: **Strategic Shifts and the Future of Enlargement for WB6** Keynote: *Zoran Nechev* Panelists **Piotr Buras** and **Srdjan Cvijić**

**13.00-14.00** Closing session (closed consults)

**14.15** Lunch Restaurant *Riva*

**19.00** **Erhard Busek Memorial Lecture** Keynote: **George Papandreu** (via Zoom)

Followed by a panel discussion with **Snježana Prijić-Samaržija**, **Vesna Pusić** (via Zoom), **Andreas Treichl** and **Boris Marte** moderated by **Ivan Vejvoda**.

**Erhard Busek, philanthropist, peacemaker, reconciler, visionary and good friend, passed away on 13 March 2022. We have lost a helpful and truth-seeking companion and a wonderful person. He was one of the greatest Austrians and one of the greatest Europeans. It is essentially thanks to him that this statement is not a contradiction but an attitude that, until the very end, he tried to explain and make popular in his native country. Under his aegis as vice chancellor, Austria joined the European Union in 1994. In the 1970s, he was one of the first to stand up for the dissidents in Eastern Europe, visiting them and actively supporting them, at times with daring ventures. He had a uniquely close connection with the countries and the people of Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe, and his role in federal politics coincided with the outbreak of the Yugoslav wars. Today, many people living between Krakow and Sarajevo would say that they were**



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Erhard's "children" because he motivated so many people and created paths for them. In 2021, Erhard Busek was awarded the title of *Honoris professor* of the University of Rijeka. Dr. Busek was also an esteemed member of the Moise Palace Council of Patrons, and in that capacity, he gave his valuable contribution to the development of international partnerships aimed at increasing the quality of research at the University of Rijeka's Center for Advanced Studies of South East Europe.



20.30 Closing Party *Šumica beach bar*

**Sunday 19 June 2022**

*Departures*



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